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Letter From The Editor

Aldi have had two consultation events in the local area to find out your opinions about their planned new store. While the idea of the store is undoubtedly popular, the location of the new site is causing some concern among worried local residents. You can have your say at the consultation online. Read all about Aldi's plans for their new store and local opinion on p5-7.

Congratulations to Cllrs Willie Robertson, Richard Watters, Dave Cuthbert and Neil Freshwater who were all elected as your local councillors at the May elections. You can read their columns every month in the *Newsletter* (starting on p33).

The Kinross-shire Local Area Committee is a new way for our local representatives to take control of some local affairs and hopefully enable them to make decisions more suited to Kinross. You can read news from their April meeting on p59.

Our local action-hero, Richard Scott, managed to break the world record for staying on a swing (for 36 hours)

in May and impressed everyone with his determination and stamina. He made it into all the local papers, on to BBC news, and even featured in Radio 4's The News Quiz – fame indeed! Well done, Richard!

June is an action-packed month in Kinross-shire with the lighting of the ceremonial beacon for the Queen's Jubilee taking place on the evening of Thursday 2 June at Kirkgate Park.

This is shortly followed by the Picnic in the Park event on Saturday 4 June, a family event run by KLEO. Many thanks to them for their hard work in organising this.

Meanwhile the Portmoak Festival continues throughout the month (see the full programme on p20). There's the marvellous Farmer Dawes Open Day to look forward to later on in the month, and many more events, whether your passion is aviation or pond-dipping.

See the diary on p108 for a full list of What's On.

Hannah Phillips, Editor

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Letters

Post-Election Reflections

OUR RECENT LOCAL ELECTIONS were a success on many fronts, a comment you may find surprising from a disappointed Labour candidate. Firstly, four great councillors were elected who shall continue to advocate for the best interests of Kinross-shire. Secondly, there was a positive spirit throughout the elections; from campaigning through to the count in Perth. Indeed, the cross-party nature of the elections was best represented at the count in Perth where the Kinross-shire candidates often stood together as a local group rather than with their respective parties. The inclusive, cooperative and collegiate atmosphere was refreshing and assuring in equal measure.

What remains alarming is that the number of eligible voters across our Ward has increased 12.5% since the 2017 elections. That has resulted in tremendous pressure on our local Services (doctors, dentists, schools, sewage, sports). Our local councillors will be pivotal in ensuring that either no new planning is approved or significant investment is made in our local services. If not, then the elections in 2027 will be the opportunity for voters to reflect.

Portmoak Community Network

THE PORTMOAK COMMUNITY NETWORK is an informal network designed to keep our community together. We shall be holding a free coffee morning at Portmoak Village Hall between 10.30am and 12 on Saturday 28 May. There is nothing to buy or sell; it's simply a free coffee morning as part of the wider community spirit. Free teas, coffees and cakes will be provided.

Graham Cox, Portmoak

Risk To Scouts In Kinross

OVER MANY YEARS WE have been able to successfully run the 1st Kinross Scout Troop, and recently this is down to the efforts of Matt, Mark and Rob. However, this summer we will lose two of our leaders. This will leave the Troop in an unsustainable position without additional help.

Thanks



JUST WANTED TO SAY thank you to everyone who supported me over the weekend of my Marathon Swing at Loch Leven's Larder. Thanks to Caledonia Play in Milnathort, who very kindly gave me the swing, which performed admirably during the practises and over the weekend. Very special thanks to George Lawrie and The Kinross and District Rotary club who not only supplied the marquee and other equipment but supplied the independent witnesses who also became my incredibly important support team over the 36 hours. Without the rotary members, not just from Kinross but from other clubs as far afield as Buckhaven, I could never have achieved this goal. Many thanks to Janieann McCracken who helped with filming the event but more importantly for keeping me going in the wee small hours. To Hugh MacPherson of the Men's Shed who supplied the back up cameras. And to everyone who came to see me and had a chat, you don't know how much that helped to keep me going, and finally thanks to all the supportive messages on Facebook. It really was a Team Effort!

Richard Scott

If you have an interest in helping youth organisations, please consider coming along to offer your support.

The time commitments for this are usually only a couple of hours for a weekly Scout meeting, and meeting as leaders once a term for programme planning.

Obviously we appreciate people have other commitments in their lives, just as the leaders do. Family commitments, work, other voluntary activities, but I believe scouting delivers so much to young people. It teaches life skills, creates friendships, develops self-esteem and confidence.

Getting involved with Scouts also gives back to leaders too. This is a great way of developing experience of working with young people, passing on skills and knowledge, encouraging and engaging the scouts, and as a leader you also get to take part in activities with them.

If this is genuinely not for you then please consider if there is anyone you know who may be interested in getting involved, please let me know. If you would like to come along and find out what it's all about, before making any decisions then that's fine you are more than welcome, no arm twisting I promise.

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David Sparling, Group Scout Leader
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ANDY AND LIZ WHATMORE are proud to announce the birth of their fifth grandchild, **Miles William Andrew Whatmore**, on 27 March 2022, weighing in at 7lb 10 oz. Mum Helen and babe both doing well, big brother Theo and daddy Chas equally delighted. As are their cousins Chloe, Rosa, Megan and their mummy and daddy, Katie and Jonny!

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THE PROPOSAL TO BUILD a new Aldi supermarket on Auld Mart Estate has met with a mixed reception from Kinross residents. Many are delighted at the prospect of the new budget store, and currently travel to Cowdenbeath, Glenrothes, Dunfermline or Perth to get their supermarket shop. At a recent live consultation event, a spokesperson for Aldi said, 'We understand that we really resonate with people, especially now when times are tough.'

Situated off Auld Mart Road, the store would be easily accessible for those who do not drive.

The new store is proposed to realistically open in 2025, with a timescale of 1.5-2 years required to acquire planning permission and alcohol licensing, and then another 9-10 months to build. It would start off with four electric car charging bays in the 102 space car park, with a view to keeping up with demand as times change.

The new store will create up to 35 jobs (typically around 25

of those would be full-time). Aldi say they will tender small construction packages out to local contractors, creating more employment opportunities. They also commented in their live consultation that their buying department will engage with local suppliers of all sizes, large and small.

There is a lot of support from local people for the idea, but the location of the proposed site is not popular with everyone. Aldi say that they have taken a long time to find a site where they can put a sustainable, locally based neighbourhood store equidistant between Milnathort and Kinross, to service both communities.

They see no requirement to widen the existing access road, or to create a right filter for traffic, and reassured residents that deliveries would likely be only 2 or, sometimes, 3 every day.

Local residents have raised numerous concerns. Many agree that another supermarket in the area will greatly benefit the community, but are concerned about the location.

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Auld Mart Estate is a peaceful, semi-rural residential area and many locals feel that the size and type of this proposed development is unsuitable. The Local Development Plan lists this area as an employment zone and it is being used at present for Hattrick Bruce and small businesses based in Kingfisher House.

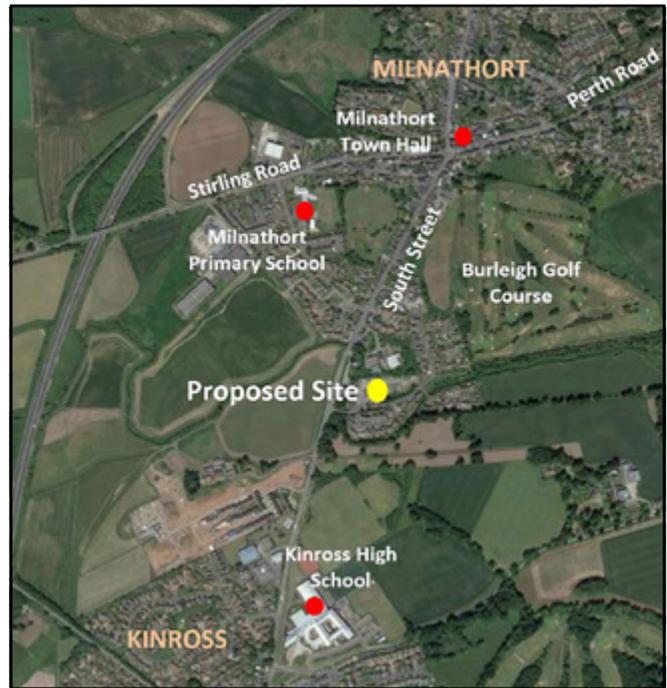
Some are worried that the proposal will increase traffic through an already congested Stirling Road and South Street (Milnathort), along Springfield Road and the Muirs (Kinross) and past school commuting routes. Since Auld Mart Road is the only road entering and exiting the estate, this could lead to traffic jams, delay the traffic flow in both directions on South Street and lead to increased CO emissions.



Auld Mart Road is on a hill, has three blind bends and it narrows at two

points for traffic calming measures. The proposed service entrance for HGV access is situated between two of these bends, directly across from the entrance to a residential street and next to the old railway path (which leads to Burleigh Sands and the Loch Leven Heritage Trail). There are worries that this could pose a safety risk, not just for traffic, but for walkers, runners and cyclists who frequent this path.

Others have raised concerns about pollution, CO2 levels, littering and the threat to local wildlife. The North Quiech



river is on the edge of the proposed development and leads directly into Loch Leven. Pollutants could enter the river system, e.g. hydrocarbon residues, plastics, litter, and dust and debris from the demolition of the current buildings on the site. Increased grit on the roads in winter, which will become a necessity due to the extra traffic and high risk of skidding on the hill, could also enter the river.

Next to the old railway path there is an abundance of wildlife: red squirrels, deer, hedgehogs, kingfishers and bats. A heron is regularly seen hunting in the river. Residents here

SHOPPING CHOICE IN THE IMMEDIATE AREA

Aldi Milnathort-Kinross

Aldi have been working to introduce their award-winning offer to serve the Milnathort and Kinross communities for many years. Following an extensive site search, they believe the location at Auld Mart Road offers the best opportunity for a new store within the area.

There is currently no discount food retail provision within the towns, forcing many residents to have to travel a substantial distance to access such a store.

The proposed new store at Auld Mart Road aims to directly address these needs, whilst bringing high-quality goods at low prices, new employment, and a multi-million pound investment to the communities of Milnathort and Kinross.

Further, the Perth & Kinross Council Retail Study (2016) found that 51% of the total expenditure on convenience retail from the Kinross sub-area catchment is leaking, annually, outwith that catchment (Table 8.5). This level of outflow equates to £15.8 million leaving the Kinross sub-area catchment in 2026 (in 2015 prices), as shown in the graphic. Aldi's proposals seek to retain some of this expenditure.

Kinross catchment £32.9m expenditure annually (at 2026)	Retained in Kinross £17.1m annually (at 2026) (52% of spend)	
		Spend →
		Spend ↓
		To other locations £15.8m annually (at 2026) (48% of spend)

Drivetimes to nearest Aldi
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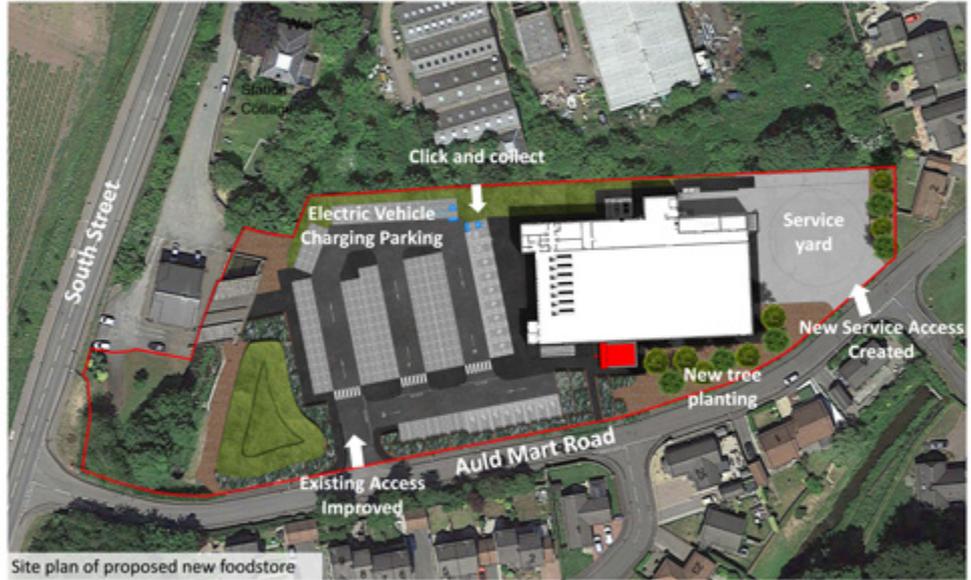
OUR PROPOSALS FOR Milnathort-Kinross

Aldi Milnathort-Kinross



The proposal will deliver a 1,873 sqm gross / 1,315 sqm net foodstore, with 102 parking bays – 8 parent and child, 7 accessible and 4 electric charging spaces (2 which are accessible). 10 cycle spaces will also be incorporated to encourage easier travel to the store. In addition, as part of Aldi’s commitment to sustainability, several of the standard bays will also be ducted to allow for conversion to electric vehicle charging bays in the future, to meet demand.

The layout includes landscaping across the site with new tree planting along the south, east and north edges to further enhance the appearance of the site.



Access will be taken from Auld Mart Road, enabling direct access for vehicular, pedestrian and cycle traffic to the store. A separate service yard is located in the east corner of the site to minimise potential vehicular or pedestrian conflicts.

worry that a huge development could disrupt the wellbeing of local wildlife.

Others are worried that the location is also a flood risk. When Aldi submits their planning application, Kinross-shire residents will need to consider all these factors.

An Aldi representative said:

‘Having had very limited face-to-face engagement over the past couple of years, it was great to host an in person drop-in session in Milnathort. Almost 150 people came along, and we would like to thank those who took time out of their day to attend and find out more about our proposals for a new Aldi store.

The response has been overwhelmingly positive, and we are extremely encouraged with the high level of interest in our proposals. The proposed store’s location has been carefully selected to conveniently serve Milnathort, Kinross and the surrounding area. This will help promote active travel, whether its people walking or cycling, and ensure a sustainable store with minimal drive times. The proposals would generate a significant investment of around £5.3million and creating 35 new jobs, whilst supporting other local businesses through our investment in the Scottish food and drink sector.

The valuable feedback received during the drop-in ses-

sion is greatly appreciated and will help shape and inform our proposals as they develop over the coming weeks.

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

RICHARD SWINGS INTO THE RECORD BOOKS!

LOCAL MAN AND OWNER of Loch Leven Laundry, Richard Scott, has broken the Guinness World Record for the longest marathon completed on a swing!

Richard achieved his lifelong dream of a place in the record books with a challenge that began at 6.10am on Saturday 14 May and ended at 6.30pm on Sunday night.

The rules allowed Richard a five-minute break for every hour on the swing, which he saved up in order to take a nap at around 3am. Toilet breaks were permitted and he was allowed to eat on the swing. The previous world record, set in California two years ago was 34 hours. Richard's new record was set at 36 hours and 32 minutes.

Richard, whose efforts gained him national attention, with spots on children's news review Newsround and Radio 4's The News Quiz, said: 'I'm incredibly happy, it's fantastic, it's a dream come true. I'm tired but I'm feeling good. I couldn't have done it without Caledonia Play and Kinross Rotary. My advice for anyone looking to break a record is that if you want to, go ahead and do it, it's possible. Just go for it!'



Richard is a member of the Rotary Club of Kinross and District and has the club's full support in his endeavours. He has been raising money in support of 'Rotary Covid-19 Response to Vaccination' and continued preventative measures worldwide against coronavirus.

The swing – custom made for him

by a local company – was set up at the cricket pitch at Loch Leven's Larder. Kinross and District Rotary club were on hand for support.

Richard says his body is holding up well. 'The tops of my legs are a wee bit sore but apart from that I've been fine. Everyone's been great.'

Awards for Kirklands

THE KIRKLANDS HAS HAD a busy year so far. Their renovations resulted in some great new dining spaces, a fresh new look to the bathrooms, a new bar, a fully updated kitchen and a whole lot of stress!

But they are thrilled with the results. The new dining space is proving a popular choice for private dining events so get in touch if you have an event coming up. The diary is filling up fast!

They were delighted to be nominated for the Thistle Awards this year, a Visit Scotland programme that celebrates excellence in Scottish Tourism. They won Best Hospitable Hotel in 2018 and have been nominated this year in the Best Hotel Experience (under 20 rooms) and in Best Eatery Experience!

These awards are a great accolade. It is wonderful for their hard work to be recognised. They're so proud of how hard they

work to create such great experiences for their customers.

They are hoping to be shortlisted in both categories and will keep you posted on their progress.

They'd also like to properly welcome Laura to her promoted role of Deputy Manager. Laura has been an invaluable member of the team for several years and they are thrilled that she accepted the challenge.

Laura will be working with Emma, new to the Kirklands family and also Deputy Manager. Between them, they'll be running business the day to day, helping the customers and generally making The Kirklands a wonderfully warm and welcoming place to be.

The Kirklands Team are looking forward to a great summer and hope to see you all soon.

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SARAH'S MASTERCHEF JOURNEY

VIEWERS THE LENGTH AND breadth of the country have avidly followed the fortunes of Milnathort's own Sarah Rankin in her quest to become BBC Masterchef 2022.

Sadly, that journey ended a couple of weeks ago when Sarah's unique take on haggis, neeps and tatties failed to capture the culinary hearts of Masterchef supremos John Torode and Gregg Wallace, resulting in her leaving the competition at the semi-final stage.

We spoke to Sarah and asked her what prompted her to become a contestant and how the applications work.

'I had decided, like many of us during Covid, that now was the time to take some risks. So I took a chance and applied. After a lengthy audition process I was amazed to actually make it onto the show.

Being on set with John and Gregg was a really bizarre experience at first. Especially as there are lots of crew milling around as well. It's a lot busier than you might expect! Quite quickly though, you get used to the cameras and just enjoy the cooking."

What were your fellow contestants like?

'Everyone I met was great. There is a lot of waiting around when you're making TV but when you're in a room with lots of people who love the same thing you do, it's just great. I learned so much about other food cultures, processes and ingredients and I got the chance to share my food passions too.

As you progress through the competition, you find yourself spending a lot of time with a smaller group of people and we all became very close. I still speak to most of them every day.

Which of the challenges you faced was your favourite?

'I loved all of it really but getting the opportunity to cook for the Royal British Legion was a great honour. These were important guests who were being celebrated for their service and sacrifice so we all felt a real weight of expectation that we had to deliver an outstanding experience. Working with a Michelin starred Chef like Glynn Purnell on the menu and service was a dream come true and he was a fantastic mentor.

What about the trip to Ireland?

'I've long been a fan of Darina Allen and the Ballymaloe



ethos fits really well into the way I cook – using local, seasonal ingredients and high welfare meats – so I was really excited to get the opportunity to see it first-hand. For me, it was like meeting a rockstar! Rory, Darina, Rachel and their team were so generous with their knowledge and it was fantastic to see the farm to fork philosophy at work.'

Unfortunately, you missed out on cooking for Gordon Ramsay and the Chef's Table, how did it feel to go out of the competition at that stage?

'Truthfully, it was devastating. I was so close to making it to the final three and experiencing the whole competition, so I was very disappointed. But I was in the company of some outstanding cooks, and I'm happy with the dish I chose to cook and I think it represented Scotland and our ingredients well, so I'm proud of that. Perhaps less proud of the execution of it on the day!

So what do you plan to do next now that your MasterChef experience is over?

'I'm still coming down from the high of being involved in something so iconic and getting used to being recognised in the supermarket at this point!

I have however, secured a food column with *The Courier* which I am really excited about. In it, I'll be sharing stories about my recipes and influences and discovering new ones. I'm also taking part in the Foodies Festival this summer in Edinburgh and Glasgow where I'll be doing appearances in the Chef Demo Kitchen which is hugely exciting. There are lots of offers coming in but I'm taking my time to make sure I choose the right thing for me and my family and that I stay true to the type of food and cooking I love.

I also feel strongly about issues around food security and access to affordable, fresh and healthy food for everyone, so I'm hoping to work on a project with Broke, Not Broken on something around that. I have a small profile now I suppose and I feel I should use it for something worthwhile and meaningful.

Otherwise, I'm just trying to enjoy the memories of a really fantastic experience and am looking forward to what opportunities it might bring.



Funding Boost for Fossoway Gathering



THE FOSSOWAY GATHERING Committee received a welcome boost to its funding from a hugely successful community Quiz Night held recently in Crook of Devon Village Hall. The packed event raised £601 to be invested in further equipment and resources.

Thanks to Maz and Mike Thorn for setting and delivering a challenging set of questions, to all the Committee who worked so hard to deliver the event, and to all those who attended and/or donated to make it such a success.

The 2022 Fossoway Gathering is scheduled to take place on Saturday 3 September at Waulkmill Playing Fields, Crook of Devon. The fun fair is booked! Stalls are being snapped up by community groups. A full programme of arena activities is being finalised. It promises to be a fantastic day out for family and friends from across Fossoway and beyond.

This year we are working to grow the number of community groups participating and also seeking to expand opportuni-

ties for local traders and craft businesses to take part. If you are interested in taking a stall please email Tracey for further details at fossowaygathering@gmail.com

We would also welcome more volunteers to help with site set-up and take-down and with a variety of tasks during the day itself. If you think you can spare an hour or more of your time contact Bryony by email at fossowaygathering@gmail.com

Come and have a chat with us at Farmer Dawes Farm Open Day, Hilton of Aldie, on Sunday 19 June 2022.

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Turf Work at the Park and Ride Rain garden

THE PROLONGED PERIOD OF no significant rain following the laying of the wildflower turf at the Park and Ride in March, was tough indeed for the plants.

The expensive wildflower turf was beginning to curl up at the edges, looking more like a bizarre array of giant slices of stale mouldy brown bread than a rain garden feature. Happily, local construction firm Hattrick Bruce came to the rescue. Iain Hall organised a 1000L

bowser to be brought on site and the water was distributed by the willing but strenuous efforts of Robbie and Lee from the firm.

Where access was limited by parked cars, and in order to reach further into the turf area, vigorous brushing of water dropped onto the tarmac was done, allowing the water to spread out through the turf and soak it. The turf has responded well, thanks to the life-saving efforts of Hattrick Bruce.

JESS FOR TEAM SCOTLAND DOG AGILITY

JESS AND HER SISTER started training their first family dog when she was 11. At that time she dreamed of one day competing at Crufts. A couple of years later thanks to the wonderful Dawn Gilmour who runs the Scottish Junior Dog Club that dream came true. Since then Jess has competed at Crufts every year (apart from 2021 when it was cancelled). In 2020 Jess and Pippin won the Graduate Agility and the under 18 freestyle to music.

Jess was home educated before she went to college. Jess spends a lot of time helping on our small holding with Pip who is also a very helpful sheep dog.



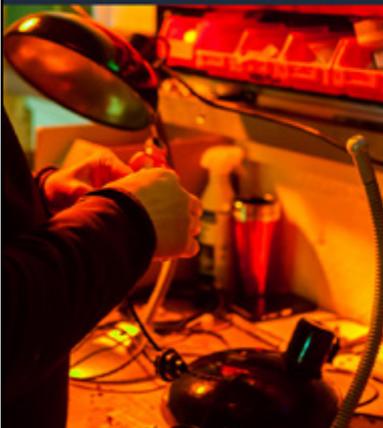
Jess has always had a passion for animals and wildlife and is now studying for an HNC in conservation and Wildlife at SRUC.

Jess is incredibly excited and nervous to have been selected to represent Scotland at the World Agility Open held in the Netherlands. She is very proud of her dog Pippin who is just 4 years old and only had one season competing before the Covid-19 lock down.

It is an amazing achievement just to be part of the team and to travelling

abroad, however she does. We hope to celebrate her success soon!

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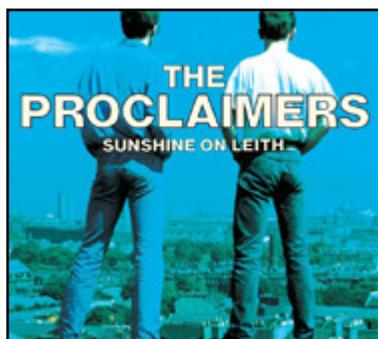
KHS BRING PROCLAIMERS TO KINROSS

KINROSS HIGH SCHOOL PRODUCTIONS have announced they will be staging 'Sunshine on Leith' from 15 to 17 June.

Paul Rosie, Head of Expressive Arts at Kinross High, said: 'This will be a great opportunity to bring the school and community together again. Our talented cast and musicians are set to put on a great show.'

Written by Stephen Greenhorn and featuring songs by The Proclaimers, Sunshine On Leith was originally created and produced by Dundee Rep Theatre, Scotland's leading production theatre. This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Music Theatre International and all authorised performance materials are also supplied by MTI.

The show includes such well known songs as '500 Miles', 'Letter from America' and many others. It is set to be a real crowd pleaser with so much that will be familiar to the audience.



'Pupils are hard at work learning scripts, rehearsing songs, painting sets and creating costumes,' said Mr Rosie, 'there is a wide variety of talent on show. Our own talented pupils

will also be operating the sound and light for the show.

'This is an ambitious show to put on and pupils have been busy raising funds to support the event including a 500 mile walk for which they are asking friends and family to sponsor them. We are also seeking donations from local businesses and



the community and would be grateful for any donations that you can give. Donors will be listed in the show programme.

'As part of our fundraising for 'Sunshine on Leith' we are offering prizes of a *Letter from America* which will be an air-mail envelope containing a gift voucher for a local company. There will also be raffle prizes at each event. Winners of the *Letter from America* and the raffle will be announced at each performance.'

This promises to be a great community event, but current restrictions mean that KHS will have to do things differently this year. Along with tickets, guests will be sent a guide about keeping safe while attending the show. Unfortunately, there will be no interval refreshments, but Goody Bags can be purchased in advance.

Tickets for the show are £10, or £8 for those under 16 or over 60. Programmes are priced at £1.50, while Interval Goody Bags are £3, a *Letter from America* draw ticket is £5 and 5 raffle tickets will be priced at £5.

Information about donating to the show, entering the *Letter from America* draw, the raffle, Goody Bags, programmes and tickets will be available on the school website:

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Equestrian Vault Coach Liz Receives Top Award

KINROSS VAULTING GROUP IS proud to announce that their lead coach Liz Mackay has been awarded a Fellowship of British Equestrian Vaulting. She is only the fourth person ever to attain this accolade.

Liz has worked professionally with horses all her life and became involved in equestrian vaulting some 29 years ago when it was relatively new in the UK.

Equestrian vaulting (or simply vaulting) is most often described as gymnastics and dance on horseback, which can be practiced both competitively or non-competitively.

Liz set up Kinross Vaulting Group in 2009. This has given many local children (and adults) new and amazing experiences. She has regularly competed in the UK and has represented GB at competitions in Europe with club members.

Liz says 'I am indebted to all the fantastic support I have always been so lucky to have. Thanks must go to Carole my groom, my committee, all the parents and the vaulters, but most especially to my late husband Eddie without whose encouragement and financial input I could not have achieved so much'.



Liz being presented with her Fellowship Certificate by John Hayton, Chairman of British Equestrian Vaulting.

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PHOENIX RISES FROM THE ASHES



THE NEW PHOENIX HIDE has been officially opened to the public, rising from the ashes of the old building that was destroyed in 2021.

NatureScot chair Mike Cantlay and reserve manager Neil Mitchell were joined by the Kinross Beavers, together with representatives from the local community and businesses, to cut the ribbon and officially open the new bird hide to the public on 6 May.

In February last year the much-loved Mill Hide was destroyed in a fire. A crowd-funding appeal to rebuild the hide raised almost £30,000 and the remainder has been funded by NatureScot.

Mr Cantlay said: "To see the new Phoenix Hide rise from the ashes has been wonderful, and it just would not have been possible without the incredible efforts of the local community, businesses and the wider public. Today we want to thank each and every one for making this day possible.

'The level of support has been truly heart-warming and demonstrates the importance of this special place. Our aim is to inspire many more people to value our natural world and I know that this beautiful new hide will play a vital role in doing that.'

NatureScot's Neil Mitchell, said: "When the Mill Hide was

destroyed last year we were all absolutely devastated. After the fire, what really came through was what a much-loved place it was for people near and far to come and connect with nature.

We were determined to do all that we could to rebuild the hide and can't express how grateful we are to all those who contributed so generously to making it happen. The new building looks wonderful and I'm sure staff and locals alike are all looking forward to having this special place back again. If you're visiting in the next few months, you can look out for lots of fluffy young ducklings snacking on the rich insect and plant life of the loch, mute swans raising their cygnets, while herons, kingfishers and osprey can all be seen fishing too.'

NatureScot would like to thank the WM Grant Foundation Fund for its generous support; Loch Leven Brewery for its special edition Phoenix Beer developed to raise funds for the hide; Pizza Via for their fundraising raffle; and the collective efforts of the community through sponsored events and raffles, including £500 raised by the local Kinross Beaver group from its fundraising walk. Thanks also to the Todd & Duncan Mill for their support and assistance with the rebuild.

The new hide has been designed with a more open back to discourage any anti-social behaviour and includes a new camera to better record any incidents.

Loch Leven is NatureScot's most popular nature reserve. With more than 300,000 people a year visiting the site and using the Loch Leven Heritage Trail, this bird hide was one of the most visited parts of the reserve.

Happy Birthday, Growbiz!

GROWBIZ IS CELEBRATING ITS fifteenth birthday on 16 June!

GrowBiz provides 1-1 business advice, learning sessions and networking events, and a mentoring programme. SEED (Self Employment + Entrepreneurial Development) is a young enterprise programme aimed specifically at young people who would like to start or expand their own business. Another initiative is Smart Village Scotland, designed to connect peo-

ple in rural areas. This includes the Perthshire Artisans platform — a creative community that supports the artisan way of life.

As a long-term response to the difficulties created by the pandemic, GrowBiz also set up REDS, an online directory and gift card scheme for small businesses in rural Scotland. Listings are free: www.reds.scot

Find out more at www.growbiz.co.uk.

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Portmoak Festival June 2022

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
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	Quiz in Well Inn	7-8pm Ritecaps - "Queen Night" Hall	10am Ladies Basketball Try out session, Hall	Entertainment Day School /HSB 11 - 12 noon 1.30 - 2.30pm	9.30 PortRun challenge Larder	Jazz on a Summer's Day Ordnard 2-4pm
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
			7.30pm Behavioural Friendship Circle, Hall			
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PORTMOAK FESTIVAL UPDATE

THE FESTIVAL OPENED WITH a very busy plant sale at the Well Country Inn. Folk enjoyed picking up a few plants and seeing friends again for tea, cakes and a chat. 7 May also saw the first of the Park Run Challenge events at Loch Leven's Larder; these will continue every Saturday.

David Munro delivered a talk based on Kirkyard Tales at the Portmoak Churchyard. The Festival Quiz in the Well has shown which team is the brainiest in the area. Meanwhile Balgedie Toll had a folk night with local musicians.

At the end of May the local folk musicians will again be entertaining us with Tunes in the Trees in the lovely setting of the learning area in the Portmoak Orchard. In the event of poor weather this will move to the hall.

The hall will become a venue for art work of the under 5's group as well as children of Portmoak Primary School. This can be viewed when the hall is open for events or by special arrangement when no groups are in.

The under 5s will be putting on their finery for a Royal Jubilee Fancy Dress Disco. We hope they have a fantastic time.

Cream teas return again to the Portmoak Hall from the 2-5 June at a cost of

£3. These are always enjoyable occasions to catch up with old friends, see the art work and maybe try out some crafts.

On 4 June there are celebration teas for Scotlandwell and Kilmagadwood residents in the Well Green. Again there will be a chance for folk to get together and remember what life was like before Covid.

Why not join Marjorie for a walk through the orchard on 5 June? Children are most welcome and there are refreshments afterwards.

On 8 June Pam is hosting a special fit-steps 'Queen Night' in the hall. Put on your dancing shoes and give it a try...

The Ladies Badminton invite you to a try-out session on 9 June. Whether you are new to the area, have not played for some years or are taking it up for the first time you will be made very welcome. The Bishopshire Friendship Circle also meet on 9 June and welcome new members.

On 10 June the school pupils and Kinnesswood in Bloom members will be showing folk around the school grounds. Times are

11-12 and 1.30-2.30pm. Read more in the Kinnesswood in Bloom report.

There will be a chance to hear great jazz in the open air, once again in the learning area of the orchard opposite the hall.

After no 'pudding club' since 2019 we are back this year at the Portmoak Festival from 20-22 June 6-8pm at Portmoak Village Hall. Tickets can be purchased at the door, £3.50 for adults and £1.50 for children. This includes your choice of 3 delicious puddings kindly donated by the local community and a tea/coffee or juice. This is always a fantastic event, loved by children and adults alike!

Our extended welcome back festival ends with the Michael Bruce Service on Sunday 3 July.

See the programme on the opposite page for full listings!

Fossoway Hydro Fund



RECENT GRANTS PROVIDED FROM the Fossoway CC's Community Benefit Hydro Fund has been disbursed to support furnishing a café facility at Crook of Devon Village Hall; fencing for Penney's Community Woodland; and a Jubilee Street Party community engagement event for Rumbling Bridge Residents.

The Fossoway Community Benefit Hydro Fund receives annual funding of £5,000 from the Rumbling Bridge Community Hydro Society to be applied for community benefit within part or all of the Fossoway and District Community Council Area, embracing the communities of Blairingone, Cambo, Crook of Devon, Drum, Powmill and Rumbling Bridge.

The grant scheme is open to local community groups that may be registered charities, unincorporated associations or non-constituted groups of residents coalescing around a common interest. Applicants must be able to demonstrate community benefit and evidence of need for their project or community initiative.

Applications are particularly welcomed for projects or initiatives that seek to strengthen community engagement/improve communication and awareness of community activity/support environmental improvement/improve community participation of young and elderly residents.

For further information contact fossowayhydro@gmail.com or visit our website www.fossowayfund.org.uk/

The Celebrant Celebrates!

ANDREW D SCOTT CELEBRANT has been announced as 'Best Independent Wedding Celebrant (Scotland)' in the 2022 Global Wedding Awards. This prestigious honour is particularly significant given Andrew only qualified as a celebrant during lockdown – an extraordinary achievement.

The wedding industry demands nothing short of excellence. Brides and grooms have high expectations as they strive to create the most important, joyous day of their lives. They need everything to be perfect.

This award is therefore testament to Andrew's personalised approach, and recognises the effort he makes to truly get to know each couple. Once making sure the chemistry is right, he finds out what makes them tick, what their expectations are and what the perfect ceremony looks like to them.

Andrew said 'I am absolutely delighted and very humbled to win this award. I knew as soon as I started training to be a celebrant that this is what I am destined to do. But I could never have imagined that I would have married so many couples across the length and breadth of Scotland, never mind win a global award, in such a short space of time!' Based in Milnathort, Andrew has worked in the hospitality and events industry for over 25 years. As a celebrant, he works closely with couples to create ceremonies tailored to their personalities, history and beliefs.





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Come and meet the cows and calves, sheep, ducks, chicken, alpacas, and the very cute pygmy goats. The farm hair salon will be open for sheep shearing with head stylist local celebrity, Calum Shaw one of Scotland Champion Shearers. Come and have a go at milking a cow, lambing a sheep, grinding corn to make flour, maybe try your hand at spinning some wool, or just pull up a chair in the farm Storytime corner.

Hot refreshments will be provided by Kinross Farmers Market favourites Rootin' and Roamin', so why not treat yourself to lunch at the farm. and you will also be able to buy delicious home-made cakes, take a plant or two home or maybe win a prize on the tombola. We will be rounding up a panel of locals for a Farmers Question Time – so bring your questions and test their knowledge.

All the gate money is being donated to CHAS (adults £3 and children £1). So come and support lots of local organisations

who will be spending the day down on the farm. As the farm is situated in a single-track road, please arrive by the B9097 Cleish Road and leave by the A977 Powmill Road.

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REACH FOR THE SKY WITH KPC

KINROSS PARISH CHURCH is partnering with Mission Aviation Fellowship to support that Christian humanitarian airline's work in Uganda. Their next event will be held in Kirkgate Park on **Sunday 12 June** when *MAF* will field a static aircraft display, a flight simulator, an exhibition trailer and a rescue challenge for kids.

Come along between 2-6pm and join in – all are welcome. Children under 15 should be accompanied by an adult.

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KINROSS PRIMARY SUMMER FAYRE

KINROSS PRIMARY PARENT COUNCIL are delighted to announce that their school summer fayre is back!

After a two year hiatus, they have permission to hold the fayre and are so pleased that this fabulous community event is taking place once more.

Join Kinross Primary School from 12 noon until 2.30pm on Saturday 18 June 2022 for a great afternoon. They'll have all the usual fundraising stalls like home-baking, chocolate tombola, bric-a-brac tombola, toy stall and bouncy castles, as well as their ever popular raffle. They are aware however, that times are difficult for many and they want everyone to enjoy the fayre, so they'll have lots of free stalls too. You can try your hand at Nerf Gun Wars, Splat the Rat, Beat the Goalie, Challenge Mr Graham, Hook a Duck, Nail in the Bale, Squirt the Duck and a fun craft table.

They will be hosting a raffle too and tickets will be available on the day, or in advance at the stall at the Farmers' Market on Saturday 28 May. They've got some fabulous prizes lined up, and all monies raised go towards school funds. These funds are for extra activities that would otherwise not be available, like an Arts & Culture programme that sees performers, authors, dancers, musicians and artists providing workshops, events and experiences for the whole school. Funds will also help to provide additional sports and outdoor play equipment for all the pupils to enjoy.

You don't have to be a parent or carer of a KPS pupil to

support them. They are always looking for donations to the bric-a-brac, chocolate tombola, toy stall and Guess the Wine game! Anyone who wants to, can pop along to the stall at the May Farmer's Market and donate any of the above items. They'd be very grateful to have them.

Parents, staff and the children are all looking forward to having their flagship event back and they're looking forward to seeing you all there.



Glenfarg Transport Survey

GLENFARG COMMUNITY COUNCIL want to find out how your transport needs can be met. PKC funds essential routes but bus use is declining. We have set up a Community Transport Group to work with local transport providers and Perth and Kinross Council to sustain, improve and connect our bus service. The group has met to discuss some ideas to protect our current services, fill some gaps, and develop goals for the future.

Taking our lead from other rural communities who have successful models of transport, one of our proposals is to acquire a vehicle (i.e. a people carrier/small minibus) specifically for the Glenfarg community. Initially, a PKC minibus (based at Loch Leven Campus) could be driven by volunteers to pilot some ideas of how a community bus might be used.

Your feedback and involvement are important!

Please complete the questions and return to the Village Shop. Thank you!

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After-school clubs / sports shuttle to Kinross					
Connecting with other services					
Filling a gap in the timetable					

I am interested in	Yes*	No
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Taking on a committee role		
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Other (if yes, please specify)		

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THE SCOTTISH GLIDING CENTRE at Portmoak is opening its doors for a much-anticipated Open Day on Sunday 26 June from 9.30am 'til dusk.

The centre is one of Scotland's oldest with a strong membership, welcoming visiting pilots from all around the world due to the excellent gliding opportunities in the beautiful surroundings of Kinross-shire.

The day will involve a chance to fly with a qualified pilot, meet pilots from all ages, try out their simulator and generally find out why gliding is so addictive. There will be a range of delicious food providers and other activities too like powered and glider craft displays, aero modellers and lots of opportunity to find out more about gliding. There will also be local guests like the RSPB and the Scottish Air Ambulance Service, and many more exciting events and activities.

General Manager Martin Phillimore says, 'The Scottish Gliding Centre has some spectacular soaring opportunities and we're looking forward to welcoming vis-



itors and hopefully inspiring them to give this amazing sport a go! We have some of the best soaring terrain in the country here at Portmoak, so we're sure this is going to be a pretty special day for and us and the public. We're looking forward to providing a warm Portmoak welcome and hopefully some fabulous flying conditions and a really fun day out for anyone interesting in finding out more about gliding.'

The Scottish Gliding Centre is based at Portmoak Airfield, Kinross, between the shores of Loch Leven and the Ochils. Founded in 1938 it the oldest club in the UK and has over 200 members. They offer Air Experience flights, Learn to Glide packages and Holiday Courses, as well as serving their membership. For further information on all their gliding opportunities, visit www.scottishglidingcentre.co.uk.

LIGHT UP THE SKY FOR THE JUBILEE!

THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE will be marked by the lighting of a ceremonial beacon at 9.45pm at the Pier in Kirkgate Park on 2 June. Leven Voices have been asked to take part.

Come along to Kirkgate Park on Thursday 2 June:

- 9.35pm:** Piper playing Dui Regnare (written for the event);
- 9.40pm:** Bugler plays Her Majesty (written for the event);
- 9.45pm:** Beacon lit;
- 9.45pm:** Leven Voices singing Song for the Commonwealth.

Fun at Jubilee Picnic in the Park

KLEO ARE ORGANISING a community family event to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee on Saturday 4 June at the Market Park (opposite the Green Hotel) from 1pm to 8pm. This will be a fun event for the whole family with children's activities in the afternoon (from 1pm to 4pm) organised by Swansacre Playgroup, KYTHE and Saints in the Community, who will



bring a street football unit and a Quick Feet facility. There will also be performances by local dance groups Dance Connect and Matthew Dance Academy and KYTHE youth bands.

Enjoy some outdoor ceilidh dancing with Orwell Ceilidh Band (4pm), followed by Dirt Road-Blues party and sing along with ABBA Cadabra Tribute band at 7pm!

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KINROSS FLOWER SHOW 2022

**Saturday 13 August 2022 –
Save the date!**

JUST A REMINDER THAT Kinross Show will take place again this year on Saturday 13 August by kind permission of RSPB Loch Leven. The committee are working hard behind the scenes to organise everything and are pleased to announce the return of the Flower Show, Scottish Women's Institute and Children's Education Marquee. The Free Buses will also be running again.

For gardeners looking to enter the Flower Show competitions the schedule is to give lots of time to get the plants and flowers looking their best.

Any budding entertainers wishing to perform on the Entertainment Stage please get in touch with the Secretary to register your interest.

The next issue of the *Newsletter* will provide lots more information on the livestock competitions, children's activities



plus food and drink available and the schedule for the day.

In the meantime check out social media and the Kinross Show website for more information.

FLOWER SHOW SCHEDULE

Convenor: Mrs Claire Paton, Lethangie

Kinross Committee: Margaret Kilpatrick, Alice Getley, Dr Julie Savin & Kirsty Gray.

Judges: Mrs Shona Leckie (Floral Art) and Mr Callum Clunie (Cut Flowers & Produce)

The Trophy Presentation will take place within the Flower Show Tent at 3.30 pm on Show Day.

Prize winners will collect their prize money from within the Flower Marquee.

ENTRIES: Accepted on Show Field until 9pm on Friday 12 August and from 7.30am until 9.30am on Saturday 13 August. £1 per Adult Exhibit and 50p per Child Exhibit.

Flower Marquee Open to the Public from 11.30am. Entries can be uplifted at 4pm.

Prize Money: In all Classes 1st - £3, 2nd - £2, 3rd - £1 Collected at the Secretary's Tent by 4.30pm.

Judging commences 10am prompt

FLOWER SECTION

1. **Pot Plant:** Flowering, any type
2. **Pot Plant:** Begonia
3. **Pot Plant:** Fuchsia
4. **One Vase Mixed Herbaceous**
5. **Vase Displaying 3 Stems Annuals** (same variety)
6. **Vase Of 3 Stems Perennials** (same variety)
7. **Vase of 3 Dahlias:** Decorative
8. **Vase of 3 Dahlias:** Cacti
9. **Vase of 3 Dahlias:** Ball/Pompom
10. **4 Marigolds** (any variety) to be displayed on a board
11. **4 Pansies/Violas** to be displayed on a board
12. **Vase of Roses** (Mixed - Any Types) (special prize as below)
13. **Best Single Rose**
14. **Vase of Mixed Flowering Shrubs**
15. **Vase of 5 Sweet Peas**, one colour only

FLORAL ART SECTION

This year's theme is JUBILEE YEAR

Red, White and Blue colours.

NAFAS Rules need not be adhered to. Simply read the schedule carefully and pay attention to size and materials. Space allowed width 76cms by 60cms depth.

All exhibits to be composed of natural plant material - i.e. Fresh, Silk Flowers, Dried or Preserved unless otherwise stated. All Fresh plant material to be in water or water retaining substances. All flowers and foliage to be in good condition. Boards available on request.

16. **Just For You Ma'am:** A Posy for the Queen – A hand tied bunch in red, white and blue. Accessories allowed eg ribbons and doilies. Stems can be bound in ribbon and kept moist with tissue/cotton wool if necessary, or placed in a suitable container.
17. **Presentation Arrangement:** An arrangement in a BASKET using red, white and blue FLOWERS. To include FOLIAGE. No Accessories. Space allowed 92cm width by 69cm depth.
18. **Jubilee Year:** An arrangement celebrating 70 years using red, white and blue FLOWERS and FOLIAGE. Accessories allowed. Space allowed 92cm width by 69cm depth.
19. **Crowning Glory:** An arrangement in red, white and blue FLOWERS – to include FOLIAGE. Accessories allowed. Space allowed 92cm width by 69cm depth.
20. **Platinum Gem:** A petite exhibit in red, white and blue - not exceeding 25 cm wide by 25cm depth and 37cm in height. No accessories.

The Trophies for the most points, Classes 1 to 15 and 16 to 20 inclusive, will be assessed 3, 2, and 1 for the first three prizes.

CAIRNS CUP: the most points overall, + Rosette.

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

FISHER BOWL: most points in Dahlias.

CAESAR TROPHY: Sweet Peas.

THE KIRKNESS TROPHY: for the most points in the Floral Art Section + Rosette (Classes 16 to 20 inclusive).

THE RENTON TROPHY for the most outstanding exhibit in the Floral Art Section + Rosette (Classes 16 to 20).

THE GAVINE LINDORES TROPHY for the best Single Rose (Class13).

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

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

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

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

THE CATHIE PIRIE CUP + Rosette & £3 for the most outstanding exhibit by a child age 9 to 14 year.

MAWCARSE SALVER – Best Exhibit Overall in the Show.

SPECIAL PRIZES

PATON Prize: For best exhibit in produce classes - £20 Voucher.

Class 12: Voucher presented by Mrs. C Paton.

CHILDREN'S CLASSES

Rosettes for 1st, 2nd, 3rd places will be presented in Children's Classes 21 to 37.

21. **Bowl Of Floating Flowers** in red, white & blue (any size of bowl any number of flowers) for 8 years and under. Glass Bowls will be provided if required'.
22. **Bowl Of Floating Flowers** in red, white & blue (any size of bowl any number of flowers) for 14 years and under. Glass Bowls will be provided if required'.
23. **A Decorated/Painted Stone** in red, white & blue. Age 5 and under
24. **A Decorated/Painted Stone** in red, white & blue. Age 6 – 8 years.
25. **A Necklace Made With Pasta** in red, white and blue. Age 5 and under.
26. **Any Farm Animal** made from Vegetables. Age 6-8.
27. **Any Farm Animal** made from Vegetables. Age 9-14.
28. **Arrangement of Garden Flowers** in a Jam Jar. Age 8 and under
29. **Garden in a Seed Tray** not exceeding 40cms x 25cms using natural material only. Age 8 and under
30. **Garden in a Seed Tray** not exceeding 40cms x 25cms using natural material only. Age 9 -14 years.
31. **Model Farm in a Seed Tray:** 'Models Allowed' Age 8 and under
32. **Model Farm in a Seed Tray:** 'Models Allowed' Age 9 – 14 years.
33. **A Decorated Wellington Boot:** Red, white & blue design please. Age 8 and under
34. **A Decorated Wellington Boot:** Red white & blue design please. Age 9-14 years.

VEGETABLE SECTION

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

35. **3 Courgettes** any size.
36. **3 Onions** White.
37. **3 Onions** Red.
38. **4 Potatoes** White.
39. **4 Potatoes** Coloured.
40. **Selection of Garden Herbs** (to be shown in a Jar of water).



41. **1 Cucumber**
42. **6 Tomatoes on a Plate** (any variety).
43. **6 Pods of Peas**
44. **4 French Beans**
45. **6 Runner Beans**
46. **3 Leeks**
47. **Vegetable Marrow or overgrown Courgette** to be judged on size.

FRUIT SECTION

All Fruit to be presented washed in Good Condition. Paper Plates will be provided

48. **Plate of Blackcurrants**
49. **Plate Of Any Other Seasonal Fruit/s**

EGG SECTION

All Eggs must be washed and polished. Paper Plates and Shavings will be provided.

All Decorated Eggs must be hard boiled.

Classes 52-54 eggs to be decorated in red, white & blue.

50. **3 Hens Eggs Any Variety:** Age 12 and under.
51. **3 Hens Eggs Any Variety:** Age 13 to adult.
52. **1 Decorated Egg Any Variety:** Age 12 and under.
53. **1 Decorated Egg Any Variety:** Age 13 to 16 years.
54. **1 Decorated Egg Any Variety:** by an adult.
55. **3 Duck Eggs:** Open to all.

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Meeting Up Again – Please Join Us

COVID RESTRICTIONS HAVE HAD a negative impact on many people. Recognising this, Kinross Parish Church has restarted a number of groups now able to meet face to face and has launched initiatives to help more people meet each other.

The Craft Group meets in the church every Wednesday at 1.30pm. All Friends Together – ‘a monthly celebration of Jesus for adults with special needs’ - meets in the church on the third Saturday of the month at 11am (18 June). Let’s Sing! is a joyful sing-along and afternoon tea for those with dementia and their carers in the church at 2.30pm on the second Sunday of the month (12 June).

A new initiative is ‘Stepping Stones’, for babies, toddlers and their carers, meeting in the church at 10am on the first Tuesday of the month (7 June). One of the organisers Kathleen Weir says: ‘We recognised the increased isolation parents and carers have felt these past two years and wanted to give them a chance to meet up. Our first meeting last month was very encouraging. We welcomed ten mums/carers and 12 babies and toddlers. We enjoyed a lovely morning with lots of chat, cups of tea and coffee and ended up with some singing.’

For older children and teenagers, Crossfire, a weekly term-time meeting for those P7 upwards, meets in the church at 7pm on Sundays. It’s a chance to have fun, chat about the Bible, eat good food and catch up with friends.

The church feels that everyone in the congregation and the wider community may have become more isolated and is organising additional chances to meet socially. Brenda Fraser, one of the organisers, says: ‘We had our first get-together, at

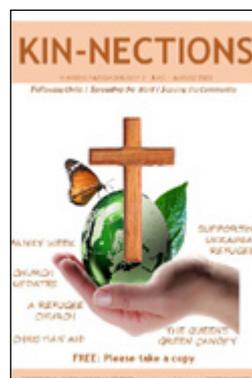
Vane Farm, and people had a good time. This coming month we’ll be meeting for a walk on 29 May at 2.30pm at Blairadam car park, a Jubilee Tea Party in the church garden on 5 June at 2.30pm and a barbecue in the church garden after the service on 26 June’.

Contact the church office if you want any more information. If it’s your first time attending, we can put you in touch with someone ready to welcome you (01577 862570; office@kinrossparishchurch.org)

New Kin-nections

THE NEW ISSUE OF KIN-NECTIONS, the magazine of Kinross Parish Church, covering June – September is now available. The free magazine may be picked up by contacting the church office (01577 862570; office@kinrossparishchurch.org), or at the church, Church Centre, Library or various cafes in the town.

This issue contains details about ‘Wastewatchers’, this year’s Family Week (1 – 5 August), and how to register.



KPC Supports Ukrainian Refugees

THE MAY NEWSLETTER EXPLAINED that Kinross Parish Church was in contact with its partner, the Great Church in Debrecen, Hungary, to discuss how to help its work in supporting refugees from nearby Ukraine in the longer term.

Since then, the Kinross church has decided to partner with the Great Church in helping a small Hungarian-speaking church in Ukraine which is currently supporting over 30 displaced families from Kyiv and Kharkiv, hosting them in their own homes. This church, in Csongor (its Hungarian name, Chomonym in Ukrainian) has a derelict property (see picture) that it is planning to make habitable at a cost of US\$15,000. This will become a ‘shelter-house’ for these displaced families.

Because of the urgency, Kinross Par-

ish Church has already allocated £4,000 from its reserves to this project and this has been taken in person to the Csongor church by elders from the Great Church. This, however, will be an ongoing project and members of the congregation – and anyone else who wishes – may contribute by handing in a donation on Sunday morning at Kinross Parish Church or through the Giving page at www.kinrossparishchurch.org. Donations should be marked ‘Ukrainian Appeal’.

Rev Alan Reid, minister at Kinross, says: “Many churches, individuals and organisations are responding to the outbreak of war in Ukraine and there

has been a widespread desire in the congregation to offer assistance. This project gives us the opportunity to provide practical, long-term and sustainable support. Another partner church to the Great Church, in South Korea, is also contributing. Our Hungarian friends have written to us ‘We are grateful for any help. Especially for your prayers. God Bless You All!’ Please remember this whole situation in prayer.”



KPC's Thank Offering To The Community

THE NEW ISSUE OF KIN-NECTIONS, the magazine of Kinross Parish Church has decided how to allocate a £5500 Thank-Offering donated by the congregation to support the community in the midst of the pandemic.

Many churches, as with many other charities, experienced a severe reduction in income during the pandemic and the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland gave the opportunity for a National Giving Day in October to help congregations.

The Kinross minister, Rev Alan Reid, says: 'We were blessed by continued generous giving so decided that our National Giving Day should be a thank-offering for coming through the worst of the pandemic, with all proceeds being used to support community projects. Many community groups were struggling financially as a result of the pandemic and since then there is the added burden of the cost-of-living crisis. We already had in mind developing the church garden as a community resource as one possible project and our mem-

bers were asked to suggest other local projects to support. We pray that our contributions will be a blessing to many in the community.'

The church decided to support:

- **£1,000 to Broke Not Broken to support those struggling with energy bills**
- **£1,000 to the Kinross Centre, which supports elderly people, for activity equipment**
- **£500 to An Cala, a home for four adults with complex disabilities, to buy an outdoor table**
- **£900 to Kinross Otters swimming club for young people for its Adversity Fund**
- **£500 to provide Traidcraft gift bags for those in need of encouragement, as identified by Kinross Centre**

The balance will be retained as a contribution to a project for a community space in the church garden, dependent on further funds and

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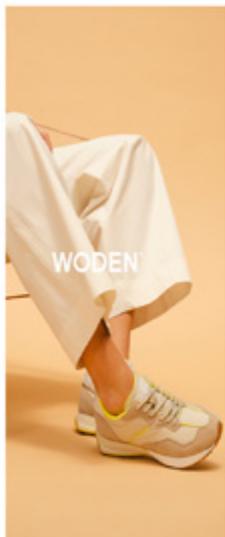
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Council Elections: Can I please take this opportunity to thank everyone who gave me their vote in the recent Council elections. I promise to continue to do my best to represent everyone over the next five years. There are a number of challenges ahead which I will do my best to get addressed.

Litter B996 Kinross To Fife Boundary: The Council's street cleaning teams are now getting back to normal working following the pandemic. One of their first priorities was the litter picking of the grass verges of the B996 from Kinross to the Fife boundary. This has taken a lot of effort given the length of road and the huge amounts of litter that had built up. Well done to the litter picking teams. It is very sad that some people have so little regard for our county that they think nothing of throwing their litter out of their vehicles on our rural roads.

Gallowhill Road: I have received complaints about HGV's using Gallowhill Road to access the Persimmon building site. I was of the opinion that this isn't meant to happen. Sections of the eastern end of Gallowhill Road are narrow with limited pavements and not suited to heavy lorries. This is also a main pedestrian access route to the high school and community campus. I have contacted the Persimmon director responsible for the eastern area of Scotland and he has promised to make sure HGVs access the site from the Stirling Road. Please let me know if this doesn't happen.

Church Street, Milnathort: Residents of Church Street say that it is very difficult to drive down their street when vehicles park on the narrow section of the road. There is a white line painted on the road side but this is often ignored and cars are parking there making it impossible for vans and other vehicles to pass. I have contacted the Council and asked that this be looked at. It may require double yellow lines to be put down on this short stretch to allow safe passage of vehicles.

Aldi Proposals For Auld Mart Road: The news that Aldi supermarkets are considering setting up a store in the Orwell Business Park off Auld Mart Road, Milnathort has taken everyone by surprise. The supermarket will require to lodge a Pre Application Notice with Perth & Kinross Council. This will result in a report coming before the Council's Development Management Committee which will allow councillors to express and concerns they have about the proposals.

Fly Tipping: There have been two serious incidents of fly tipping locally where large quantities of asbestos roofing sheets were dumped. One occurred on a private road and the other on a local side road. The Police have promised to carry out a full investigation to try and identify those responsible. The Council have removed the asbestos from the side road. This is a very expensive exercise so I really hope that the Police investigation is successful.

Phoenix Hide: I am delighted that the new bird hide has been opened at Factory Bay on the Loch Leven Heritage Trail. I like everyone else was very upset when the previous hide was intentionally destroyed by fire. Well done to Nature Scotland for organising a crowd funding campaign to have the hide rebuilt. It sits in a great location which provides beautiful views across the loch and gives visitors a chance to see many of the birds which live on the loch.

Councillor Willie Robertson

Councillor Neil Freshwater



IT IS AN HONOUR and a privilege to have been elected as a councillor for Kinross-shire at this month's local elections. A huge thank you to everyone who supported me. I was sorry that my running mate George Stirling was not also elected, but many congratulations to my fellow ward councillors Richard Watters, Willie Robertson and Dave Cuthbert who were elected. We have already been in dialogue with each other about how we can best work together to serve the communities within Kinross-shire and will continue those discussions over the coming weeks. I look forward to working constructively with them over the duration of the council term.

I would also like to pay tribute to the other candidates who put themselves forward for election but were unsuccessful, as well as to former councillors Barnacle and Purves who stood down after serving in the previous council. At the time of writing, with no one party commanding a majority at Perth & Kinross Council, discussions are still ongoing as to who will form an administration. That said, I know there is a desire, certainly within my party, that whether in administration or opposition that all councillors endeavour to work together and constructively in the public interest across Perth & Kinross.

Returning to Kinross-shire, one of the early tasks will be to ensure the continuation of the Kinross-shire Local Committee, the body which devolves certain decision-making powers to the ward. It was set up as a pilot under the previous Scottish Conservative administration, and at the time was featured in the Kinross Newsletter. An important task for the committee will be to consider a report detailing the findings of a public consultation which it instigated, relating to the future use and ambitions for Kinross town centre. Instigating this consultation was a good example of the benefit of having the committee. Once we have a clarity of the new administration, I will be seeking assurances about the committee's future.

Readers may well have learnt about the recent proposals to open a new Aldi supermarket in Milnathort, located at the auld mart site. Many of you visited Aldi's public event in Milnathort Town Hall and participated in the online event to find out more about the proposals. I would encourage readers to follow the plans on the website www.aldiconsultation.co.uk/milnathort-kinross where you can make your views known.

And finally, as this is my first column in this publication I thought it would be good to introduce myself a bit. I live near Cleish and have been in Kinross-shire since early 2015, having grown up in Dundee. I also work for a manufacturing company in the construction sector and run a small wine business with my wife Kristen. You can contact me at nfreshwater@pkc.gov.uk and via [facebook.com/neil4kinrossshire](https://www.facebook.com/neil4kinrossshire) with any issues. I look forward to meeting many more of you over the coming months.

Councillor Neil Freshwater

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Councillor Richard Watters



MANY THANKS TO EACH of you who voted for me in the May Council Elections. I was both blown away and humbled by the level of support I received. I now commit myself to representing the interests of Kinross-shire and all its residents during this five-year term.

SNP Back In Charge Of Council

The SNP councillors are now the largest group on the council, with 16 out of the 40 councillors for all of Perth & Kinross. The Tories have 14 councillors, the Lib Dems 4 councillors, Labour have 2 councillors, and the remaining 4 are independent. At the Full Council meeting on 25 May, the SNP group will be proposing to take over the council as a minority administration.

Council Committee Changes

Among the changes we will be proposing in our new administration are some changes to the Committee structure. The Housing and Communities committee is being redefined as the Housing and Social Wellbeing committee—including a clear focus on the 'cost of living' crisis.

We will also be creating a 'Climate Change' committee as promised during the election campaign. At the time of writing, there are cross-party discussions across the council chamber and further discussions with Council Officers to determine the scope of this committee. Given that any decision made within the council should be considering the impact of that decision on the climate and our bio-diversity, we must be clear that the 'Climate Change' committee is part of the councils overall commitment rather than replacing that requirement in other committees. I will provide a further update on this in next month's Newsletter.

It looks like I will again be sitting on the Council's Planning committee, so I will be unable to give any comments on the ALDI, Gartwhinzean, or any other planning applications, due to the requirement for any Councillor on the Planning committee to be impartial under the code of conduct relating to Quasi-Judicial or regulatory applications.

Climate Change Impact On Loch Leven

This year we have already seen surprisingly early and worrying algae blooms on Loch Leven that started in February. Our need to be concerned about this issue is confirmed in the recent publication by CREW (Scotland's Centre of Expertise for Waters) of a 50-page detailed report assessing climate change impacts on the water quality of Scottish standing waters. The report sets out the clear climate change link of the rise in average air temperature and the subsequent rise in the temperature of the water on the loch—along with the negative impact of changes in rain patterns that lead to lower flushing rates on the loch.

The concerning conclusions of the report are that the impacts of climate change on shallow lochs will be the deterioration of their water quality, which will lead to more frequent and intense algae blooms on Loch Leven. The report emphasises the need for us to accelerate our response to the clear dangers.

So, as we continue to keep our commitment to mitigate climate change and to meet our net zero target by 2045, we need to also focus on protecting the biodiversity in and around Loch Leven. There are already many groups looking at this and how to reduce the amount of phosphorus and nitrogen entering the loch in the first place. However, there is a clear need to accelerate our response to this challenge.

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Liz Smith, MSP

IT WOULD HAVE BEEN Muir's 184th birthday last week and, during his lifetime, he would never have been able to imagine what the impact of his legacy would be on conservation work across Scotland. Muir was born in Dunbar and emigrated to the US with his family at the age of 10. From a very young age, John Muir showed a fascination for nature and he believed passionately that all nature was connected, and further, that the natural world was not just a resource for humanity to exploit. He was one of the first people to write about the need to preserve the natural world, and it is thanks to him that we have the modern system of national parks.

The John Muir Trust was founded in 1983 and has grown substantially to over 25,000 members, supporters, and partners, and I have also worked with the Trust and been a member of it for almost 25 years. You do not have to walk far into Scotland's countryside to see the impact the Trust has had on wild spaces, whether this new areas of tree growth, land management or new visitor paths. Indeed, I have had the pleasure to visit some of the new paths constructed by the Trust including the work undertaken on the heavily corroded path on Schiehallion in Perth and Kinross and one of the most visited mountains in Scotland.

This spring the Trust has published its new five-year Strategic Plan outlining the challenges facing the Trust and the solutions to achieving their objectives. This includes a greater urgency placed on addressing the climate and biodiversity crises. Another important part of the plan is to ensure young people are also inspired to get involved with the Trust. The Trust has so far been highly successful in engaging young people in its John Muir Award scheme, and it is important that this is expanded further so all young people have the opportunity to learn about the benefits of preserving wild places.

One of the Trust's founding principles is to connect people with wild places and educate them on the importance of respecting the environment. In this, it is clear young people flourish, and that is why I am seeking the support of MSPs for my Private Member's Bill on Outdoor Education. The bill aims to provide a legislative entitlement for all young people between the ages of 12-16 to experience residential outdoor education, and it has already gained widespread support across several sectors, parents and young people themselves. As well as aiding young people in essential life skills such as leadership, confidence, self esteem, and a belief in oneself, most importantly it succeeds in connecting young people with nature in a way many will have not had the opportunity to experience otherwise.

One aspect of the Bill that is capturing particular attention is the determination to address the increasing anxieties and mental health issues which are facing young people as they seek to recover from the pandemic. We should not underestimate the richness of the experiences in the outdoors and that is why the work that the Trust does with young people is so vitally important. It is crucial that all young people are offered the opportunity to experience outdoor education so they can experience nature in a way of which I am sure John Muir himself would have approved.

I would like to thank all those who have already engaged so positively with my Bill both on social media and via the official parliament website. Lots of very interesting and important points have been raised, so please keep them coming before July 22 at: www.parliament.scot/bills-and-laws/proposals-for-bills/proposed-schools-residential-outdoor-education-scotland-bill

Liz Smith, MSP



Jim Fairlie, MSP

AS WE HEAD INTO June, here's hoping that we can look forward to a comparatively normal summer and that communities can come together once more. I want to see my diary filled with agricultural shows, highland games and church fetes, gala days, weeks, and even fortnights!

These events could not happen if it wasn't for the incredible amount of time and effort put in by a huge number of volunteers.

So, it is perhaps fitting that this first week of June is Volunteers' Week, an opportunity for us all to recognise the huge contribution that volunteering makes in our communities.

And it is not just about putting on big once a year events, there is a myriad of volunteering opportunities out there and a vast range of roles in which you can make a difference just by giving some of your time.

Understandably, Volunteers' Week 2022 makes a particular point of offering a time to say thanks for the incredibly important role volunteers played in the response to the pandemic. Throughout an exceptionally difficult couple of years, people from all walks of life have taken the time to volunteer and make a huge difference to their communities – just as they do every year. This is an opportunity for us to come together and thank all volunteers for their invaluable contribution.

Further information about Volunteers Week and information about becoming a volunteer can be found at www.volunteersweek.org but you can, of course, always get in touch with whatever organisation or group you think you might like to help. I can assure that every organisation that depends on volunteers is always delighted to welcome someone else on board.

Political parties, too, depend on the efforts of volunteers and whoever decided that May was to be National Walking Month obviously knew there was going to be an election on! I want to congratulate all of those who have been elected to Perth & Kinross Council.

Obviously, I am delighted that the SNP are once again the largest party and will be forming the administration but everyone who participates in the democratic process plays an important role. Without those prepared to stand and lose, we do not have democracy.

Those who put themselves forward as local councillors may not be volunteers in the strictest sense, since there is payment associated with the role, but the level of commitment most show far outstrips the remuneration they receive.

Many volunteers are involved in fundraising and that link gives me the chance to plug a fundraising endeavour of my own which is approaching fast. (I have mentioned it in this column before and I won't promise not to plug it again!)

In October, I will be climbing Kilimanjaro to raise funds for the Cornhill Hospice in Perth and Andrew Fairlie Scholarship. I have chosen that particular challenge because it means I will be following in my late brother's footsteps – he made the same climb in 2011. Please look up my JustGiving page and consider donating to two really worthwhile causes!



Jim Fairlie, MSP

Politicians

John Nicolson, MP



I USED TO WORK as a speechwriter on Capitol Hill for the distinguished American senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan. He was a wise old owl. He'd a theory that people voted in presidential elections for folk they'd like to sit down and have a drink with. It sounds a little trite. But America voted Bush junior over the eminently better qualified Gore and Kerry, Clinton over Bush senior, Reagan over Carter and Mondale, and Biden over Trump. Likability does seem to play a key role in one-on-one debates where, over two the course of several hours, voters get to assess the cut of candidates' jibs.

Panels are different. I'm on one tonight – the BBC's 'Debate Night'. On panels you're one of four or five. So, you've relatively little time to make a positive impression but plenty of time to make a gaffe. The production team never tell you what the questions are in advance. And you get no help at all from the presenter. As a former broadcaster myself that disappointed me. On my first 'Question Time' outing I was hoping for favouritism and got none. David Dimbleby puts his arm around his note of upcoming questions like a primary schoolboy swat refusing to help his delinquent, underprepared friends. Knowing, perhaps, that sport wasn't my strongest area he questioned me on sport at my first 'Question Time' appearance. Fortunately, I knew he didn't know anything about sport at all and threw the question right back at him. He got the answer right but only after his producer yelled it into his earpiece, something I heard as I was sitting next to him. Something that I pointed out. Two can play at that game.

When I made the career crossover from journalism to politics, I swore I'd avoid the cliches I most disliked when I heard them as an interviewer. I promised myself I would never talk about 'hard working families' (as if single people are all lazy wastrels) and I'd never say 'frankly' when I was making a point devoid of any special candour. I also promised myself that I'd try to avoid blustering. Audiences see through it. Andrew Neil – an outstanding interviewer with whom I disagree about almost everything – had me as a regular on his evening show 'This Week.' I once asked his editor why. "Because you say 'I don't know' when you don't know something" she replied. "Andrew loves that as it's so rare." And of course, it's blindingly obvious you can't know the answer to everything. Who does? So why pretend? The difference between the interviewee and the person asking the questions is that the letter has both the questions and answers written down.

But while it's okay to say "I don't know" on occasion, disarming the interviewer with candour, it's not good to overuse the phrase lest you get a reputation as an underprepared numptie. No politician in any party wants that though many have unwittingly earned the epithet.

Time to go back to the swatting.

John Nicolson, MP

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Councillor Dave Cuthbert



I WAS ELECTED ON 5 May to serve as an Independent Councillor representing Kinross-shire.

I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who voted for me and to everyone who helped me in my campaign. I couldn't have done it without you.

I would also like to congratulate all those who were elected and to offer my heartfelt condolences to those who were not. Election day is always a seriously pressurised and emotional day for everyone involved.

A Council meeting was held on the afternoon of the election where the Chief Executive introduced his executive team.

On Saturday 7 May, discussions between political groups started, with a view to councillors getting to know each other and to decide on the structure of the Council. In essence, Councils normally have an administration and an opposition. The administration leads the Council and has to have sufficient Councillor support to get its policies adopted.

The results of the election were: 16 SNP, 14 Conservative, 4 Independent, 4 Liberal Democrat and 2 Labour Councillors.

The four Independents have agreed to form a group and have agreed not to go into Administration with the SNP. However, we have encouraged the SNP to work in a collegial and mature way with respect being shown to all elected members, regardless of their political party allegiances.

Part of the negotiations involves committee memberships and membership of outside bodies.

There are currently approximately 16 committees with varying membership numbers and roughly 65 outside bodies. Each committee has its own remit and it will be decided at the first Full Council meeting, what the final committee structure and remits will be. As you can imagine, this can be a lengthy process, indeed in 2012 it took several weeks! I will update you further, once this has been finalised.

I have already started pursuing many of the issues which were raised with me when I was speaking to constituents around the area.

For example, I have asked the Executive Director Communities to provide me with an update on Milnathort Primary School. The buildings have been designated as Category C. Which the Council defines as 'Poor - Showing major problems and/or not operating optimally (the school buildings and grounds impede the delivery of activities that are needed for children and communities in the school)'.

That is not to say that the school is bad, or that the teaching is poor. Speaking to parents of children at the school, they are generally very happy with it. It merely reflects the state of the buildings and grounds. However, I think the children of Milnathort deserve better, so I will pursue the issue.

I will be updating my Facebook page during my term and you can follow and comment on what I am saying on it. To find the page, search on Facebook for 'Dave Cuthbert Independent Councillor' and click on the link. If you want to follow what I am up to, please feel free to like the page.

On a completely different matter, I have noted the proposal to build a new Aldi supermarket off Auld Mart Road in Milnathort. I won't give a view on this proposal as I it looks likely that I will be on the planning committee and if I have expressed a view in advance, I won't be able to take part in the debate due to planning law!

However, you can comment and I would encourage you to do so, as the consultation will probably be used to frame the final application, should it go ahead.

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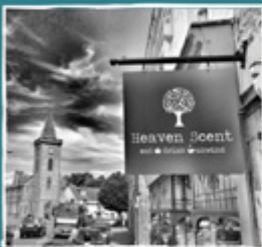
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Perthshire is blessed with beautiful scenery and roads that are favoured by motorcyclists but over the past few years that is not been without its tragedies. The consequences of being involved in any crash while riding a motorbike can be serious. Motorbike riders should not over estimate their own abilities and should at all times ride defensively. The majority of road crashes are avoidable and often involve basic errors of judgement being made.



There are a number of things you can do to reduce the risk of crashing on a motorbike:

- Take time to negotiate bends on rural A roads
- Take extra care at junctions – remember in a busy environment or built up areas you could get lost to other drivers in all the activity
- Take care when overtaking and only overtake when it is safe to do so
- Know your cycle and how to manage it if you do start to feel like you are losing control.

Clothing is particularly important when riding a motorbike. Your clothing is important for your visibility and for your safety. During the day you should ensure you are wearing bright or fluorescent colours over your protective clothing and in the evening reflective clothing should be worn. A helmet is required by law when riding a motorbike.

I would also encourage other road users to;

- Look carefully for motorbikes when you pull out at a junction. If you're approaching a junction, look out for motorcyclists pulling out too.
- Keep your distance, driving too close can intimidate a less experienced motorcyclist.
- Check for bikes when changing lanes, a motorcyclist may be in the space you want to move into, or moving into it fast. Remember your blind spot.
- Check for bikes when turning, parked cars or large vehicles can obstruct your view of a motorcyclist.
- Motorcyclists might pass you on either side – double-check for motorcyclists, whether you're turning left or right.

Recent Incidents

Between 9pm, Monday 9 and 2pm, Tuesday 10 May, 2 Kinve solar panels were stolen from the roof of a property in Church Street, Milnathort. (CR/21152/22)

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...if I want to contact the police anonymously?

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...to find out more about home safety services?

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Police Scotland – local community

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Community officers for Kinross-shire:

PC Martin Gemmell.

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Community Inspector for Perth South (Strathearn, Strathallan, Almond & Earn, Kinross-shire): **PI Craig Stephen.**

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THE GRATE ESCAPE

PUPILS AT PORTMOAK PRIMARY School became concerned when they found amphibians trapped in drains at their school in Kinross. The pupils noticed there were toads falling into the drains, and realised intervention was necessary to rescue them otherwise they would certainly die. The school has a lovely wildlife pond used every year by frogs, toads and newts for breeding. The pupils didn't want their amphibians to suffer in the drains as they look forward to seeing tadpoles as well as a host of other creatures in the pond during their study of nature and the environment.

Why were the unwary animals falling in the drains? Toads, frogs and newts emerge from hibernation in the spring and head straight for breeding pools on an annual migration. It is primarily during this period when they unwittingly fall into drains. When they do, they are unable to escape. As a result, they perish through

drowning, starvation or pollution poisoning. There is no escape for them as the walls of the drains are too smooth for the animals to get a grip, despite being very good at climbing. Although they are unable to scale the slippery sides of the drains they would climb if they could get a grip and fortunately there is a solution!

A device is available, similar to a ladder, which can be provided to help the amphibians save themselves. Trevor Rose and daughter Abigail of Rose Design Services Limited, visited the school and fitted the amphibian escape devices, (ladders) in each of the drains. This means that any frogs, toads or newts that fall into the drains



in the future can instinctively climb the ladders to safety.

The ladders are constructed of stainless steel with a special plastic mesh



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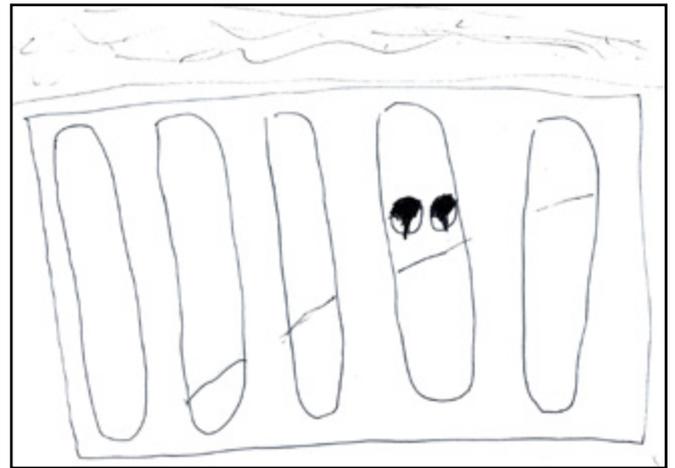
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Quite why so many amphibians fall into the drains is to some extent difficult to qualify, but certainly many fall in by mistake during their spring migration to breeding ponds. Some reports suggest that up to 10% of amphibians may become trapped in gully pots across the UK every year, a clearly unsustainable situation. Amphibians are in global decline and gully pot entrapment is high on the list of threats to their survival.

The amphibian ladder is a pioneering device still in its infancy but has the potential to contribute to amphibian conservation on a global scale as it becomes more popular. During the works, P7 pupils were invited to observe and were fascinated by the dilemma faced by the amphibians and by the solution to

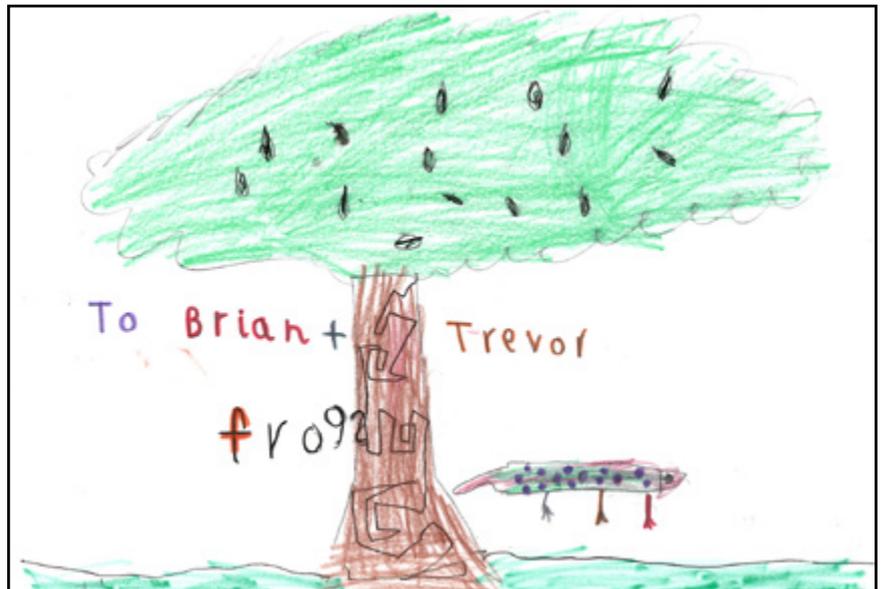
help them out. Trevor and Abigail took time to explain and demonstrate what was happening and answer their many interesting questions.

Catherine Lloyd from Tayside Biodiversity Partnership visited the school as part of a Kinross-shire Hands-on Rain-gardens Workshop in summer last year and was very impressed by the environmental enthusiasm and projects at the school, so suggested that the children might like to have all gully-and-grid

traps in the school fitted with amphibian ladders to allow newts, frogs and toads trapped in the gully pots to climb out and escape.

The amphibian ladders at Portmoak school were funded by the Scottish Government's Nature Restoration Fund, as administered here by Perth and Kinross Council.

Abigail Rose



The Falklands, 40 Years On

Forty years ago this month saw the end of the conflict that lasted for 74 days and cost almost a thousand lives. Andy Middlemiss explains how it all ended.

THERE HAVE BEEN PLENTY of recent articles and TV programmes about the war, its events and background, so here is one local man's experience.

Perth and Kinross resident, Adrian Freer was a young Captain in 3 PARA in 1982, and was at the heart of The Battle of Mount Longdon, on 11–12 June 1982 near the end of the Falklands War. This was fought between the Third Battalion of the Parachute Regiment and elements of the Argentine 7th Infantry Regiment, one of three engagements in a Brigade-size operation that night, along with the Battle of Mount Harriet, and the Battle of Two Sisters. A mixture of hand-to-hand fighting and ranged combat resulted in the British occupying this key position, around the Argentine garrison at Port Stanley.

One of his soldiers remembers:

'The terrain dictated exactly how we advanced. There are great rivers of rock – big white boulders – and you have to cross them, and then there's the heather and the gorse, and it's constantly wet. The wind chill factor was minus 20 de-

grees, with storm force winds and horizontal rain – a nightmare scenario. We are horrible, we're miserable as sin, all of us – we're missing home, we want a dry fag, warm, dry boots, a cheese and onion sandwich, and a bottle of blue top milk. I used to dream of these.

3 PARA and the supporting Royal Engineers from the 9th Parachute Squadron made a desperate march across the hills north of Mount Simon to seize the key piece of high ground above the settlement of Estancia. The weather conditions were atrocious, with the Paras marching through steep, slippery hillocks to the objective.

(One of the most famous images from the conflict was taken by Royal Marines photographer Petty Officer Peter Holdgate. It shows Corporal Peter Robinson 'yomping' to Port Stanley with a Union flag fixed to his radio antenna.)

The battle lasted twelve hours and was costly to both sides. Sgt Ian McKay was to win a posthumous Victoria Cross:

'.....taking three men with him, he broke cover and charged the enemy position. The assault was met by a hail of fire. The corporal was seriously wounded, a private killed and another wounded. Despite these losses, Sergeant McKay, with complete disregard for his own safety, continued to charge the enemy position alone. On reaching it, he despatched the enemy with grenades. Sergeant McKay, however, was killed at the moment of victory, his body falling on to the bunker. Without doubt, Sergeant McKay's action retrieved a most dangerous situation, and was instrumental in ensuring the success of the attack. His was a coolly calculated act, the dangers of which must have been too apparent to him before-



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hand. With a complete disregard for his own safety, he displayed courage and leadership of the highest order, and was an inspiration to all those around him.'

3 PARA lost seventeen during the battle; one Royal Engineer attached to 3 PARA also died. Two of the 3 PARA dead were only seventeen years old, and Private Neil Grose was killed on his 18th birthday. Forty British paratroopers were wounded. A further four Paras and one REME craftsman were killed, and seven Paras were wounded, in the two-day shelling of the hill that followed. The Argentinians suffered 31 dead, 120 wounded, and 50 taken prisoner.

Adrian, who went on to become a distinguished army commander in Kosovo, and Africa, as a Major General, told me it was a 'Close Run Thing,' as Wellington said at Waterloo, and his soldiers were not far off the limit of what they could sustain. But, thanks to good training, fitness, mental resilience and fortitude, they won through.

'I wouldn't have liked to do another few days in those conditions, with winter about to arrive', said Adrian. He is now President of the local branch of SSAFA – The Armed Forces Charity, and is passionate about helping those veterans who have some need or another.

Another battle involving many Scottish soldiers was The Battle of Mount Tumbledown on 13-14 June 1982. The engagement was an attack on the heights over-looking Stanley, the Falkland Islands capital. Mount Tumbledown, Mount William and Sapper Hill lie west of the capital. The assaulting British forces were the 2nd Battalion, Scots Guards, 42 Commando, Royal Marines Mortar Platoon, and four light tanks of the Blues and Royals.

One of a number of night battles that took place during the British advance towards Stanley, the battle led to British troops capturing all the heights above the town, allowing the town's capture and the surrender of the Argentine forces on the islands.

SCOTS GUARDS

By 9am, the Scots Guards had gained the high ground east of Tumbledown Mountain. The Gurkhas commenced deploying



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across the heavily shelled saddle, from Tumbledown south to Mount William, which they took with the loss of 8 wounded. The Scots Guards had lost eight dead and 43 wounded, and took 30 prisoners. The bodies of 30 Argentine Army and Marine soldiers were found in and around the 5th Marine Battalion perimeter. After nine hours of fierce fighting, at night, including hand-to-hand combat, British forces captured the hill.



Scots Guardsman Danny Wight lies in Mortonhall cemetery, Edinburgh, just yards from my own soldier father's grave. One of his best friends was George Ponton from Kinross.

After the battle, Pipe Major James Riddell of 2 SG stood near the top of the mountain and played his bagpipes. He played a quick march he had composed 'on the back of a fag packet'. He named the tune 'The Craggs of Tumbledown Mountain'.

The following day, British forces retook Stanley and the Argentines surrendered: 649 Argentinians, 255 British service personnel and three Falkland Islanders were killed in the war.

Andy Middlemiss BEM DL

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HAY FEVER

Hay fever is usually worse between late March and September, especially when it's warm, humid and windy. This is when the pollen count is at its highest.

Symptoms of hay fever include:

- sneezing and coughing
- a runny or blocked nose
- itchy, red or watery eyes
- itchy throat, mouth, nose and ears
- loss of smell
- pain around your temples and forehead
- headache
- earache
- feeling tired

If you have asthma, you might also:

- have a tight feeling in your chest
- be short of breath
- wheeze and cough

Hay fever will last for weeks or months, unlike a cold, which usually goes away after 1 to 2 weeks.

How To Treat Hay Fever Yourself

There is currently no cure for hay fever and unfortunately, you cannot prevent it. But you can do things to ease your symptoms when the pollen count is high.

DO:

- put Vaseline around your nostrils to trap pollen

- wear wraparound sunglasses to stop pollen getting in your eyes
- shower and change your clothes after you have been outside to wash pollen off
- stay indoors whenever possible
- keep windows and doors shut as much as possible
- vacuum regularly and dust with a damp cloth
- buy pollen filter for the air vents in your car and a vacuum cleaner with a special HEPA filter

DON'T:

- cut grass or walk on grass
- spend too much time outside
- keep fresh flowers in the house
- smoke or be around smoke – it makes your symptoms worse
- dry clothes outside – they can catch pollen
- let pets into the house if possible – they can carry pollen indoors

A Pharmacist Can Help With Hay Fever

Speak to your pharmacist if you think you have hay fever. They can give advice and suggest the best treatments, like antihistamine drops, tablets or nasal sprays to help with:

- itchy and watery eyes and sneezing
- a blocked nose

LOCAL ADVICE HUB

The Advice Hub is a partnership between Kinross-shire charity 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

Declan Jones, the social prescriber, will also facilitate these appointments and can 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. Declan can be contacted on 07557 488902 or email declanjones@pkc.gov.uk

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COMPLETE LOOK NEWS!

EVIE SIMPSON HAS BEEN with us for 3 years now, working on reception while she trains at UHI for her HND in Beauty Therapy. She'll be fully qualified in June, and to celebrate her becoming a permanent member of the team, she's offering a range of special offers on selected treatments in June.

Evie is a wonderful member of The Complete Look family. Keen to learn and always positive and welcoming to staff and customers alike. She's impressed her tutors too, winning the Eve Taylor Student of the Year award at UHI in her first year of training.

Evie told us she'd always considered a career in beauty but it was only on leaving school and working in the salon on her gap year, that she realised that this was the route she wanted to go down.

'The more time I spent at the salon learning about the different treatments, the training required and the personal and professional development that the beauty industry offered, the more I knew that this was the career for me.'

Despite the challenges of the pandemic, where all her training moved online, Evie remains positive.

'It was really challenging to try and learn techniques and treatments without being able to get practical experience

20% off selected treatments in June including massage, facials, manicures, pedicures, waxing and tinting.

but it allowed me to spend much more time on the theory aspect of the training, so I think in the end, it has made me more knowledgeable.'

All The Complete Look team are delighted to have Evie on board and Catherine said, 'We are delighted to welcome Evie to the team as a therapist. She's been a great asset to us on reception, where she engages really well with our customers and is always ready with a friendly smile. She has done so well at UHI and we're really proud of her. We wanted to showcase her talents to our customers so that's why we're offering a range of treatments with Evie with discounted rates as she continues to develop her skills.'

Evie will be offering a range of treatments at 20% off throughout June including massage, facials, manicures, pedicures, waxing and tinting. Treatments can be booked at the salon, on the website www.thecompletelook.co.uk or by downloading The Complete Look App.

Kinross Hub June Calendar

2 CLOSED	3 AM - booked	4 AM HomeStart Kinross Buddies group If you need more info call - 01738 638847 1.30pm - 3.30pm Helen from CATH will support with form filling - PIP, Universal Credit etc 07739 858947	5 10am to 12.30pm Brake not broken Danielle will be there to offer advice, connecting to support and also for foodbank referrals. 07538 913807	6 10am to 12.30pm Declan Jones, Social Prescriber - Community Connecting/Signposting 07557 488902
9 AM - booked PM Lighthouse Offering drop-in crisis support for mental health 0800 121 4820	10 AM - booked	11 AM HomeStart Kinross Buddies group If you need more info call - 01738 638847 2pm - 4pm PKC Social Work for signposting and support. 01577 867300	12 10am to 12.30pm Brake not broken Danielle will be there to offer advice, connecting to support and also for foodbank referrals. 07538 913807 2pm - 4pm Appointment only Citizen's Advice Bureau offering advice and information. 01738 450508	13 10am to 12.30pm Declan Jones, Social Prescriber - Community Connecting/Signposting 07557 488902
16 AM - booked	17 AM - booked	18 AM HomeStart Kinross Buddies group If you need more info call - 01738 638847 1.30pm - 3.30pm Helen from CATH will support with form filling - PIP, Universal Credit etc. 07739 858947	19 10am to 12.30pm Brake not broken Danielle will be there to offer advice, connecting to support and also for foodbank referrals. 07538 913807 1.30pm to 3.30pm Lynne from Tayside Hearing Voices will offer information and support for anyone experiencing symptoms of psychosis, unusual beliefs or paranoia, who signposting to their service for covers and residence. 07394 438429	20 10am to 12.30pm Karen from PKC Skills & Employment offers support & advice re CVs, job search, support after redundancy etc. 07867 351266
23 AM - booked PM - Lighthouse Offering drop-in crisis support for mental health 0800 121 4820	24 AM - booked	25 AM HomeStart Kinross Buddies group If you need more info call - 01738 638847 2pm - 4pm PKC Social Work for signposting and support. 01577 867300	26 10am to 12.30pm Brake not broken Danielle will be there to offer advice, connecting to support and also for foodbank referrals. 07538 913807 2pm - 4pm Louise from PKC Housing Team for housing advice and signposting to their service. 07817 552238	27 11am to 3pm Social Security Scotland offering advice on their benefits - Carers Allowance Supplement, Child Disability Payment, Funeral Support Payment, Best Start Grants etc. 0800 182 2222
30 PM - Lighthouse Offering drop-in crisis support for mental health 0800 121 4820	31 AM - booked	 <p>While these sessions are usually drop-in, currently you must either phone the number for the agency you wish to connect with or contact: Shona 07896 280843 shona.fowler@nhs.scot Declan 07557 488902 declanjonas@pkc.gov.uk</p>		

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Rook, twig

Prompted by 'The small things which add up to a life.'

The trees were bare,
The sky was blue
And in that sky
A black rook flew,
Carrying a twig.
The rook, the twig,
The black, the blue,
Nest, instinct, flight,
Fresh, real and new.
Simply, just a twig.
It's not for me
You live, intent,
Your life, a gift,
A moment, spent.
Black rook, life, a twig.



Burleigh Bloke

Tides of Change

With tides of change,
life ebbs and flows,
challenges are the flotsam,
Stresses rise ever higher,
healthy outlets
recover fast
others implode or expire!
Steadfast love-
the keel of the heart
as life rocks-
from shore to shore.

Gratitude,
the saving grace,
knowing
you've no need for more.
Love,
a powerful shielding force-
that never doubts the course.
Tides of change,
will come and go
and I will love you still.

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My Sister 40 Years On – Moved By Joy

Winning Ways

by Jo Middlemiss

YOU MAY HAVE BEEN reading recently about Deborah James who has publicised her experience of living and dying with bowel cancer. She has done an amazing thing by talking openly about her struggles, raising millions for research and about her gradual acceptance of death and the leaving of her precious family. I have a similar story to tell. It's an old story but still very fresh to me.

An unbelievable 40 years ago, in the last few days of June, my sister Maggie died from a swift and brutal cancer. A cancer which grew along with a pregnancy, and led to her death two and a half short years later. She was only 31 and a new mother. She was a bright and successful doctor, talented in many ways and pretty unique in many others.

She was an unlikely trailblazer. She married her Indian husband, Srini, at a time when that crossed many traditions of colour, race and creed. Many advised, in their ignorance, that it would never work. They were wrong. Maggie and Srini emigrated to Canada, where they had a few happy years together. Even though they were both doctors, palliative care was in its infancy, and she suffered much, as she tried to keep going for her baby son, Francis.

Secretly, during the last 8 weeks of her life, she made a tape recording for Francis telling him all about her life, and their life together, and her thoughts and feelings about her own impending death. Her wish was that the boy would be given the tape on his 21st birthday. Her marvellous husband kept the tape, and all his promises to Maggie, and so the tape lay hidden for 19 years.

When Francis was 21, he listened to the tape, and although it was for him, he immediately shared her precious message with our mother, and all her siblings (there were 7 of us). We listened breathlessly. It was extraordinary to hear her voice after all those years. Once I got over the emotion of that, I listened to the tape with a great deal of care. What she had to say, along with all sorts of funny family details was definitely worth sharing, and has influenced me to this very day.



We had looked forward to growing old together, but that was not to be. Funnily enough, there is still hardly a day when I don't think about her. It isn't just the story of the tape or the sadness of her early death that I want to share with you, but her message for life in the face of seeming disaster.

She asks not why this should happen to her, but rather 'Why not me?'. 'It happens to others, why not us?'

'It doesn't really matter what happens to you in life, it's what you do with what happens to you that matters.'

Even though she was suffering intensely, she took the time to make the tape, which has become a precious legacy for her son, and for all of us who heard it. When I say she was a trailblazer, I don't mean in a punchy, dramatic way but more in a gentle and loving way. She was striking looking, clever and talented, yet her greatest achievement was the manner of her death and the loving legacy of a beautiful son and a powerful message. The word that occurs most often in the tape is 'joy'.

Jo Middlemiss

Jo has compiled a book with her sister's words, Jo's thoughts, and several family letters she received around this time in 1982. The book is called **'What Should I Tell You'**. It is still available for a small donation towards her charity *The Ethiopia Medical Project (EMP)*

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Kinross Community Council News from the April meeting

Present At The Meeting held on 26 April 2022 were Cllr L McKay (Chair), Cllr D Colliar, Cllr H Phillips and Cllr T Stewart, Cllrs C Purves and Cllr R Watters and one member of the public, and minute taker Mrs C Aird

Apologies: Cllr W Freeman, Cllr M Wood, Cllr M Barnacle, Cllr W Robertson and Police Scotland.

Kinross Town Centre

Cllr C Purves advised that whilst a lot of work had been undertaken in respect of the survey relating to the review of the High Street, no results had been received. Cllr Purves advised that the matter had been raised at the local Committee meeting last week where he had requested an update in time for the next meeting. Next steps included collation of the results and a review of the outcomes and recommendations. Cllr Purves to provide an update in due course.

Planning Matters

Planning Applications received

22/0386/FLL change of use of open space to form outdoor seating area/event space, erection of marquees, formation of parking area and associated works (for a temporary period) at land 140 metres east of Green Hotel, Muirs, Kinross

22/0345/FLL extension to dwelling house and formation of roof terrace at 51 Muirs, Kinross

22/00590/FLL permanent siting of portable building to provide toilets (in retrospect) at NatureScot, Pier Road, Kinross

22/00579/FLL extension to dwelling house at Chance Inn House, Kinross

Planning Applications Determined

22/00295/FLL –Extension to dwelling house to form a garage at 25 Montgomery Way, Kinross, approved.

22/00074/FLL erection of 3 dwelling houses (change of house type for plots 4 to 6) at land 110 metres south east of Beaufield, Balado, approved.

21/02252/FLL erection of an industrial unit at land 25 metres east of No 9 Clashburn Road, Bridgend Industrial Estate, Kinross, approved.

21/02188/LAW extension to dwelling house at 12 Wilson Court, Kinross, approved.

21/02189 FLL – alternations and extension to dwelling house at Mulberry Cottage, Easter Balado, Kinross, withdrawn.

21/02149/FLL Formation of storage compound at land 90 metres west of Nelson Car transport yard, Balado Bridge Poultry Farm, Balado, approved.

22/00342/FLL alterations and extension to dwelling house at Chance Inn Cottage, Kinross, refused.

Other Planning Matters

Cllr Colliar raised a previous planning application in 2020 in respect of George V Playing Fields and commented that he had believed that the KCC submitted a letter of objection but that there was no letter noted on the website. He therefore asked members to confirm that the objection agreed at last month's meeting still stood and agreed to forward the appropriate email to Cllr H Philips in order that the letter could be sent.

Cllr L McKay opened the floor to questions from the member of the public in attendance. Members were advised that they

were a co-founder of Unorthodox Roasters and were looking to expand the business in the local area. They were attending the meeting to gather information and advice from KCC on any property or land that was available for them to buy for that specific purpose. There was a long discussion in this respect with a number of options and contacts provided. It was agreed that the CC would write to British Car Auctions to determine their intentions with the site.

The member of the public thanked the CC for their time and very helpful information.

Councillors' Reports:

Cllr R Watters advised that he had spoken with Live Active Leisure regarding the issues relating to the use of the Community Campus, particularly the late cancellation of bookings, early closure of the Campus and the use of the 3G pitches. He advised that there were no reasons given for the local children not to use the 3G pitch, as long as they check with reception as to whether it was booked, and they were responsible. It was noted that the pitch was due to be upgraded in the summer.

Cllr Purves commented that there was a longstanding issue with the Campus around the income generation target set by PKC and he was in discussions with them to reduce this target and allowing some community groups to have use of the facilities at no charge.

With regard to the swimming pool closure, this had been due to exceptional circumstances where a number of staff had been absent at the same time and no-one else was trained in how to use the pump room.

Cllr Watters also advised that the fence around the play park at the Persimmon site had been due to be removed today but this had not happened. He will raise this with Persimmon, along with a number of other issues which been raised while he had been canvassing.

Cllr Purves advised that a CC representative was required to join the local Committee and nominations would be requested shortly.

With regard to the 30mph speed limit of Gallowhill Road, Cllr Purves advised that this would be extended to the second entrance to Lathro Park in this financial year. In 2023/24 financial year, VAS will be erected and speed surveys undertaken. There remain concerns around the increase in traffic in the area as well as on-street parking. Cllr Purves also advised that following a previous survey which resulted in a crossing, which would have been funded by Persimmon, not being installed, this would be reviewed and funding identified. Concerns continue to be raised about the phosphorous levels in the loch and it was noted that the main issue appears to be around the connection to the main sewers as well as the number of houses planned for versus those built. Cllr Watters advised that the Scottish Government had requested a report on the effects of climate change on the lochs in Scotland which had highlighted that the main issue related to the temperatures of the lochs.

Reports From CC Representatives

Cllr Colliar raised the issue of the planters and CC seat at the War Memorial and the damage being caused by inappropriate car parking. He requested a letter to be sent to the Chief

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Executive of PKC requesting a site visit/meeting to discuss options in respect of alternative car parking.

On behalf of the CC, Cllr Colliar wished to place on record thanks to Cllr Purves for his time on the CC and also to wish Cllr Watters well in the forthcoming elections.

Cllr Stewart highlighted the increase of air traffic and associated noise following the relocation of the RAF into the area. It was accepted that the air traffic had increased significantly recently but that this would need to be accepted by residents.

Cllr Phillips enquired as to progression with the wildlife garden as nothing had been heard since the discussion last year. Cllr Purves is to forward the PKC contact details to Cllr Mckay who will follow this up. A post is also to be uploaded onto the Facebook page requesting volunteers to contact the CC.

Cllr Mckay gave an update on a number of items:

She thanked Cllr Watters for his work in arranging for a road sweeper to attend the town

No response had been received in respect of the blue badges on the Town Hall (listed building) – a letter is to be sent to Historic Scotland.

The scaffolding at the computer shop had been causing difficulty for drivers as it had been boarded up. On speaking to the workmen, the boards had been removed and the situation resolved.

Having been damaged, the school crossing sign at Green Road keeps being moved. Cllr Watters is to arrange for the sign to be repaired and placed in the correct position.

No dates had been identified for the castle boat trips to be reinstated. Cllr Watters declared an interest at this point.

An update in respect of the Common Investment Fund was received from Cllr Purves who advised that he had not been able to arrange anything at that time.

The next meeting of Kinross Community Council will be held on on 28 June 2022 at 7.30pm.

Fossoway and District Community Council

News from the May Meeting

Present At The Meeting held on 3 May were Cllrs S Bruce-Jones, A Cheape, G Pye and N Marchant; Associate Community Cllr C Farquhar; Cllrs C Purves, M Barnacle and R Watters and six Members of the Public.

Apologies: Cllr W Robertson, Cllrs T Duffy, F Hansraj-Jackson and G Mudie.

Matters Arising

Community Development Trust: There will be a public meeting on 18 May (originally 11th) in the Church Hall for members to approve the constitution. Hopefully there will be three directors and 20 members.

Fossoway Area Transport/DRT: Cllr Watters will enquire into use of Bus 202 – it's important that the Community use the service to help its continuation.

A977 Mitigation Measures: Cllr Purves had made an application to request speed measuring lines to the west of Crook of Devon and east of Drum- this has now occurred, and we will be sent results. Cllr Duffy had emailed Mark Craig on 4 April regarding regulations for red-light cameras for the traffic lights, but no reply has been received from him as yet.

Crook Moss Travellers Site: Cllr Farquhar has recently visited the site and reported that there has been considerable improvement in the removal of litter and tidying of the site. Cllr Barnacle is about to write to PKC regarding the impact on the Loch Leven Catchment by retrospective applications. Further, in spite of PKC informing us that there are no breaches

of planning at the site numerous planning conditions have not been implemented or enforced.

Community Speedwatch: Currently held up due to change of Police officer for our area. Cllr Bruce Jones noted that we can only carry out monitoring in 20mph and 30mph limits for safety reasons.

Devonshaw Whinstone Quarry: Cllr Marchant reported that a second follow-up online consultation event will take place between Thursday, April 28th and Thursday, May 19th 2022, and can be examined at: www.devonshaw-leisure-park-consultation.com

The CC will not comment further as responses to the previous consultation comments were broadly in line with our views. Cllr Watters had asked PKC Planning Officers whether the SSSI is being appropriately protected, as it doesn't appear that a full site analysis was proposed by the applicant.

Rumbling Bridge Gorge Bridge: A quote has been received which is quite high. Fundraising will be required to deliver the project.

Crook & Drum Growing Together: Cllr Duffy reported that there will be a 'growing workshop' in the Crook of Devon Village Hall on 15 May from 3pm, with tea and cake and a free seed swap. There will also be the opportunity to meet members of this group and to adopt a planter over the summer to water and take off dead flower heads.

Hedges from Rumbling Bridge to Muckhart: This CC is still waiting for a response from Muckhart CC.

Possible Adoption of Spur of U241 Road, Drum: Cllr Barnacle will ask Andy Brown of PKC whether it is currently adopted or not, and ask Community Greenspace if they own the trees. Cllr Bruce-Jones noted that there has also been interest in adopting Station Road in Crook of Devon.

Access to Cash in Kinross-shire: The CC agreed that Cllr Marchant would contact Bank of Scotland to seek an update on the services they operate in Kinross.

War Memorial: Cllr Barnacle has visited the site and PKC have extended the wall at the location where the memorial is to be moved to. The £2000 promised by Profile Projects is currently held up waiting for conclusion of missives in a related development.

New Business

Fossoway Primary School Gates: The CC had received an email raising concern that the school gates were closed outside school hours which blocks access to children from playing there. PKC reported that this was due to unsociable behaviour. Cllr Duffy has written to PKC seeking their views but is still awaiting a response.

Community Council Business:

Meetings Attended: Cllr Bruce Jones attended the Kinross-shire Local community as the CC's representative, with Cllr Hansraj-Jackson as observer, where the following items were discussed:

Speed limit buffer zones are to be created at Blairingone and south west of Crook of Devon.

The new 30mph limit at Carnbo is to be implemented in the next financial year. A traffic survey will be undertaken to review extending the existing 40mph buffer, which has been requested to be undertaken during school term time; meanwhile modifications to the 30mph limits will not be held up awaiting the survey results. A MoP expressed concern about what time of day the survey would be done, but Cllr Watters said it will be a 24hour automatic record.

The Drum U241 link road 20mph limit is to be made permanent. The Back Crook road is to get 'Unsuitable for HGV' signs.

A new Loch Leven Guidance document will extend LDP2. There was concern about phosphate monitoring in Loch Leven – Cllr

Watters said that samples are taken in several areas daily; he also noted that the Scottish Government has published a report about impact of Global Warming on Scottish Lochs. The intention is that LDP3 will include measures to protect the Loch. There was also discussion on whether planning permission to build additional properties should take into account the impact that additional housing is likely to have on the levels of phosphate in Loch Leven – as levels for April 2022 are already high and likely to increase during the course of the summer months.

Minutes Secretary: The search for a volunteer continues, but with no candidates. In the interim the CC members will continue to undertake the task in rotation.

Councillors' Reports:

Callum Purves: It's very important that the CC gives feedback about the local committee in order to ensure that its value is understood. Cllr Purves thanked the CC for their support during his tenure, and especially for the creation of the local Committee.

Richard Watters: Expressed his thanks to Cllr Barnacle and Purves for their support in working together to address local issues irrespective of party affiliations.

Michael Barnacle: Cllr Barnacle had contacted PKC's Blair Watt for an update on the A977 mitigation measures and received the following: School Road Junction – The traffic signal design work for the project has been completed and civils almost designed. Mr Watt is confident that Tayside Contracts install the signals this calendar year. Drum Signalisation: A consultant is being appointed to design the works and it is intended that the works will be carried out over the course of this calendar year. B9097 Realignment: A consultant is being appointed to design the works, which is anticipated to be completed during this calendar year with the junction re-alignment completed before the end of the financial year.

Planning:

Note that the first application below was discussed by email as the comment due date was before this meeting.

New Applications

22/00556/FLL Extensions to dwelling house, erection of porch and formation of raised decking at Ivybank, Drum, Kinross KY13 0UN. No CC Comment.

22/00581/FLL Erection of replacement clubhouse at Fossoway Tennis Club, Church Road, Crook of Devon. The CC will send a supportive comment.

Appeals

21/00001/FLL S42 application to delete condition 6 (access upgrade) of permission 20/01319/FLL at Land 180 metres south west of Powmill Cottage, Rumbling Bridge. At the 14th September LRB meeting the application was deferred pending a view from the legal team.

Decided Applications:

22/00229/FLL Erection of a dwellinghouse and office (class 4) (revised design) at Burn View, Rumbling Bridge, Kinross KY13 0QG. The application was approved, the CC had made no comment.

22/00191/FLL Change of use of stable to form ancillary accommodation unit at The Knowe, Rumbling Bridge, Kinross KY13 OPT. The application was approved, the CC had made no comment.

22/00205/FLL Alterations and extension to dwelling house at Quarrylea, 10 Gartwhinzean Loan, Powmill, Dollar FK14 7LU. The application was approved, the CC had made no comment.

AOCB:

The CC would like to thank Cllr Purves for his support over the last five years especially his focus on helping the rural

communities have better access to full fibre broadband through the Gigabit project. Also his valiant efforts working with us to maintain a banking presence in Kinross-shire which are still ongoing.

Cllr Duffy sent the following personal message to Cllr Barnacle, which was read out in the meeting:

Dear Mike,

I am sorry not to be able to thank you in person at this last meeting you will attend as a local elected member. I am sure that the CC will have dealings with you in the very near future, as will I.

The first time I saw you was when I was visiting Crook of Devon to see whether I wanted to live here: you were running around in a kilt organising the setting up of the Gathering in 1997. Many years later we came together in the new Gathering group to resurrect the Gathering, with great success.

I have been involved in the CC since 2006 and over all this time and before, you have been a continuous presence; working for what was good for Kinross-shire and in particular Fossoway. Many battles have been fought; some won, some lost. It may actually be that one of the longest running sagas in your career: the Blairingone War memorial may just be resolved in this calendar year!

Your sense of detail is legendary, as is your memory and the ability to find a piece of paperwork in that giant briefcase of yours.

The CC, representing the community of Fossoway, would like to thank you for all the work you have done, from mitigating measures on the A977, to mobilising the community to contribute to the local plan, as well as the many more private issues of residents you have been able to resolve. But first and foremost, for your dedication, tenacity and genuine enthusiasm to work for and with the community.

The next meeting of Fossoway and District Community Council will be held on Tuesday 7 June 2022 at 7.30pm, Powmill Moubray Hall. All welcome!

Portmoak Community Council

News from the May Meeting

Present At The Meeting held on 10 May were Cllrs A Miller (Chair), D Morris (Vice-Chair), S McGregor (Secretary), K Donaldson; S Forde, D Paterson, G Smith, and 3 members of the public.

Apologies: A Davidson (Treasurer); Cllrs W Robertson, R Watters, N Freshwater, and D Cuthbert.

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Comments and Approval

S Forde: request to circulate minutes as early as possible in month. The Secretary apologised for delayed circulation of Apr 22 minutes to email subscribers, though Minutes had gone into Newsletter, and out on social media.

Councillors Reports

Cllr D Morris wished to highlight that Cllr M Barnacle was retiring after 23 years of dedicated service for which PCC would like to thank him for his considerable contribution during this time.

Matters Arising

Kinross-shire Committee (KC) – update: The Chair had attended the KC meeting in April at which the main discussion was around pollution in Loch Leven which is currently quite extreme, due in part to lack of rainfall, but also pollution going into loch. There was a discussion around the possibly reasons for this, a likely combination of increase in effluent because of the large amount of new homes being built in Milnathort and Kinross, but also likely additional pollution was coming from agricultural run-off. Sandy soils in the area were contributory to soil erosion in water run-off and dust clouds during dry seasons may be evidence of a need for changes to agricultural practices locally. Further the Milnathort sewage system was reputed to be unable to cope with sewage and flood water during periods of heavy rain, allowing untreated sewage into Loch Leven. Chair commented that a change is needed in the overall emphasis where treatment occurs at primary plants and that Scottish Water and Developers should be required to mitigate. The Secretary suggested that, in the water treatment industry, treatment of effluent may be often be reactive where high levels of phosphates and pollution are found in tests of already treated sewage and effluent, where really more regular testing of treatment environments prior to effluent release should point to proactive treatment and attempts to prevent high levels of phosphates and pollution being released. K Donaldson speculated that upgrade of the sewage treatment plants seemed overdue.

Minutes of the KC: there had previously been dissatisfaction at the release dates for KC meeting minutes. Under PKC policy meeting minutes are only released within a week of the subsequent meeting. Cllr D Morris advised that, in contrast, Fife Council policy requires officers to produce draft minutes within one week after any meeting. It was felt that Cllrs need to address this issue with PKC policy makers. Cllrs had asked that because this is a pilot scheme, that the pilot be extended by a further six meetings.

Minutes of the KC Transport Committee from Mike Barnacle had been circulated by the Secretary. A member of the public who had once sat on the KCTC clarified that this was an established committee which has met for a number of years. Cllr D Morris also knew of the committee. It was agreed that establishment of the Kinross-shire Committee pilot scheme is a higher priority at present.

Road Safety Action Update: Cllr W Robertson had circulated the confirmation from PKC Roads that speed cushions that had been removed from Kinnesswood would be re-positioned at the Causeway entrance to Scotlandwell. Also confirmed was the 40mph speed restriction along the Scotlandwell

-Auchmuirbridge stretch of the A911 will be put in place, as voted for by the KC. PKC had warned, however, of ongoing delays in projects being completed.

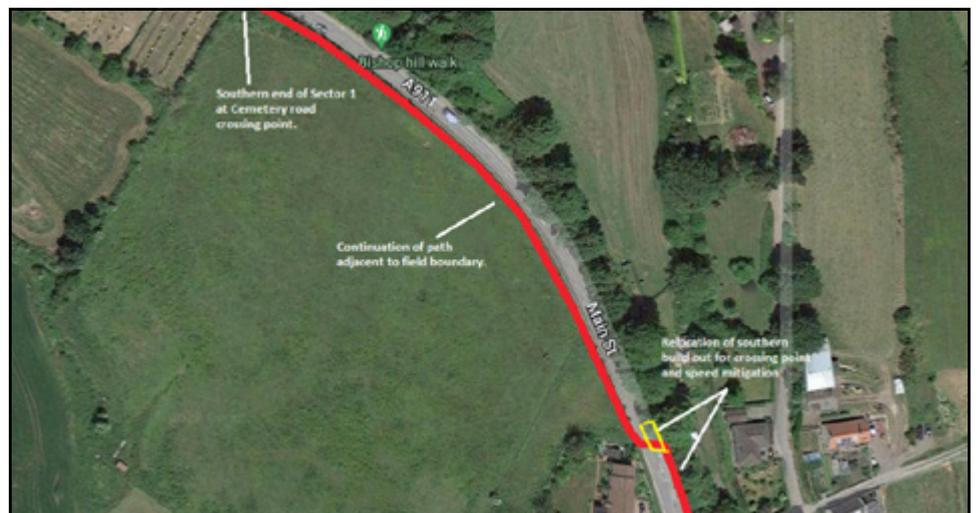
Cllr D Morris commented on his comparative observation between roads in Scotland and those in Norway where road benches are used right across roads, often in combination with pedestrian crossings, in many situations to reduce traffic speeds rather than speed cushions. Also in Norway, there is usually a wide pavement that is physically separated from the road for use by pedestrians and cyclists. PCC should insist that such road safety measures are included in the A911 route plan. Cllr D Paterson agreed with this suggestion, pointing out also that speed cushions do not slow the speed of vehicles with wider wheel bases, such as tractors, lorries, and vans which were able to straddle the speed cushions. Chair highlighted the use of raised speed tables in areas of Fife such as Ballygry. PKC seemed behind in non-adoption of these more effective measures.

Glenlomond tree felling and clearing at entrance to village: the sale of the Glenlomond development site had fallen through. The site owner has now fenced off two plots which are intended for sale. There has been no further damage to the part of the site close to Dryside Road. The village has organised tree planting around the old bowling green, and installation of planters and a bench at the entrance to the village as the first part of the 'Phoenix project' funded by the Community Investment Fund.

Scotlandwell to Portmoak Church Path: In April the Chair, Vice Chair and K Donaldson met to walk the routes and area. The Chair then created a route plan with map showing a best option route. This was circulated to PCC members and Cllrs for review. Unfortunately, due to timing with elections, the outgoing Cllrs had not been able to all give their full assent to the route before they stepped down. As W Robertson and R Watters are continuing it is hoped they will continue to fully support the proposed route, and that the new Cllrs will also. Following a feasibility study, next steps will involve investigating funding options, whereby PKC's costs may be mitigated. There was PCC agreement that the Cllrs' full support should be sought to force this project forward.

Cllr S Forde highlighted the Church of Scotland's intention to close and sell Portmoak Church, suggesting this could help in securing the route of the new path. Cllr D Morris agreed in part that in the future it may be helpful to have another parcel of land for a more direct route.

PCC have defined the best-option route as shown below, with Portmoak Church at top left, and Scotlandwell village at lower right of route. PCC invite anyone who has comments to submit them to the Secretary at Secretary@Portmoak.org or raise them at the next PCC meeting on Tuesday 12/07/22 (no June meeting).



Wester Balgedie Farm development – correspondence to PCC from Developer: The Secretary had received correspondence from the Developer who had chosen not to hold a pre-planning Community Liaison meeting, but had engaged directly with Wester Balgedie residents to discuss the pre-planning designs. The developer had shared the designs with PCC. The Chair thought if Developer was engaging with the locals pre-planning by courtesy then this was an approach that was to be commended. D Morris did not feel that the CC should take a pro-active approach on a development that was not yet live for planning approval. Instead if any concerned parties have comments either before or after planning is submitted, they can raise these to PCC through the usual channels.

Play facilities at Scotlandwell Green: Cllr S Forde had instigated the issue of the play facilities needing upgrade. Cllr W Robertson had raised issue to PKC, who had in turn confirmed an upgrade was budgeted this year. On the matter of the grass cutting, PKC Community Greenspace confirmed grass cutting completed every 2 weeks, though this was doubted by attendees who lived locally to the Well Green. The Green is a washing green and would have historically been cut regularly, but now the area is a play area and the only play area in Scotlandwell and needs regular maintenance.

Rookery at Scotlandwell Washhouse: Chair trying to find out who or what team at PKC who would handle this item. Any action would have to remain on hold at present until the end of the summer as it is still nesting season.

New Matters:

Pavement width at the Lomond Inn: Secretary to measure pavement with to check adherence to planning width of 1.2m.

Planning

New Applications

22/00674/FLL Erection of a dwellinghouse (revised design – change of house type to plot 3) Land 20 Metres North Of Bonaly Cottage Main Street Kinnesswood. PCC: no comment

22/00671/FLL Alterations and extension to dwellinghouse, formation of balcony with raised decking area, steps and associated works. 24 Whitecraigs Kinnesswood Kinross. PCC: No comment

Existing Applications:

21/00997/FLL Erection of 22 dwellinghouses, 3 garages and a garage with ancillary accommodation, formation of SUDS pond, landscaping and associated works (LDP site H54) Land 100 Metres South East Of Cragton Villa Rost Gardens Scotlandwell.

Follow up to Ardbeg Homes Community Meeting held on 27 April 22:

The Chair thanked Ardbeg Homes and the various attending representatives for the opportunity of the Public Engagement in relation to the H54 Development. It appeared that the event was well attended by the community. The following summary assessment was provided by the Chair based on his discussions with the developer and representatives present. It was reiterated no live application was in place and therefore the comments represented an evaluation of the revised proposals relative to the original withdrawn scheme.

The overall proposal was for the same number and density of units (22 No.) with the allocation of 6 No. 'self-build' plots. The baseline cost of the plots was not disclosed. Base price for development housing was now quoted as starting at £500K. Excepting minor changes to the Design & Access Statement and layout, all documentation was essentially the same as the 'withdrawn' original application. The Chair commented that a review of previous Internal (PKC) and external consultee responses had been made in respect of the current information. It was the view that the current proposal did not address previous contraventions of Policy 1 (Placemaking) Policy 14 (Open Space), Policy 25 (Housing Mix) or Policy 39 (Landscape). The requirement for a detailed

Peat Survey Management & Mitigation Plan, Air Quality Screening Assessment, Detailed Site Investigation, or Scottish Water Wayleave for the main Sewer had not been addressed. The scheme also appeared to show future access to the adjacent field – presumably for development. The Chair and all of the CC members voiced significant ongoing concerns regarding the mis-application of Policy 20 in terms of affordable housing. It was considered inappropriate for PKC to send Officer to attend in support of the 'pilot' affordable housing initiative without clear and defined guidance and process. The representatives present were unable to provide a tangible or succinct account of the initiative, allocation basis, or actual cost. The plots were to be purchased through Public purse funding. The Chair questioned how this could be 'value demonstrated' and was fundamentally juxtaposed to the principles of 'affordable housing'. The CC members voiced significant concerns that majority of original objections remained unaddressed. The Vice Chair raised the possibility of setting up a Scotlandwell 'Community Trust' to potentially examine the purchase of the land under available legislative powers. The Chair identified the next step as a revised scheme pre-application submission to PKC, at which time Policy Compliance should be examined. PCC to discuss concerns with Ward Cllrs and insist on strict adherence to current Policy Guidance.

Cllr DMorris: had taken some advice about how local authority zonations, such as H54, do not take any account of ground conditions, so it is possible a zonation can be put into the local plan yet development doesn't take place. There is very little likelihood despite the public drop-in, that the view of PCC will change and the objections will remain in full, and asked that Cllrs need also to address the question of how much longer would PCC and the community be required to waste time opposing similar developments. Cllr D Paterson queried how if the developer stated he didn't know how deep the peat was how could the removal be costed. Further flood water from Friar Place has not been mitigated for.

Planning Decisions

Progress with Developments:

Westfield Community Liaison Committee: K Donaldson would attend a Liaison Committee meeting next week. Commented on the speed of the large lorries on the road, and also mud on the road. Onsite: a lot of landscaping, scrub clearing.

The Secretary enquired as to the routing of heavy vehicles along the B9097 and what if anything might be done to limit this? Cllr DMorris remarked that the intensity of heavy vehicles will not fully commence until the start of the incinerator, and these issues were all discussed at the time of planning, and no mitigation put in place. Cllr D Paterson commented anecdotally that large vehicles have for many years travelled to and from the Westfield site, at a frequency of 6/7/hour leaving Westfield.

On the subject of off-road path, D Morris updated that Hargreaves were not amenable to creating an off-road path, and PKC were not helpful either on this matter. So this project had been shelved.

Paths Group update: Cllr D Morris updated in brief: there was a lot of gorse being cut back, and this will continue in to the summer. Volunteers are still invited to give even a little time to assist with this valuable local work. Please contact: Anne on 07547 457046.

Treasurer CC Accounts: no change to PCC accounts. No confirmation from Credit Union re: new accounts

AOB:

Core Path MTH139 to Orwell standing stones and MTH127 Arlary to Orwell. D Morris to have a tri-partite meeting with Cllrs W Robertson and landowner in June 2022. Recently D Morris had

encountered farmer onsite of the standing stones, who claimed he was trying to maintain the Core Path MTH139 to the standing stones. Regarding the cross-field path MTH127 the landowner did not believe there was a Core-Path across the field. PCC to continue to address the reinstatement of the two Core Paths.

Springfield Farm Honesty Box: A member of the Public highlighted repeated theft of produce and money from the honesty box at Springfield Farm. Eggs can now be bought by going to the house at Springfield Farm (along the lane and to the left).

PCC Meetings, Online versus face-to face meetings: The Chair raised the item and there was support for both formats and for a mix of these going forwards, particularly for in-person meetings where important items needed to be discussed. Proposal to schedule July 22 PCC meeting at the Village Hall.

PCC June meeting (14/06/22): The Chair will not be available for June PCC meeting. The VC was unsure of his availability, agreement to cancel June 22 PCC meeting.

Election Hustings: The Chair and Secretary had started to look at this event after the April 2022 PCC meeting, but had decided that as only a scant 3 weeks to organise a large-scale event with the cooperation of multiple Community Councils, and between schedules of all candidates, there was insufficient time to do this.

The next meeting of Portmoak Community Council will be held at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 12 July 2022, at Portmoak Hall

Milnathort Community Council

The minutes of the April meeting were not available at the time of going to print.

Kinross-shire Local Committee Notes from the April Meeting

Mike Barnacle, Chair:

I Chaired the second historic meeting of the Kinross-shire Local Committee of PKC on 21 April 2022 which unfortunately had to be held virtually because of continuing Covid concerns. Regrettably we did not have representatives from Kinross and Milnathort Community Councils, but all other members attended.

We agreed the Minutes of the first historic meeting on 20/1/22.

On Matters Arising therefrom; I asked members to note that we have not as yet put forward a motion on the Regional Park issues to the Full Council. We were advised of Nature Scotland's response to Forward Planning, which mirrored that of liaison between Friends of the Ochils and them. Effectively government policy on this continues to evolve with Nature Scotland 'expecting regional parks and countryside management more generally to be picked up as part of the considerations for the 3-year spending review over the next 6 months'. I suggested that further dialogue was required with Nature Scotland and a future area committee could consider a motion to Full Council.

On the Boundary Commission issue, Councillor Purves advised that we should await the outcome of further representations before formulating a Committee response.

In relation to Forward Planning, the suggested workshop had not been held because Cllr Purves and I think it better this is done post the May elections. I have since (13/5/22) emailed those councillors returned a list of possible future agenda items going forward.

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We discussed the Road Safety Update Report; I had requested some years ago consideration of a 50mph limit on all Kinross-shire's roads that PKC is responsible for where the national speed limit of 60mph for cars and motorbikes currently applies. Officers explained the rationale for not recommending this change (although it had been requested in other wards of PKC) which the committee accepted!

Cllr Purves noted that for Gallowhill Road, Kinross a 30mph. extension and a VAS are to be installed in 2022/23 and 2023/24 respectively with a traffic survey scheduled for Summer 2022. Also, once further assessment of the Kinross Town Centre Regeneration Scheme consultation has been completed, a site meeting will be held.

Cllr Purves also addressed the review of speed control measures for Blairforge, Carnbo and Lochran. A 30m.p.h. limit has been agreed for Carnbo in 2022/23 with a survey planned on whether a 40mph buffer east of the village is appropriate and which the community wish to see. Lochran will get a 40mph limit in 2022/23 with a survey planned for Spring 2022 on an extension north to include Greenacres travellers' site where I mentioned the proliferation of accesses in recent years.

I addressed the Report on Drum, where the current 20mph limit is to be made permanent. The request I made, on behalf of the community, for an extension of the 40mph eastwards along the B9097 was not considered necessary but both myself and Fossoway CC disagree. My request for the Back Crook Road between Crook and Drum, that is currently a 20mph limit, to be signed as unsuitable for HGV's was agreed. The Committee asked for the proposals to be enhanced to include further surveys at Blairforge, Blairingone (Vicar's Bridge Road), Drum (B9097) and also Gairneybank (at the request of Cllr Watters).

I introduced the Report on Loch Leven Guidance, which summarised the comments received during the consultation on 'non-statutory' planning supplementary guidance to

support our current LDP2. The guidance supports Policy 46 on the Lochleven catchment in relation to phosphorous emissions from development that affects the loch and requirements for mitigation for private wastewater systems. The principal change to the guidance centred on the definition of 'potential bedrooms'. The Report referenced the Lochleven protocol update between SEPA, Nature Scotland and PKC. Cllr Robertson has been particularly active in pursuing discussion recently between local members, representatives of these organisations and the Catchment Management Group on how we can tighten controls on developments for LDP3 that affect Lochleven (which is such a fundamental special area for Kinross-shire), particularly prompted by the recent Lathro development. He questioned officers on the lack of control of development in light of LDP2 policy that instructs 10% of our housing supply to be provided from Perthshire to protect the Loch. The Committee agreed the Report prior to submission to the Strategic Policy & Resources Committee of PKC but requested a note to be appended regarding local members' continuing concerns on the strength of our policy to protect the loch from over-development.

Finally, Cllr Purves summarised the recent decisions agreed by Kinross-shire Councillors on the recommended funding of £16,013 to various projects under the Community Investment Fund.

Before closing what was to be my final time convening the committee, which Councillor Purves and I had worked so hard to establish, I reminded members of the 'pilot' nature of the Committee, subject to an Evaluation Brief to report at the end of 2022, it being up to the Committee to demonstrate in 2022 that the 'model' is making a difference for Kinross-shire and I expressed the hope that the Committee becomes a permanent feature of PKC's structured timetable going forward.



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Club & Community Group News

Kinross Climate Cafe

United Nations data states that the energy supply (electricity and heat) contributes to 35% of total greenhouse gas emissions, while energy consumption by households leads to 21% of total carbon dioxide emissions. The recent increase in energy prices became an important economic factor in the choice of energy source for our homes. While there is a strong incentive to make a switch to sustainable energy sources, the technology gap can be too large for many families. Knowledge of available funding and future gains from experienced green energy users can be of huge benefit.

Our climate café meeting on 2 May focused on green energy for residential homes. Milnathort Town Hall filled with keen participants who gathered to hear two very interesting talks. Claire Martindale and Joe Giacobazzi shared with us their experience of switching their homes to sustainable energy sources.



Claire's family insulated an older house and made all adjustments to replace their oil-based heating with an air source heat pump and a solar system with the power wall (tesla battery).

Joe Giacobazzi shared his in-depth knowledge of ecohome design that his house represents. He produces electricity with a large solar panel installation and maximises the energy gain through clever use of building materials and a two-way ventilation system.

Although both speakers have made the switch for environmental reasons, they showed that large savings (in the region of £5000 per annum) can be achieved following the initial investment. Even without the solar battery, the stand-alone solar panels can generate in the region of 30% of electricity. Most of this is during the day and without the storage capacity that energy directly feeds into the grid without any financial return. The best solutions are therefore a combination of solar panels with battery and heat pumps. There were several concerned participants who pointed out that for many people the green energy technology is too much to afford.

Both presentations were truly inspirational and the climate café group would like to thank the speakers.

Further advice and details on technology solutions and benefits, as well as access to funding is provided by the Energy Saving Trust online at www.gov.scot/policies/home-energy-and-fuel-poverty/energy-saving-home-improvements/

Our next meeting on 6 June will be our last get together before the summer break. We are planning a visit to Loch Leven RSPB Reserve to meet warden Vicky Turnbull. She will guide us round the reserve to demonstrate how RSPB monitors endangered bird populations. Places are limited so, if you are interested in visiting this beautiful nature sanctuary, please book a place by emailing Gosia at climatecafe@kleo.org.uk. The guided walk is free but donations to RSPB conservations are kindly welcomed.

Everyone is welcome. For more information contact Gosia Stanton by email at climatecafe@kleo.org.uk.

Kinnesswood in Bloom

As you can see from the picture, members have been busy in the school polytunnel with their Thursday afternoon gardening sessions. The children have been very enthusiastic about planting, sowing and weeding. As well as the polytunnel, there are eight raised beds which have now all been planted out. As the children come back for their next gardening session, they are seeing that things they planted a few weeks ago are



Recipe

Supplied by Kinnesswood in Bloom Strawberry Cupcakes

Ingredients

For the cupcakes:

- 175g self raising flour
- 115g caster sugar
- 2 eggs
- 100g Greek yogurt
- 115g butter, melted and cooled slightly
- 100g strawberries, hulled and finely chopped

For the icing:

- 300g icing sugar, sifted
- 150g butter, softened
- 2 tbsp milk
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- pink food colouring
- 6 strawberries, halved, or 12 small whole ones

Method

Heat the oven to 180°C and line a 12-hole muffin tin with cupcake cases. Mix the flour and sugar together in a large bowl. In a large jug whisk the eggs, yogurt and melted butter. Gradually mix the wet ingredients into the dry until there is a smooth batter then fold in the chopped strawberries. Fill the cases about three-quarters full. Bake for 25-30 minutes or until golden. Leave to cool.

Meanwhile make the icing. Beat the sugar and butter together until smooth then add the milk, vanilla and a little pink food colouring and beat to an even pale pink shade. Spoon the icing into a piping bag fitted with a star nozzle, then pipe in swirls onto the cooled cupcakes. Decorate each with a strawberry half or small strawberry.



now growing well. There is always plenty for the children to do. Thankfully John and Pat are on hand to make sure everything is well taken care of at weekends and holidays.

The school will be hosting an 'Environment Day' as part of the Portmoak Festival and the grounds will be open on 10 June for the public to see what is going on in the grounds. As well as the polytunnel area there will be an opportunity to see the newly planted orchard which is part of the Queen's Canopy and also to see the raingarden and learn more about the ladders for amphibians. Groups of children, staff and members of Kinnesswood in Bloom will be on hand to explain what they have been doing and answer any questions. Visitors are asked to wear masks. There may be some surplus plants to take away.

Work parties on Saturday mornings continue to keep Kinnesswood looking good. Our new battery-operated tools are being well used.

In the bus shelter the recycling of blister packs is very successful. If the box is full, please leave a closed bag underneath the recycling unit. We are also aware of the number of walk books which are taken by visitors for a small donation of £1. Sometimes we see walk groups or families walking round the village and following the trail. This book was produced a number of years ago but is still mostly accurate in its descriptions of the village.

Next month, look out for a couple of walks using QR codes. One is being produced by a class at Portmoak, following a talk by David Munro. You can hear the stories of the Cobbles. The other will be produced by Kinnesswood in Bloom and relates to the little models which will be going out at the end of May.

We continue with our Saturday work parties. Weeding has become intensive after the warm weather and rain. You can find details on our Facebook page if you feel like joining us.

Kinross Camera Club

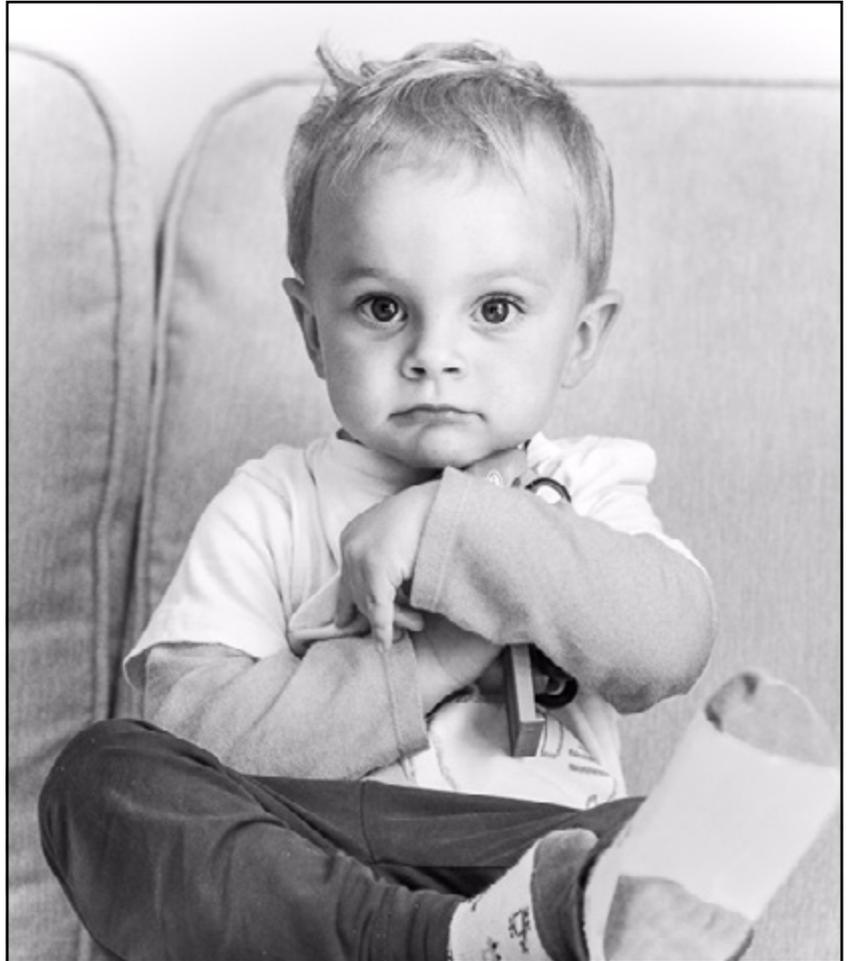
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Kinross Camera Club is a small, friendly and sociable club. We welcome new members throughout the year. If you have an interest in photography, whether you are a beginner who has just picked up your camera or have many years of experience, you will find a warm welcome. Our season runs from September to April and offers a broad mix of excellent speakers, instructional talks, entertaining club nights and helpful practical sessions.

For the 2022/23 season we plan to schedule a combination of both Zoom meetings for those who are unable to attend in person and we will also be back in the main hall of the Kinross Church Centre for some in person meetings again where we can enjoy a catch up over coffee and biscuits. Our regular club nights take place on Thursdays at 7.30pm at the Kinross Church Centre. Full details of our exciting new schedule will be available soon so please check out our website and Facebook page.

In the meantime, if you have any questions and would like to know more about our club, please drop an email to our secretary at secretary@kinrosscameraclub.org.uk.



Picture of the month for June (above) is this beautiful portrait, 'It's Mine' by David Hatton.

If you would like to learn more about Kinross Camera Club and the activities and events coming up later in the year please contact us by email at secretary@kinrosscameraclub.org.uk.

Kinross Garden Group

Our festive lunch took place on Thursday 12 May at the Green Hotel. It was lovely to have a relaxed social occasion and it was a very pleasant meal.

June sees the start of the summer visits; the first since 2019! We will visit Thirlstane Castle at Lauder on 9 June. The bus will start off from Milnathort at 9.30am and the cost is £28, including morning coffee. Please make cheques payable to Kinross Community Garden Group; all payments to treasurer by 1 June. Any problems please phone Lin on 01592 840837.

The next outing on 14 July is to Braco, Dunblane and Kirklands. *More details on the outing and membership can be obtained from Ms C Anderson on 01577 864589.*

Circle Dancing

Circle dancing, what is that? If this is your reaction then please come along and find out. We meet every Tuesday and Wednesday morning in the dance studio, Junction Road, Kinross at 10am for one hour. Dances may be gentle and reflective, or lively and joyful. Each one has its own music and is walked through, so there is no need to worry.

Taster sessions are free. If you would like to find out more about this lovely hobby, please contact Lynne on 07931398098.





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Kinross High School

Celebrating Success

Scarlett Archer, a KHS pupil has exciting news. She's just been awarded a scholarship to play soccer for a college in America. Scarlett will be flying out to Chicago in July to begin her pre-season training with Parkland College in Champaign, Illinois where she will study for an associate degree with the view to moving to a US University 2 years time to complete a Bachelors Degree. This has been Scarlett's dream and everyone is very excited for her.



The Howe of Fife U16s rugby won the Caledonia Cup! Well done Cammy Scott, Archie Morris, Jamie Syme, Kieran Todd and Alexander Menzies.

Willowgate Trips

At the beginning of May all pupils from S1 to S3 were offered the chance to attend an activity day at Willowgate Activity Centre. This was the pupils' first outing since the pandemic, with many not having been able to attend any end of primary school trips prior to transitioning to the High School. We were keen to offer an experience that would allow all pupils to bond within their year groups and make new connections through various activities.

Pupils had a turn at archery and combat archery (think paintball with bow and arrows). They also learned how to build fires from scratch and work as a team through varying tasks, with the rest of the day being filled with paddleboarding and kayaking. It was amazing to see pupils try new activities that they were not necessarily comfortable with prior to attending the trip, whilst overcoming any fears they may have had. We are extremely proud of all the pupils and are very glad they were able to have a day of fun, no matter how wet, after what has been a long period of uncertainty. A big thank you



to all the staff at Willowgate who put on an amazing day for all our pupils. We are also extremely grateful to the Parent Council who provided a sponsorship scheme for any families experiencing financial difficulties, enabling all pupils to take part in this excursion.

This was an extremely successful trip, and we cannot wait to get back to offering further excursions in the next year!

Common Grounds

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On Tuesday 26 April a very interesting talk and slide show was given by Lou Davidson and Elaine on behalf of the Haiti Help Charity. A cheque was presented to them by Gaylor.

This was followed by a successful project lunch which



generated the generous sum of £402.40 for common grounds funds. Our chosen charity for April was Rafiki Thabo which support young people in Africa. In May we supported Forever Angels and in June a medical project in Ethiopia.

We continue to welcome all to our coffee mornings on Tuesdays and Saturdays from 10am-12.30pm. We will also be holding an extra coffee morning on the first Friday of the month; the next one is on Friday 3 June.

We are also delighted to accept the donation of our coffee from Roosters of Kinross; many thanks indeed.

On Saturday 4 June we are celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and hoping that many friends will turn up, possibly wearing a hat or other alternative outfits. Alternatively, just come and enjoy the company. All donations of Jubilee themed food are very welcome!

Common Grounds contacts outside opening hours are Elaine Mathew (Co-convenor) on 01592 840266 or Gaylor Hoskins (Co-convenor) by email at gaylorhoskins@hotmail.co.uk.

Milnathort & Kinross Bridge Clubs



For the final night of our winter bridge sessions in Orwell Bowling Club we held a 'party' night with aggregate scoring. Those claiming victory and their bottle of wine were North/South Alison Houston and Morag Riding with East/West Geoff Bilton and Janet Laird. We had six and a half tables and all enjoyed a supper supplied by Heaven Scent.

At the start of May we had a change of venue from Orwell Bowling Club to Orwell Church Hall.

In the past we enjoyed the company of members from other bridge clubs in Clackmannanshire. Although the number of tables available is limited due to social distancing restrictions, we are still able to accommodate some visitors and guests as a number of the home players have other commitments during the summer months. We recently welcomed Jan King from Dollar playing with one of our members and hopefully others will follow.

New members and visiting players are always most welcome to join in an evening but must inform Gloria Wilson in advance as pre-entry, plus a strict protocol, is in place.

Results

Winners, North/South and East/West respectively:- 2 May, Willie Young/Jane Smith, Geoff Bilton/Janet Laird;

9 May, Beryl Harley/Jan King, Kathryn & Peter Edgerton.

As Jim Marshall (our usual scorer and computer wizard) was not in attendance on Monday 9 May, Sandy Greenhill had to fill his place so a sincere 'thank you' goes to Sandy for taking on this responsibility.

New members and visiting guests are always most welcome to join the play. For further information contact Gloria Wilson (secretary) on 01577 862553.

Kinross and District Art Club

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As reported in the May edition of the Newsletter, KADAC have created a mural for the Men's Shed. David Conner, chair of the Men's Shed, made the request to the club to produce an indoor mural that would celebrate the lovely surroundings that we enjoy in Kinross and would be an inspiration to their members. KADAC rose to the challenge and there was no shortage of volunteers for the project. We did, however, employ the



expertise of Perthshire public artist June McEwan who consulted with the Men's Shed on the design of the mural and helped us by drawing up a programme of action for its

production. We are grateful to June for donating her services to KADAC and the Men's Shed.

KADAC Chair, Dallas Key, then organised the project magnificently from that point on and, with the help of Alison Harrison, who organised the purchase of all the paints and two club members (Greg Drumm and Stewart Niven, both of whom have previous experience of large projects), the amazing image began to take shape. Other club Members dropped by to make a contribution to the composition and the result was the stunning image you can see in these photos.

In other club news we are delighted to have welcomed two new members this month. The club will be in recess from the end of May until Tuesday 23 August and Friday 26 August. We are planning now for our exhibition at the Cleish Village Hall to be held 2-4 September.

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

Kinross Cubs

The cubs returned from the Easter break in mid-April and they had a great first night back of the summer term working on the gardener badge. They were planting sunflower and lettuce seeds, created bug hotels and learning about the different seasons and the tools that are used in the garden.

At the end of April, the cubs had a lovely sunny spring evening

in the garden at the Millbridge Hall doing activities to cover the backwoods cooking badge. They were learning how to light a fire using a fire steel, cooking s'mores on the fire pit and they were cooking soup and hot chocolate using a kelly kettle along with some popcorn. The cubs got very excited when they saw the lid of the tray rising up as the popcorn started to pop out of the tray!

At the start of May we began preparations for our first camp in a couple of years. The cubs were working in groups, putting up tents in the garden. They showed great teamwork as they put up the tents and then took them down and packed them away. Everyone had a great time.

We currently have some spaces for young people aged between 8 and 10 years old. If your child would like to join us then please send an email to the address below for more information.

Volunteering can make a huge difference to young people's lives, as well as your own. From having something to look forward to every week to learning in the great outdoors, being a volunteer is good for you, supporting your own confidence and skills, health and happiness, and community. If you would like to get involved with 1st Kinross Cubs, then please email kinrosscubs@hotmail.com for more details.

Kinross Beavers

The Beavers returned after the Easter break with a fantastic array of activities on the first night. They learnt about their gardening badge by planting sunflower seeds and lettuce. Also, given that a certain 70-year celebration is coming up, they wrote letters to the Queen. The time and effort taken by the Beavers to convey their messages were great to see. We are sure that Buckingham Palace will be delighted to read all their messages, which they will receive in advance of the Jubilee.

The following week we were in the kitchen making fruit kebabs and cheese tortillas. Everyone took great care with hygiene and managing their workspaces with their food. We also had a separate session to look at risks in the kitchen to ensure that everyone knew what was, and was not, safe to do with appliances, utensils, and cooking.

We had an extremely exciting start to our most recent



evening on 6 May, which saw the Beavers invited along to the official opening of the new phoenix hide. As a lodge, we had undertaken a sponsored walk last year to help raise funds for the rebuild. So, for a lucky few, who are still in Beavers, they got to be the face for the official opening, holding the 'ribbon' for NatureScot chair Mike Cantlay to cut (see p19). Well done all! The full lodge then met at Lochore Meadows for orienteering and pond dipping. So we enjoyed a wonderful day all round.

Interested in volunteering with Scouting? It's easier than you think. We have opportunities both behind the scenes and directly supporting young people in our group. With full support and training, you can volunteer on a flexible basis. Not only is it incredibly rewarding and great fun, but you will also learn some brilliant transferable skills. Contact kinrossbeavers@hotmail.co.uk for more information.

Kinross-shire Local Events Organisation

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Jubilee Picnic in the Park

KLEO is organising this event to celebrate the Queen's

Platinum Jubilee on Saturday 4 June at the Market Park (opposite the Green Hotel) from 1pm to 8pm. This will be a fun community event for the whole family with children's activities in the afternoon (1-4pm) organised by Swansacre Playgroup, KYTHE and Saints in the Community, who will bring a street football unit and a quick feet facility. There will also be performances by local dance groups Dance Connect and Matthew Dance Academy and KYTHE youth bands.

Enjoy some outdoor ceilidh dancing with Orwell Ceilidh Band (4pm), followed by Dirt Road-Blues party and sing along with ABBA Gold Tribute band at 7pm! The running order on stage is currently as follows (subject to change):- ABBA Gold, Windchill Dirt Road-Blues Party, Orwell Ceilidh Band, Zosia Stanton, Orwell Ceilidh Band, Kinross Pipe Band, The Pickguards, That's What She Said, S.L.I.P, Nikki Matthew Dance Academy, KYTHE Youth Band, Dance Connect. For timings and final programme visit our website.

You can bring a picnic but there will be hot food stalls and a market area too.

Farmers' Markets

The next market is on **Saturday 25 June** at 10am-2pm on the High Street. 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. There will not be a market in July. The market on 27 August market will be bigger and will take place at the Market Park.

Photo: HKF Photography

Lighting of Beacon in Kirkgate Park

For the Queen's Jubilee beacons will be lit in communities throughout Perth and Kinross on 2 June.

Leven Voices has been asked to take part in this. The beacon in Kinross will be lit at the end of Kirkgate Park at the Pier. Come along to Kirkgate Park for the following:



Kinross In Bloom 200 Club

May Draw

1st	No 65	Mr and Mrs Simpson
2nd	No 64	Alison Rutherford
3rd	No 37	Derek Lawrence
4th	No 16	Beverley Dolan

9.35pm, Piper playing Dui Regnare (written for the event);
9.40pm Bugler plays Her Majesty (written for the event);
9.45pm Beacon lit; 9.45pm Leven Voices singing Song for the Commonwealth.

Leven Voices

This is a fun, informal, drop-in singing group which you can join anytime. No music reading or singing experience is necessary, just come along, sing and enjoy on Tuesday evening! The current block of 10 sessions with Horsecross Arts tutor David Mclean will run until Tuesday 21 June at 7–9pm at Kinross Parish Church. The fee is £4 per session.

Kinross Kacophony Orchestra

This is an orchestra for adults who like to play their instruments in a group with conductor Dougie Flower. All abilities are welcome, but it is handy if you read music. Please don't worry if you haven't played for a while as we are a very friendly and informal bunch. Sessions take place on Wednesday evenings at 7–9pm in Kinross Parish Church. The fee is £5 a session.

Contact and Information

For more information about Leven Voices or the Kacophony Orchestra please contact Bouwien Bennet on 01577 863107 or by email at bouwien@kleo.org.uk. For more information about KLEO events visit our website.

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UA3

What is U3A? Well, it stands for 'University of the Third Age'. That title suggests a rather highbrow and intellectual concern, but nothing could be further from the truth. As stated on the main U3A website, 'It is a UK wide movement of locally run interest groups that provide a wide range of opportunities to come together to learn for fun. Members explore new ideas, skills and activities together'.

There is a backbone section of monthly talks on all sorts of topics in the hope that these will be of interest to the group. However, that is only half of the story. Members are free to join or start special interest groups where like-minded people can meet informally together to follow their particular interest, or to sample something new. The extent of these groups is limited only by the imagination of members, although if you wish to swim the atlantic you might be stuck for company! The whole aim of the U3A is to allow people to have a way to further new interests along with others in a community of friendly people. It is of particular benefit to those who have retired, those who may have lost a spouse or maybe people who have recently moved into the area. However, there is something for everyone, no matter their circumstances, and many of us want a fresh start after the stagnation of the last two years!

The Kinross-shire branch is relatively new and it was flourishing nicely until the pandemic came along. The committee, chaired by Ed Link, did a valiant job of keeping the group going over Zoom in lockdown. However it is hard to maintain momentum when a large part of the branch activities could not go ahead, with some special interest groups proving to be impossible. Now that things are a bit better and people are mixing more, we hope to carry things forward again. We already have a wide range of diverse interest groups such as scrabble, book club, genealogy, military history and so on, but we hope to attract new members and create more groups in the future.

We meet in Kinross Parish Church on the first Tuesday afternoon of the month for our talk, followed by chat and refreshments. These monthly meetings are finished now, resuming in September, but some special interest groups are still carrying. The subs for the next year have been set at £15 and there is nothing further to pay except, for example, outing costs for special interest trips. We hope to have a presence at the farmers' market in August when you can find out more. Please consider joining us and bringing your own ideas to the mix.

If you would like further information, please contact us by email at kinrossshireu3a.chair@gmail.com

Kinross in Bloom



The beginning of May was quiet for us. The planters around the town are still looking good (at the time of writing). By the time you read this the planters will have been stripped of the pansies and our summer plants will be in and the hanging baskets will be up. Our thanks, as always, to the Rugby Club for helping us out with this. Looking ahead, we have ordered 2100 pansies for the autumn.

When we got funding to clean up the Crosswell Fountain there was money left in the pot and I am pleased to say that the lions heads on the fountain will be restored.

During the better weather we are going to clean the Mungle Statue on Swansacre and pay for a sign writer to enhance the lettering so we can all read about Dr Mungle and the work he did for Kinross.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 1 June at 7pm. Anyone can attend, we would love to see you!

If you would like to help in any way (formally or informally) please contact susan.mitchell50@gmail.com.

If you can drive, we are looking for people who can drive the buggy and water the hanging baskets and planters a few times from June to September.



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Guide Dogs

The photo below shows my last pup as she stands surveying Bishop's Hill. I always take my pups up there for a photo before they leave me, so this was her moment.

The house is a lot quieter now and passers-by are no longer greeted by her barks. The Kinross fundraising and support group are about to start appearing at open days and markets again. Our first will be at Hilton of Aldie Farm Open Day on 19 June. We will have a stall with fluffy pups, dog beds, real dogs and the opportunity to chat about all things Guide dog. We hope to see you there.

As usual you can contact me to arrange a talk to groups, attendance at events with or without stall, but most especially if you have ideas or the will to raise money for this life-changing charity. If you are a business looking for a charity of the year (this year or for future years), I can put you in touch with the person to speak to. People who want to raise money to name a puppy or to have a tea party to raise funds for us please get in touch by email at she61@hotmail.co.uk. Many thanks for your continued support.

Kinross & District Rotary Club

www.ribi.org



Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA)

We have, for many years, sponsored young people to attend the amazing week-long residential camp up in the Highlands at Nethybridge, selecting really excellent youngsters for a life-changing week. They have a go at very challenging activities (rock climbing, canoeing, hill walking etc) participate in leadership challenges, and make great friendships with similar youngsters from all over Scotland.

For two years year running we have been faced with the disappointment that the camps were not to go ahead because of Covid-19. So, this year we were really keen to give the current cohort of 16-17 year olds the opportunity to benefit from the RYLA experience.

RYLA Co-coordinator, Andy Middlemiss said, 'We really felt for the youngsters who missed out on so much the last two years. This year we have picked two fabulous young people, and we were delighted they came forward for interview. A big thank you to family members for encouraging them and supporting them. We'd like to thank Art Teacher Hollie Simpson, and Deputy Head Graham Henderson at the High School, for all their help in setting up the arrangements within school and liaising with the young people so well.'

Those selected for the camps in July are Kieran McIntyre and Sasha Hoey. Sasha was picked for the cancelled camp last year and we were delighted to reinstate her. Many congratulations to them on this great achievement of being selected.

It is our joy and pride to pay all expenses; travel, residential costs and for the benefit of top-class instructors and equipment. We will let you know how they get on in the two July camps.

Recent Meetings

On 25 April, we held another informal meeting at the Kirklands Hotel for all interested members and non-members (no meal, theatre-style seating, refreshments and a welcome chance to mingle at the end) in our bid to vary meeting styles to appeal to as many people as possible.

A Local Author

Our speaker was Jackie Sutherland, local author, who recently published *Doctor Behind the Wire* – the diaries of her father, POW Captain Jack Ennis and an army doctor, in Singapore, 1942-45. This gripping account records his experiences in internment; it also tells of her mother's experiences in Changi Gaol and the inspiration





for the 'Changi Quilt', and the story of their great friend, Robert Heatlie-Scott. This is an inspiring story of courage and love, and a true insight into those times. Jackie told us about the lifelong friendship that these three enjoyed in their happier years after the end of The Second World War and showed us some fascinating articles from that time (including Jack's original diaries, written in tiny script) although the quilt is now in the Imperial War Museum. We thank Jackie for an engrossing talk and thoroughly recommend the book: *Doctor Behind the Wire: The Diaries of POW, Captain Jack Ennis, Singapore 1942-1945*.

Our Local Museums

Another local writer, Professor David Munro, joined us on Zoom on 9 May, to tell us about the founding and maintenance of both the Michael Bruce Cottage Museum and the Kinross (Marshall) Museum.

Michael Bruce, the 'Gentle Poet of Lochleven', was born in 1746 and, during his short life, created over 60 poems along with gospel sonnets. The museum in his memory is his birthplace. It was bought by David Marshall and Robert Burns-Begg; the Michael Bruce Trust was created in 1905 and the cottage was made into a museum which can still be visited today.

David Marshall was also involved in the creation of the Kinross (Marshall) Museum. He owned a huge collection of items of local interest which he bequeathed for the enjoyment of local people. This collection was originally housed in the Kinross Carnegie library which was built in 1905, but it was not until 1974 that an accessible museum was created above the Carnegie library with assistance from the Kinross-shire Historical Society. Closed by Perth and Kinross Council in 1996, a year later the Kinross (Marshall) Museum was created as a charitable trust with the aim of opening a new museum for the benefit of the local community and visitors to Kinross. The museum is now presently housed at the Loch Leven Community Campus, adjacent to the library. It is funded by donations and Friends of Kinross Museum subscriptions.

Generations of local school children have benefited from engagement with the museums and the volunteers.

These museums play an important role in keeping our heritage alive and meaningful in a modern world and are well worth a visit. You can also take a walk along the Michael Bruce way. If you are interested in finding out more, there will be a stall at the Jubilee Picnic in June and at the Farmers' Market in August, or go to michaelbrucepoet.com/ and www.kinrossmuseum.org.uk/

Anyone wishing to attend any of our meetings should contact secretary.kdrc@gmail.com

Portmoak Community Woodland Group

www.portmoakcw.org.uk



In a change to our normal behaviour, we're going to relax a bit during the next month, celebrating our community woodlands rather than spending the time, bent double, working on the Moss or in the orchard.

We're also going to be commemorating the life of one of our founder members, the late Jim Shepherd, of Scotlandwell, who contributed so much to the present shape of Portmoak Moss and Kilmagad Wood.

On Saturday, 28 May, those who knew 'Shep' will gather in the Moss for the unveiling of a plaque in his memory. It'll be mounted on the lovely Woodland Trust bench beside the main path and be a long-lasting reminder of how much he loved the woods and wanted others to enjoy them.

Last month we were delighted to welcome the new Director of Woodland Trust Scotland, Alastair Seaman (see photo above), on his first visit to our two woods. It was a good opportunity to show him all the work we have been doing, with the Trust, on restoring the peat bog. Then we took him across to Kilmagad Wood and climbed the hill to show him the view across to Loch Leven.

And that's when something really exciting happened. In what



A walk around Portmoak Community Orchard

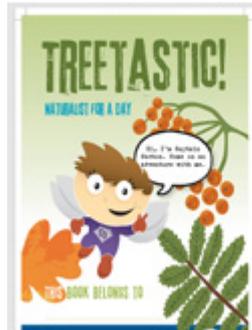
DATE: Sunday 5th June

TIME: 2pm – 4pm

MEETING PLACE: In the Orchard (on the other side of the road from the church car-park)

ACTIVITIES:

A guided walk for adults and children using the new TREETASTIC booklet; puzzles, tree adventures then prizes and refreshments!



we believe is a first for Portmoak Moss we had a fantastic view of a red kite, flying over the trees.

Of course, the more people get to know the woods the more pleasure they get from them. We've been delighted by the success of a booklet for children, called Bogtastic, which introduces them to the Moss by taking them on an adventure with Captain Carbon.

Now we're ready to launch a new, companion booklet, this time for Kilmagad Wood, called Treetastic, which is equally full of puzzles and fun activities. It'll be used for the first time on Sunday 5th June at 2pm when Marje Smith, a member of our group, will conduct a guided walk starting in the orchard. Everyone is welcome. The walk is part of the Portmoak Festival, happily back after the long absence imposed by Covid.

Also in the Festival programme is Jazz on a Summer Afternoon, in the Portmoak Community Orchard, unless it's wet – in which case it'll be in the hall. Dave Batchelor, trombonist, from Scotlandwell, will be there with his band on 12 June 12 from 3pm-5pm. It's a free event and you're encouraged to bring a picnic (and something to sit on). Dave's jazz gigs have always been a popular part of the festival, with a great atmosphere and lots of toe-tapping music.

It'll be preceded by another musical afternoon – Tunes in the Trees – with folk music at the orchard in Kilmagad Wood on 29 May, 3pm-5pm. My goodness, there's a lot to look forward to!

It's wonderful to be able to combine nature and entertainment and we'll be plotting our next events at our regular meetings, on the third Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm at the Well Inn, Scotlandwell. They are open to all.

Kinross Centre

As we step out of spring, hopefully leaving those rain showers behind, we are looking forward to a few more days of summer sunshine. The gardens are starting to bloom and it is nice to see people able to get out a bit more.

After the disappointment of having to cancel our barge trip in April we were so pleased that our trip on 6 May was able to go ahead. Twelve of our service users had a fantastic day

out on the canal watching the world go by and enjoying lunch and light refreshments.

Our other regular weekly activities have also started to pick up. The service users have been showing off their creative skills at the craft sessions on Wednesdays and also at the Art Group which takes place on Thursdays. Both groups have seen participation increase over the past few weeks and it has been lovely to see. Our other regular activities of curling, quizzes and games also continue to keep everyone active, including the staff!

As mentioned last month, we have a special week of activities arranged to mark the celebration of the Queen's Jubilee. Events will commence on Monday 30 of May and are as follows:

Monday 30 May	Jubilee Royal Bingo
Tuesday 31 May	Jubilee Royal Games
Wednesday 1 June	Jubilee Quiz
Thursday 2 June	A very special finale party with music from Linton Osbourne.

Finally this month we held our first PK Vision Group. This is a Perth and Kinross Council led initiative which gives support and advice to service users on any sight issues or concerns. Full details were provided in the programme.

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

Crook and Drum Growing Together



We have been pleased to welcome some new volunteers to our bloom group this year. We have also had a good response to our appeal for local residents to 'adopt' a planter to care for over the summer. Some people on Main Street will also host hanging baskets for us, with summer planting taking place around the beginning of June.

In the spring we planted six fruit trees in a meadow area behind the graveyard, as the start of a community orchard area. We plan to seek a grant to plant more bare rooted trees in the autumn and to add a bench and an official sign.

In mid-May we held a seed growing workshop in the village hall, with a seed swap and refreshments in the lovely refurbished kitchen there. This was well attended and we received some generous donations, with a lovely community feel to the events. Thanks to all who helped and attended.

We are grateful to Jean and Andrew at Fossoway shop for hosting plant sales for us and the Potager garden, which contribute well to the costs of our activities. We will also have a plant stall at Farmer Dawes' open farm day on 19 June and we look forward to meeting you there.

For any enquiries about plant sales or our activities please contact Amanda James on 07963 476803 or by email at amandajames1577@gmail.com.

You can also follow us on our Facebook page and Fossoway Forum. Thanks for your ongoing support.

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Library Survey

Culture Perth and Kinross are working with Perth and Kinross Council to review library services and provision.

This survey is part of a broader review, including consultation with communities, stakeholders, non-users, volunteers, partners, and case studies from elsewhere. We want to review the data and evidence of library use alongside the needs and interests of communities to identify a future model of library provision which is fit for the next 10 years and beyond.

Culture Perth and Kinross would be incredibly grateful if you could take 10 to 15 minutes to complete the survey and share your experiences and views to help inform the conclusions and recommendations of the review.

If you would like to participate in a further focus group discussion or be added to our mailing lists to keep up to date with news about the library and its services, you can do so at the end of the survey. There will also be an opportunity to enter a prize draw to win £50 worth of National Book Tokens.

The survey can be accessed online at www.culturepk.org.uk/libraryreview, scanning the QR code below, or by popping into your local library and speaking with staff.



Book Fines

Library users will no longer need to pay fines if they return their books later than the return date. Culture Perth and Kinross hope that ending fines will remove one of the barriers that may prevent people from using their

libraries, making them accessible, inclusive, and welcoming to everyone living or working in the region.

Library users will still be encouraged to return items on or before the return date to allow others to borrow the books. They will not be able to borrow more items until overdue books are returned. If a borrowed item is lost, library users will be expected to pay to replace the item. Books can be renewed over the phone, in person, or online by accessing their library account.

Storytime Sessions

These sessions are back at Loch Leven Community Library! Come along and join our fun storytelling session with your child on a Friday morning. Sessions will run weekly, every Friday at 11.30am–12.00pm. These drop-in sessions are for pre-school age children and there is no need to book.

Bookbug Sessions

These are held at Loch Leven Community Library every Wednesday afternoon at 2–2.30pm and Saturday morning at 10–10.30am. They offer fun, friendly sessions of songs, rhymes, and stories. These sessions are suitable for babies, toddlers, and pre-school children to enjoy with their parents and carers. To book a spot please contact the Library.

Café Books

We shall be relaunching these sessions on 28 May at 1.30–2.30pm in Loch Leven Community Library (please note that this takes place out with the regular library opening times). 'Café Book Club' are monthly, informal get-togethers over a coffee where we chat about our favourite books and pick up some recommendations on what to read next. Please contact the library in the first instance if you intend to come along.

Summer Reading Challenge

The Summer Reading Challenge is back, and this year, the Reading Agency is teaming up with the Science Museum Group for an incredibly special science-themed challenge that will inspire you to use your imagination and creativity! Gadgeteers will feature amazing books, awesome rewards, and plenty of ideas for cool experiments and activities to discover the science all around you. Pop into your local library from 25 June to sign up!

Opening Times

Monday	Closed
Tuesday	10am-7pm
Wednesday	10am-6pm
Thursday	10am-7pm
Friday	10am-6pm
Saturday	10am-1pm
Sunday	Closed

You can contact us by phone on 01577 867205 or by email at lochlevenlibrary@culturepk.org.uk.

Glenfarg Folk Club

www.glenfargfolkclub.com



What a difference a month makes! The lighter nights and a bit of sunshine makes us all feel that summer is just round the corner. With so much misery in the world just now we all need cheering up. Like other clubs, our numbers have yet to recover to pre-covid levels but we are glad to say that this is changing little by little.

There is nothing like enjoying music, sometimes singing along or just listening and enjoying company, to raise the spirits and we hope you will consider joining us sometime. You will be made very welcome.

We recently enjoyed a great concert from Luke Daniels, a brilliant musician and singer songwriter. All sheep farmers out there may be interested to know that he thoroughly recommends guitar serenading to help poorly lambs pull through!

We also enjoyed a return visit from Paul Walker and Karen Pfeiffer from the midlands, although Karen is originally from Germany. It is always an enjoyable night in their company and, at the time of writing we are looking forward to welcoming Gness, a traditional band of musicians and great singing. On 30 May we enjoyed a singaround. Although these events will be passed by the time you read this, it gives a flavour of what you can expect at the club.

June Programme

- 6 June** AGM
- 13 June** Singaround
- 20 June** Dougie Mackenzie and Brian Miller
- 27 June** Singaround

Further information

Find us on Facebook or visit our website for updates, programme changes and full information on visiting artists. We meet every Monday at 7.30pm for 8pm at Gateside Memorial Hall which is on the main road in Gateside. It is easy to find and plenty of parking is available. We hope to see you sometime.

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Annual General Meeting

We are again holding this year's AGM by email and electronic survey, as we did in 2020 and 2021. Members should have received an email in May. If you did not, please get in touch with us.

It is hoped that we may be able to have an in-person event of some sort later in the year.

Raingardens Update

At the two raingardens, flowers in bloom are still very few, but we have had our first raingarden flowers out in the seedbeds across from the wildflower turf at the Park and Ride (lady's smock in April, red campion and marsh marigold appearing in May and promising growth of red clover and ox-eye daisies for summer). We planted a handful of plug plants in March to create some colour this first season and have been regularly watering them through the initial dry spell. The seedbed area is, however, still far behind and has only started to grow significantly following the heavy rain in mid-May. More rain please!

We still await corrections to the white lines demarcating the parking spaces (to pull them back from the edges of the new raingardens and indicate the end of the parking space by adding a t-piece paint strip), and ideally making the two pairs of spaces either side of the narrowest end of the rock-fill centre strip into cycle parking spaces. The latter detail is to allow us to install planter boxes (compatible with those of Kinross in Bloom nearby). By designating those spaces for bikes, the risk of damage from cars is eliminated as well as meeting a need because there is nowhere to park a bike currently at the Park and Ride.

The new raingardens trail is a path network which starts at the Park and Ride and follows the link road from there down past Levensfield housing development to the raingarden swales along the road edge and at the commercial premises of west Kinross. The access from the raingardens trail to join the Loch Leven Heritage Trail goes around the now deserted former Kinross Car Auctions, with its vast areas of impervious ground and roof (a site screaming for serious local sustainable drainage features) to make a real difference to the frequency of sewer overflows in wet weather in south Kinross.

Finally for now, it is good to see the plants at the Loch Leven's Larder responding well to a spring burst of gardening enthusiasm. Hopefully with the return of rainfall, there may be some growth of the perennials seeded last year along the narrow drainage channels at the Loch Leven's Larder car park.

Kinross & Ochil Walking Group

(Affiliated to Ramblers Scotland)

www.ramblers.org.uk/kinross-ochil

Fresh air, exercise, good company and wonderful views. We offer all this and visits to some of the spectacular scenery and lesser known places that surround us. We are a friendly and relaxed group and, if you'd like to try a walk with us, you'll be made very welcome.

Tuesday Short Walks

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

Tuesday 7 June, Cupar to Cairnie Fruit Farm

A slight incline at the start then an easy country walk on quiet roads and tracks. This walk is 5 miles long, but we break for refreshments at Cairnie Fruit Farm and then return by the same route.

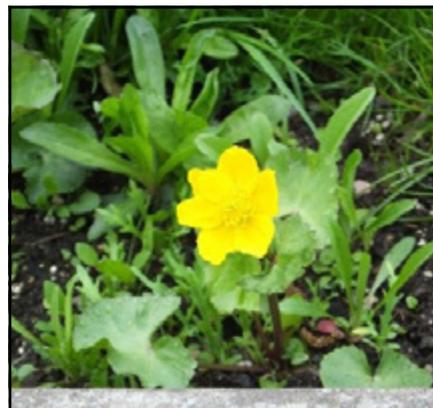
Tuesday 21 June, Water of Leith Walkway from The Gallery of Modern Art in Edinburgh to Leith

We will meet at Kinross Park and Ride to catch a morning bus to Edinburgh and return the same way later in the day.

From the West End we will walk to the cafe at the Gallery of Modern Art for coffee. Then a peaceful walk along the scenic Water of Leith walkway, passing historic Dean Village, St Bernard's Well, Stockbridge, Botanic Gardens and finally reaching Leith. Either bring a packed lunch or perhaps eat in a café. Return to central Edinburgh by bus from Leith.

Contact

For further details of where to meet us for Tuesday walks, or for general enquiries, please contact Sandra Wilkinson on 01577 865472



Weekend Longer Walks

Weekend walks are a degree more challenging and of varied longer lengths. We advise bringing along a packed lunch and flask or drink, and also recommend that you have appropriate outdoor clothing and footwear.

Sunday 12 June, Glen Quey and Dollar Glen circular, 11 miles

Starting from Castlehill car park, the walk goes through Glen Quey, Dollar Glen and then into Dollar. The return journey takes in views of Castle Campbell above Dollar, circling back from there to the starting point. This is a relatively long walk which also includes a few ups and downs. In addition, there is a steep descent into Dollar Glen, so the use of walking poles is advised.

Saturday 25 June, Bunnet Stane and West Lomond circuit, 9 miles

Starting from Craigmear car park the walk proceeds westwards, taking in Glen Vale, the Bunnet Stane and a steep climb up the slope of West Lomond. There is an optional detour to the top of West Lomond.

Sunday 10 July, Pentland Hills walk, 8 miles

This is a circular walk on paths of varying quality alongside reservoirs, then leading into Pentland Hills providing excellent views of Edinburgh.

For further details of where to meet us for weekend walks, or for general enquiries, please contact Ken Staples on 07810 180283.

Scotlandwell in Bloom

We hosted a very successful plant and bake sale on 7 May at the Well Country Inn. The tables were groaning under the weight of all the fantastic cakes, savouries, preserves and plants. The tombola was overflowing with goodies and there was something for every lucky winner! Despite the clouds, people just kept coming and we were virtually sold out by 12noon. We had the added addition of coffee and cake indoors which was well supported and everyone was delighted to have the opportunity to catch up with those they hadn't seen for ages. Thank-you to everyone who baked, cooked, crafted, donated, spent their money or simply turned up to the event; your support is very much appreciated. Of course the event wouldn't be possible without the tremendous support from Ronnie and Tanya for allowing us to host the event and to all their staff for their help and support. We raised the fantastic sum of £1446.33 towards in-bloom funds.



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Kinross Inner Wheel

The club's May meeting was a visit to a delightful local garden at Backhouse Rossie, which is the home of the national daffodil collection. Despite the weather, the members were given a tour of the garden and time to enjoy the cakes in the café.



Our June meeting will be a lunch to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the club charter. It is hoped that as many past and present members as possible will be able to attend to mark this important date in our history. The occasion will be the last time we meet before the summer break. We reconvene in September and wish all members and friends a happy, healthy summer.

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Carnbo SWI

President Heather Dennis welcomed 16 members and three guests to the May meeting and AGM. Margaret Scott and Sheena Chisholm from Glenfarg SWI kindly acted as tellers. The new committee members are as follows: President, Heather Dennis; Vice President, Angela Browning; Secretary, Liz Baglow; Treasurer, Dianne Mitchell; Show Secretary, Sheila Reid; Press Secretaries, Brenda Gillan, Linda Band, Sandra Turnbull and Val Gibson.

Competition Winners 2021-22:

The Paterson Rosebowl for Flower Of The Month: Linda Band and Margaret Greener; runner-up, Cath Mearns.

The Daniel Vase: Sheila Reid; runner-up, Angela Browning.

Flower Of The Month: 1st Cath Mearns; 2nd Linda Band.

Bakewell Tart: Linda Band.

The next meeting is on 20 June at 7.15pm. There will be a Jubilee celebration with a pot luck supper and an invitation to wear red, white and blue. The competition is 'Royal Memorabilia'. The Ann Bernard Trophy is a card decorated with freestyle embroidery. Donations for the foodbank are also very welcome.

Cleish SWI

President Agnes Thomson welcomed 24 members, 2 visitors and two tellers from Powmill SWI to our AGM. After business, the 'Monstrous Tale' written by Faye Gibb was performed by the Cleish SWI players. The new committee was elected:- President, Helen Buchanan; Committee members, Elinor Craig, Anne Douglas, Lizzie Glennie, Lynn Hewitt, Judith McLaren and Margo Wills.C

Competition Winners:

Flower Of The Month: Janette Craig and Marion Laird;

Monthly Competition: Marion Laird.

The evening was rounded off by a delicious supper provided by the members

Milnathort SWI

President Jean Paterson welcomed members to Milnathort Town Hall on Thursday 21 April. The business side of the meeting was led by Jean and Ann and reminders were given regarding various upcoming events.

Portmoak Hall 100 Club

April Draw

1st	No 2	Lin Weatherhogg	Kinnesswood
2nd	No 54	Marlyn Gardner	Kinnesswood
3rd	No 4	Joe Smith	Scotlandwell



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Jean then introduced Leslie McLaughlin, our speaker for the evening. Leslie demonstrated the beautiful art of flower arranging and Jean thanked her for an insight into the life of a professional florist.

Competitions

3 Pieces Of Fudge: 1st Denise Stephenson;

Floral Arrangement In A Tea Cup: 1st Shirley McCouat;

Flower Of The Month: 1st Grace Drysdale.

After a very welcome cup of tea and a few minutes of chat, Jean wished members a safe journey home and looked forward to seeing everyone at the AGM on 19 May. Visitors and new members are always welcome. Our meetings start at 7.15pm on the third Thursday of the month. We meet in Milnathort Town Hall.



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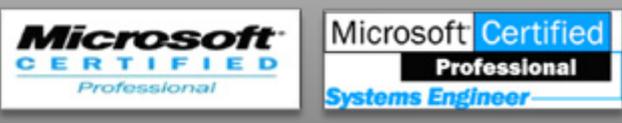
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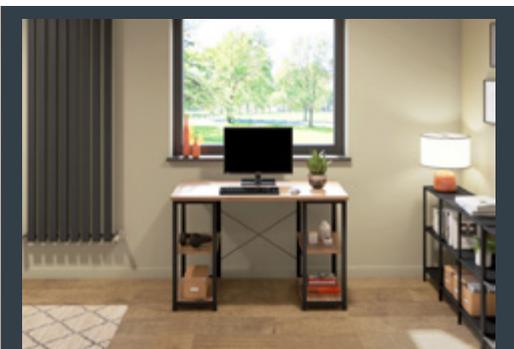
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Sports News

Kinross Cycling Club

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Spinning Purple Circles

The purple-wearing cycling folks have been busy, and it's still only June! In racing Rachel and Piper got stuck in at Suie, Dunfermline, Peebles and crits. Rachel took the top step at the Ben Forsyth crit.

Time trials kicked off with the Mackie Tankard 25 mile, Fife Cycling Association midweek series, and our club Grand Prix Series, where a regular purple peloton have tackled the starters' 'beep beep beep'.

Club rides have visited the Kelpies and an away-day to Little Glenshee, as well as more local rides as we restarted the Saturday Bun Run for the summer. Members have gone afar to Etape Loch Ness, the Bealach and, of course, our own Sportive Kinross. Racing, riding, volunteering. Brilliant!

Current club rides are on Saturday (bun and social runs), Sunday, and chain-gang Tuesdays. The GP series of TTs are running roughly every two weeks on a Thursday with the next one being the Milnathort 10 mile.

Kinross Vaulting Group

This year has started well. Our membership numbers have doubled since lockdown ended and we are working extremely hard to give our athletes positive training experiences and to encourage them to compete. On 2 April at the SEV competition at Highfield of Howe we had four horses and 22 vaulters representing Kinross. The horses were fantastic and behaved impeccably. The results achieved by the vaulters is something we are very proud of. For many it was their first experience of a vaulting competition, so nerves were high and parents were keen to learn the 'ropes'. We welcomed seven vaulters from Ireland who came and competed on our horses. They also did very well as they had not trained on our horses so tension was very high.

Our next competition is an international being held in Rugby on 11 June and a national that takes place the following day at the same venue. We will be taking down the horses Omeath Clover (Laith) and Ulisco de Montsec (Talisker).

Our three-day camp in the first week of August is already in the planning stages and we hope to have good weather and lots of fun. Because we train small groups in several different sessions, our camp is when all our members can meet and get to know each other.

Hannah Rahim on Ulisco de Montsec (Talisker) competing at Highfield of Howe. Photo courtesy of Abdul Rahim.



Kinross Otters

Kinross Otters have been celebrating some fantastic competition success over the past couple of months, including a best-ever visit to the Scottish National Age Grade Championships in April.

Eleven swimmers qualified for the meet at Tollcross in Glasgow, for a total of 30 swims - the most the club has ever had. It meant there were Otters in all but one of the 15 sessions over the five days.

Attracting the best swimmers from all over the country, there were notable rankings for Johnny Martin in 50m breaststroke (7th), 100m breaststroke (10th) and 200m breaststroke (9th), Emily Cumming in 50m butterfly (10th) and 50m backstroke (12th), Stuart Pritchard in 50m backstroke (14th) and Ben Smallwood - just five weeks after breaking a finger - in 50m freestyle (14th).

With Struan Bennet unfortunately unable to compete because of illness, there were fantastic swims from Charlotte Chadwick, Hayden McKenzie, Duncan Crichton and Thomas Pritchard and also last-minute 'surprise' additions to the team when Jessica Sloan and Matthew Kenny both qualified and finished, respectively, 17th in 50m backstroke and 18th in 100m butterfly.

Five club records were also broken over the course of the five days. Ben set new long course (50m pool) times in 100m freestyle and 50m butterfly, Stuart broke his own long course 50m backstroke record, and the boys team of Hayden, Duncan, Stuart and Ben broke records in the 4x100m and 4x200m relays.

Coach Fiona Dodds said: "I was over the moon with the



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swimmers' determination across the five days and I'm so glad they enjoyed their SNAGS experience and relished the opportunity. Everyone should be very proud."

On the same theme, Johnny Martin set a new club long course record in the 50m breaststroke at the start of May at the University of Aberdeen meet, where the club were represented brilliantly by a team of eight swimmers.

At the other end of the club, some of the younger members attended the Dunfermline Sprint Meet on the same weekend, with some taking part in their first-ever competition. There were personal bests galore and fantastic effort from everyone.

Finally, there was another excellent showing from the Otters team competing in the second round of the Perth Pentaqua on May 8.

Coach Fiona said, 'Well done to all the swimmers, who were absolute superstars - as always! And a massive thank you again to all the parent volunteers for their time and efforts in supporting the swimmers.' More information on the club can be viewed at www.kinrossotters.co.uk.

Kinross Cricket Club

Seniors First Game, First Win

The senior team started their 2022 season with a solid win against Doune. On winning the toss, Doune elected to bat on a damp wicket which was likely to dry out as the day progressed.

The Doune openers looked well set and established a very sound 70 before Ivan Groenewald brought the batsmen out of his crease with an excellent leg spinner which went past the bat and was gratefully taken by keeper Anthony Drew who promptly removed the bails leaving the batsman stumped on 26. Two overs later and both openers were gone with the score on 74. Doune failed to make much headway as wickets fell in a steady progression. Greg Dick was the leading bowler with 4 wickets for only 8 runs, James Ross ably assisting with 3 for 14. Doune ended the inning with 137 for 9 wickets.

In reply, Kinross-shire looked confident from the start. James Ross hit a 4 from the very first ball and went on to an unbeaten 53 with fellow opener Greg Dick hitting 20 before being caught on the boundary. Although two wickets fell quickly things were back on track as Will Clayton and Roland

Childs helped take the score to 139 for 4 wickets. Roland hit a rapid 14 and Will was still there at the end on 18 not out. A solid performance with everyone contributing to the result.

On Sunday 22 May the team travelled to Edinburgh South and a match report will be in next month's Newsletter.

Juniors Rain, Rain And Rain Again!

Junior cricket has been impacted by the rain with every Monday rained off. The annual schools tournament is being played at the cricket ground at Loch Leven's Larder and details of the results will be in next month's *Newsletter*.

June Fixtures

Wednesday 1 June, Morrisons v Kinross 6pm (Morrisons)

Sunday 5 June, Callander CC 1pm away (Falkirk)

Monday 6 June, Glenalmond Staff 6pm home

Sunday 12 June, Heriots XI 1pm away

Wednesday 15 June, Dollar CC T20 6.30pm away

Sunday 19 June, Edinburgh South 1pm home

Wednesday 22 June, Kinross v Wildcards 6pm (Kinross)

Sunday 26 June, Heriots XI 1pm home

Wednesday 29 June, Free

More information can be found on the club Facebook page or by emailing secretary@kinrosscc.co.uk

Kinross Road Runners

<https://kinrossroadrunners.weebly.com>

As we bring you an update of our running activities in May, the first thing to mention is an update on our Run24Ukraine event. Our total money raised as at the beginning of May was a fantastic £5,309! Well done again to all for this great effort and let's hope the money goes to some good use helping those in need.

May is an exciting month with our largest race of the year taking place. The KRR Loch Leven Half Marathon is due to take place on 14 of May, and by the time you are reading this, will be all over and done for the runners. Over 650 runners will take part in the race, which covers 13.1 miles around Loch Leven. Organising a race like this takes a lot of effort, and we need to say a big thanks to all the club members who have





sorted out everything from portaloos to prizes, water to water stations, marshals to medals, registration to race timings, lunches to licences, starting to finishing and every other step in between. A large contingent of marshals will be all around the course during the race, including making sure the runners don't take a wrong turn, or manning each of the four water stations. Let's hope for good weather and a great day for all, and some pictures to put in next month's newsletter.

On 23 June we have the KRR Milnathort Dash. With 200 runners covering just over 5 miles, starting and finishing in the centre of Milnathort, the race offers some great challenges for runners, including some off road, and also a lovely big hill to start off with. Who will be first to get to the top of that first hill and be crowned King or Queen of the hill? There are still a few places still left for the race at time of writing this article but they are filling up quickly.



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Our runners were race mad again this month. We even had a runner at the Boston Marathon! Other races included the Newhaven Lighthouse 10k, Dalgety Bay 10k, running the first 53 miles of the West Highland Way on the Highland Fling, the Forth Road Bridge 10k, the Belfast City Marathon, the Tay Ten race, Mallaig 10k Road to the Isles. Our pictures this month are from the Tay 10 and also the Forth Road Bridge 10k, showing our club runners in the club colours.

Travelling to Parkruns continued with visits to Lytham Hall, Leamington, Fort William, Wormwood Scrubs, Arbroath, Inverurie, Stonehaven, Treviso in Italy, Forfar Loch, Pollock, Colwick, Ayr, Drumchapel, Salzburg Austria, Luitpold Germany. It is almost like people are planning their holidays round Parkrun now! Thanks again to those who are volunteering each week to make sure that the events are well organised.

We had a great club turnout at the Easter treasure hunt run this month. Runners had to run 11k around Kinross following clues and trying to work out the cryptic riddles. We also had a trail run to Maspie Den, the Kinnoull hill race with Perth Road Runners and the River Devon trail run.

There were also speed training sessions including 4 x 5 minute intervals, 4 x 90 second intervals, 16 x 20 second fartlek session, 6 x 90 second intervals, 6 x 3 min intervals, and our May 2 mile time trial. Thanks to all the coaches for organising these events and to the runners taking part

As always, a reminder that club training sessions fit all abilities and involve a variety of running activities as you can see from the list of this month's sessions. Interval sessions improve running speed, trail runs build up strength and stamina, and slower chatty runs are good for socialising. The club welcomes all abilities and, whether you are new to running or experienced, just looking for new routes to try out or to meet new faces, there is something for everyone. If you fancy getting involved or trying out a run with the club, visit our website and get in touch. Most importantly, however you run, enjoy it and stay safe.

Orwell Bowling Club

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Since we opened, we have played three friendly games; we won two and lost one.

On Sunday 24 April we were at home to Strathmiglo and the result was Orwell 58-Strathmiglo 55. The weather was kind to us, and the game was played in good spirit, followed by sandwiches and biscuits.

On Saturday 30 April we were away to Broad Street and the result was Orwell 27-Broad Street 51. We started off playing in light rain but, as the game progressed, so did the rain and the game was stopped after 12 ends. It was good to get into the clubhouse and have a welcome plate of soup, sandwiches and cakes.

On Saturday 7 May we travelled to Edinburgh for our challenge game against Maitland with the result of Orwell 70-Maitland 49. This resounding win against Maitland means we have retained the quaich again this year. It was a lovely afternoon with sunshine and friendly opponents followed by a lovely roast dinner cooked by Paul; a member who is a chef.

The gents Scottish competitions have started early this year. Unfortunately, only the pairs remain in the competition.



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The gents senior league have also started; the result of their first game at home was one win and a draw. The internal club competitions have been drawn and are slowly progressing.

The club is holding a 'Try Bowls' afternoon on Sunday 12 June from 1pm to 4pm. Come along and have a fun introduction to bowls. All ages are welcome and tea, coffee and soft drinks will be available.

The clubhouse is also open on Friday evenings from 7.30pm so why not come along and have a game of bowls or play pool, dominoes or darts, or just come for a chat?

See our website or Facebook for information.

Kinross Volleyball

It is summer season (apart from the weather) and our outdoor sessions have resumed at the campus grass area and will operate from June until the end of August. With healthy numbers (especially juniors) we will start off with two sessions; one on Sunday afternoon at 3.30-5pm and the other on our regular Monday evening at 7.30-9 pm. These sessions are totally free so you can just turn up and play. New members, especially beginners, are welcome to come along and try.

The two club teams competed in the Scottish Open Volleyball Tournament on Perth's North Inch over the last weekend of May. They joined over 90 other teams from around the country.

The free outdoor sessions will also be helpful to the members travelling to De Haan in Belgium for their annual summer tournament in mid-August. With no ferry crossings to

Zeebrugge operating from the UK, it looks as if the team will have to take the Newcastle to Ijmuiden crossing and hope that their Belgian volleyball friends can collect and drive them the three hours from Ijmuiden to De Haan.

The Scottish men and junior women's teams competed in their respective European competitions over the middle weekend of May. Congratulations to local lads Mark Cathro and Connor Boyle who were

playing in the Faroe Islands with the national men's team. The junior women's team competed in Iceland.

Kinross Tennis Club

www.kinrosstennisclub.org.uk

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

Kinross Tennis Club are now in full swing with matches taking place weekly, full courts during social tennis and lots of coaching happening day and night.

This season we have many teams representing Kinross who are playing across Tayside. We are very proud of our junior team who competed in their first match of the season last month in the Tennis Tayside league. It is the first time in a while that we have been able to enter a junior team so huge congratulations to them all!

We also held our annual family cup and had a great turn out with almost 60 players taking part! A total of 88 matches were played across four hours on court in four separate competitions. A big shout out to our worthy

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Our next event will be a Father's Day event on Sunday 19 June at 3-5pm. We will be running friendly matches and encourage people of all ages and abilities to come along. Please encourage your children and

Dads or other family members to come along and join in the fun. We will be posting further information about the event on our Facebook page, website and notice board outside the club house.

Summer Camps 2022

We will be holding two summer camps this year. The camps are perfect for all playing abilities from brand new players right up to our experienced match players. The sessions will include lots of fun games and practise exercises along with some match play for more experienced players. Of course, the usual water balloon action will also take place at the end of the week!

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11-1pm, green ball (9-12 years)

1-3pm, yellow ball (12-16 years)

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Kinross Badminton Club

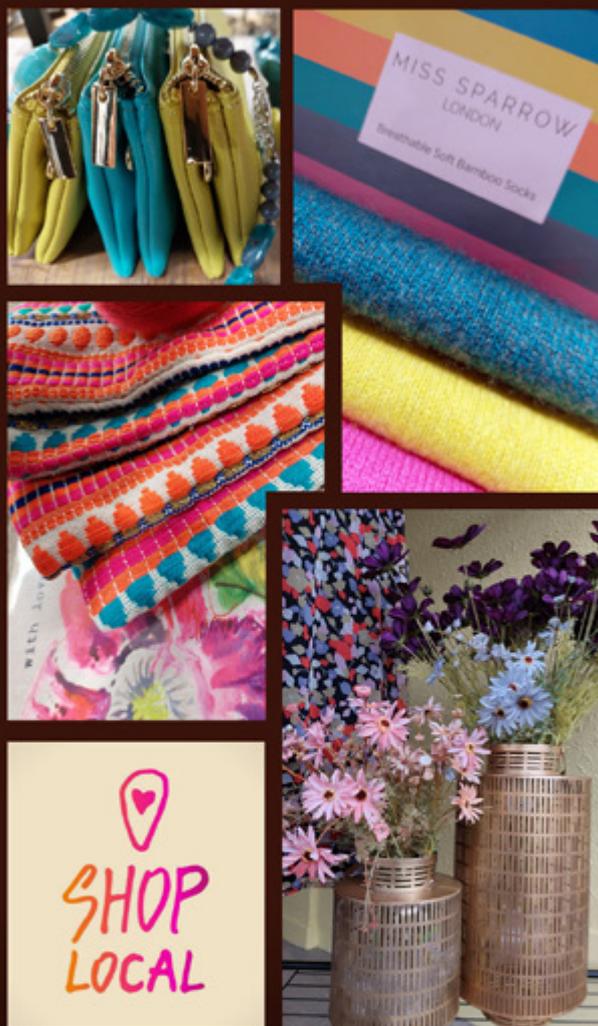
Kinross badminton club has been running successfully since the season resumed last August, with 2 or 3 courts running each week. The club will continue to run each week until the end of June, and then start again mid August for the new season.

Kinross badminton club sessions start from 8pm and run until 9:45pm on Tuesday night, at the Loch Leven Community Campus. Most of the games are doubles, but there is opportunity for some singles games to be played on the third court when numbers allow.

New potential members are welcome to come along and try out the club – the first night is free, with subsequent nights costing £6 for non-members or £4 for members. The club will take payments via card reader, so no need to find cash beforehand!

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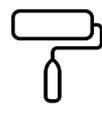
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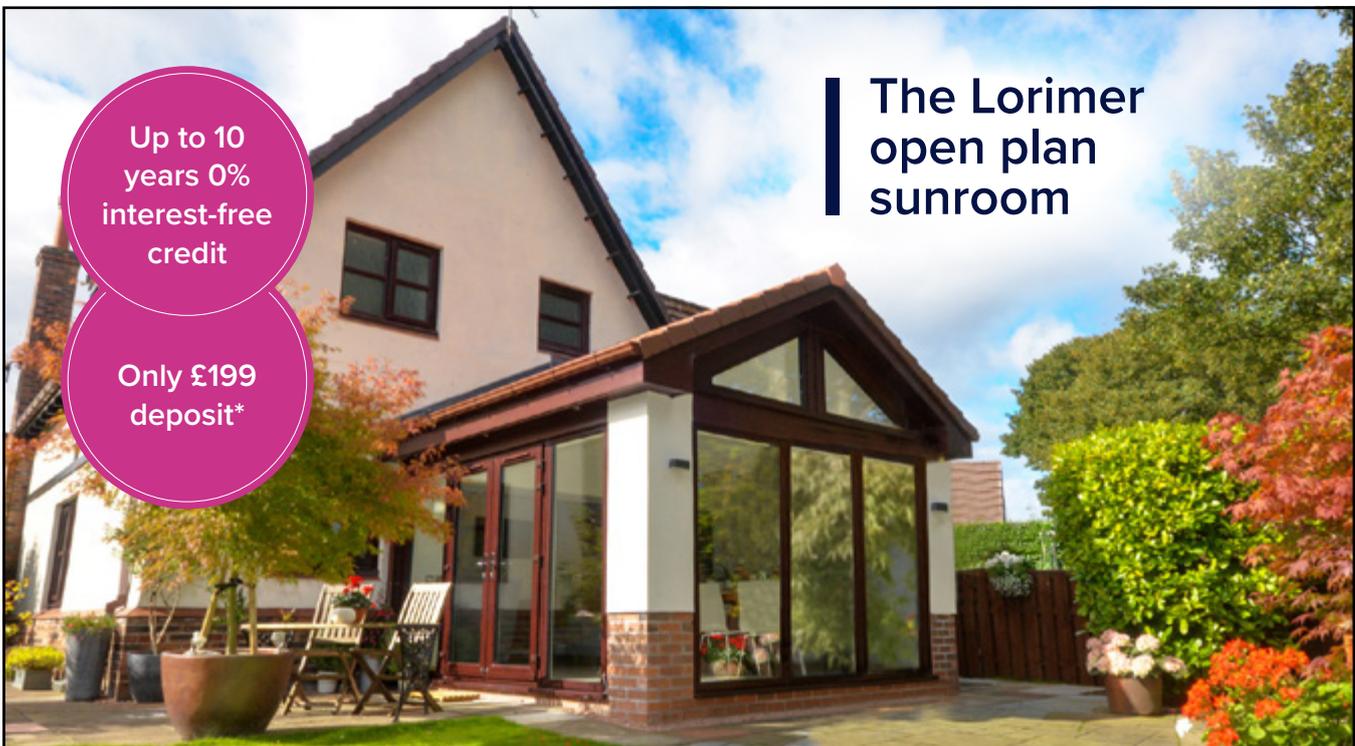


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	Indoor curling, quizzes, Scrabble	1.30pm
	'Stride for Life' Walking Group	2.00pm
Tuesday	Barge Trip (inc packed lunch) (7 Jun)	10-4.00pm
	PKC Vision - Garden Room (7 Jun)	10-11.45am
	Carers Cafe	10-12pm
	Exercise Group	11.30am
	Games (with safety measures)	
	Indoor curling, quizzes, Scrabble	1.30pm
Wednesday	Church Service	11.15am
	(Only for our own service users)	
	Reminiscence Group Garden Room	1.30pm
	Games – with safety measures	
	Indoor curling, quizzes, Scrabble	1.30pm
	Tai Chi (To Be Confirmed)	1.30pm
Thursday	Craft Group	1.30pm
	Interactive Games	11.30am
	Games – with safety measures	
	Indoor curling, quizzes, Scrabble	1.15pm
	Queens Jubilee Party with Linton Osbourn	1.30pm
	Art Group	1.30pm
Friday	Exercise Class with Live Active	2.00pm
	Exercise Group	11.30am
	Bingo – with safety measures	1.30pm
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Greyhound Rescue Fife

Greyhound Rescue Fife at Balfree Country Centre, Gairneybank, Kinross, needs volunteers to clean the kennels and walk and feed the greyhounds. Can you help? Phone 01592 890583. Visit our website at www.greyhoundrescuefife.com

KLEO

(Kinross-shire Local Events Organisation): If you enjoy local events on your doorstep, like the monthly Kinross Farmers' market and the winter festival events (concerts, comedy and the festive street market), please join the KLEO team! For more info about KLEO events, go to www.kleo.org.uk. If interested, please contact Bouwien Bennet at info@kleo.org.uk or call 01577 863107.

Guide Dogs Kinross

Support group. We are always looking for new volunteers. Contact Sheila at She61@hotmail.co.uk.

RSPB Scotland Loch Leven

RSPB Scotland Loch Leven: We need volunteer fundraisers to help support the wonderful world of nature on our doorstep. Pin badges, bucket collections, events and sponsored walks – if you'd like to join our team, please contact Lyndsay Stobie at: Lyndsay.Stobie@rspb.org.uk or call 01577 862355.

Kinross (Marshall) Museum

The Museum Trust is looking for volunteers to help care for Kinross-shire's heritage collections and man the Museum Study Room in the Loch Leven Community Campus on Thursdays and Saturdays. If you would like to know more, drop by or contact the Museum on 01577 867153 or email: information@kinrossmuseum.org.uk

Swansacre Playgroup

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

Kinross Heart Start

Campaign to secure funds for public access defibrillators in Kinross. Contact Pamela Hunter to find out how you can volunteer on 01577 862419.

Light Up Kinross

Light Up Kinross is a small local charity with responsibility for Kinross Christmas lights and decorations. We require additional volunteers to assist with fundraising and administration of the lights. If you are interested, please contact David Colliar, email davidcolliar@tiscali.co.uk or Bill Freeman, email billywhizkid78@gmail.com or contact our Facebook page.

Common Grounds

Charity café staffed by volunteers on Tuesdays, Wednesday, Fridays and Saturdays in Guide Hall, Church Street, Milnathort. Open to public 10am-12.30pm. Opportunity to serve in café or bake for the café. Also opportunity to gain recognised hours towards Duke of Edinburgh Awards and Saltire Awards for young people 16 years and over. Funds raised are used to support charities mainly in Africa. Contact: Convener Elspeth Caldwell on 01577 863350 or Secretary Linda Freeman on 01577 865045 for more information.

Seamab

Seamab is a residential school that cares for some of the most vulnerable children in Scotland. We are looking for volunteers to help us place and manage collecting cans. Volunteering for Seamab makes a huge difference to the lives of the children and is a great way to meet people and develop new skills. 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). If you would like to find out more, we would love to hear from you. Pop in and speak to Nan or telephone 01577 863869.

Milnathort Town Hall Committee

Can you spare a couple of hours a month? We are looking for volunteers to join us. For more information please contact us at milnathorttownhall1@gmail.com.

Volunteering with Aberlour!

We are currently recruiting new volunteers to support Aberlour, Scotland's Children's Charity. If you have a genuine interest in the wellbeing of children and families and live in Perth and Kinross we would love to hear from you. To find out more, visit www.aberlour.org.uk/volunteer, or contact Shonagh (Volunteer Coordinator) on 07864 625069/shonagh.ferguson@aberlour.org.uk.

SPARKS

SPARKS are a group allowing adults of all ages who have support needs or disabilities to meet together with their carers to improve their health and wellbeing. Volunteers will be supported by workers Roseanne Gray – P&K Community Learning & Development Worker and Shona Fowler – NHS Project Worker. For more information please call 01577 867216 / 867218 or 07769 243282 / 07896 280843.

Scotland's Gardens

Do you love gardens? Might you be interested in meeting local garden owners, helping to support local gardens that currently open for charity, plus those that are considering it? If so, and you would like to know more, please ring Lizzie on 01577 862900.

Duke of Edinburgh

The Kinross-shire Duke of Edinburgh Open Group was established over 13 years ago as wholly parent run group. Everyone is a volunteer and we are licensed to run the Duke of Edinburgh's Award programme for young people in the area via Perth and Kinross Council.

We have a wide range of adult volunteering opportunities available, be that help with admin and fundraising to those who want to lead expeditions out in the hills. There is something for every parent or adult here.

We also welcome back those participants who have completed their awards, are over 18 and wish to give back to the Group. We can arrange all necessary training and also support adult volunteers financially to complete any relevant qualifications that they may require.

Contact us at dofekinrossshire@gmail.com or visit www.dofe.org/run/volunteer for more information.

The Potager Garden

The Potager Garden is a small community garden in Bowton Road, Kinross, KY13 8EQ. It is a registered charity run by volunteers, a main aim being to give education to schoolchildren about plants, gardening and the environment. If you would like more information about our volunteering opportunities, please

contact the Convenor, Amanda James, on 01577 840809, or amandajames1577@gmail.com

Interested in Guiding?

Girl Guide Troops In Milnathort, Kinross & Portmoak Need Helpers. Volunteer with Girl Guiding and help make a difference to the lives of girls. Be an inspiration for girls and young women and help them realise their full potential and share some unforgettable moments along the way. Register on line at go.girlguiding.org.uk and I will get back to you. If you would like to volunteer and would like a little more information, please just give me a buzz. Call Alison on 07764 750212

Friends of CHAS Kinross

Friends of CHAS Kinross, a local volunteer fundraising group, came together in 2020 to help raise funds for Children's Hospices Across Scotland. Their first fundraising initiative (an online raffle) was a resounding success, raising an amazing £2,500. Led by local entrepreneur Beth Gibson, the group are now looking for new members to help them plan their next fundraiser.

Do you enjoy meeting people? Making a difference? Planning fun and creative events? Then please think about Friends of CHAS – Kinross. They'd love for you to join them.

If you'd like to learn more about the group or are interested in joining, please contact community fundraiser Lyndsay Stobie at: lyndsaystobie@chas.org.uk or 07557 370746.

Kinross-shire Volunteer Group and Rural Outreach Scheme

Could you spare a few hours and become a volunteer driver for Kinross-shire Volunteer Group & Rural Outreach Scheme?

KVG/ROS has been operating for over 40 years and delivers a vital service to help the elderly and disabled attend Hospital/Health Centre/Dentist appointments.

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If you are interested contact David Aird on 01577 830370 or email: d.aird@outlook.com

Guide Dogs Kinross

We are looking for a volunteer coordinator to take over from myself to help run our small, but perfectly formed fundraising group, please get in touch.

Also looking for fundraising volunteers to help man our stalls at market or other events. Give an hour or more. You will be made very welcome.

Email she61@hotmail.co.uk

1st Kinross Cubs

1st Kinross Cubs is a part of the 1st Kinross Scout Group and offers the young children of Kinross-shire the opportunity to gain new skills and experiences under the guidance of the Scout Association. Every year the Scout Association help over 450,000 young people in the UK enjoy new adventures; to experience the outdoors, interact with others, gain confidence and have the opportunity to reach their full potential. It's not just young people who can get in on the action. Working alongside our youth members are thousands of adult volunteers, with a huge variety of roles and opportunities available. Why not strengthen your CV while making a real impact on the lives of young people? How much time you give is up to you, and you don't need any previous experience. We currently have several volunteering roles available with the cub section, and whatever you choose, we'll make sure you're properly trained and supported. If you are interested and would like more information about our volunteering opportunities, then please contact Daryl on 01577830346 or email kinrossbeavers@hotmail.co.uk

Kinross in Bloom

Volunteer group which provides and maintains floral displays to enhance the environment in Kinross. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact susan.mitchell50@gmail.com

RSPB

Volunteer with the Education Team at RSPB Scotland's Loch Leven nature reserve!

Become a Schools on Reserves Leader and help us inspire children through outdoor learning.

Share in the excitement as a volunteer and help deliver our education programme to visiting schools, where activities range from hands-on exploration of meadows, woods and ponds to playing environmental games.

This opportunity is flexible and allows you to start in a more supporting role if you wish.

Work with a friendly team of staff and volunteers, learn new skills and gain valuable experience in outdoor education.

For more information, contact Learning Officer Sarah Cooper on 07729 105 725 or email sarah.cooper1@rspb.org.uk

Apply here: <https://volunteer.rspb.org.uk/opportunities/26507-schools-on-reserves-leader-loch-leven-2022-03-01>

Fossoway and District Community Council

Fossoway is located within Perth & Kinross and includes the settlements of Blairingone, Powmill, Crook of Devon & Drum, Rumbling Bridge and Carnbo. The Fossoway and District Community Council is a group of volunteers, elected by the Community who work together for the benefit of the Community. We meet with members of the public on the first Tuesday of every month from 7.30pm to 9pm and discuss issues that affect the community which can range from planning applications to local crime to concerns about community facilities. Our meetings rotate around public buildings in our villages.

We have a volunteering opportunity for a young person ideally in the higher years to join us as an associate community council member for the period of 1 year.

- The individual would be asked to attend our monthly evening meetings to act as minute taker. They would have an opportunity to see how a community council operates and meet a diverse group of people.

- We are also seeking the individuals help in considering new opportunities for us to enhance our engagement with the community especially through the use of social media. This could be in the form of a project led by the individual with outcomes reported to the Community Council. The project could be used as part of their exam submission for subjects such as Business Management or contribute to volunteering for a Duke of Edinburgh award.

- The Fossoway District is also in the process of establishing a community development trust. Presently we are looking for community engagement opportunities to seek members of the trust and again the individual could support these events and help raise our profile with the younger generation.

- Ideally the candidate would be confident using Microsoft Office and social media tools.

- Training and mentorship will be provided

If you are interested please send us an email – fossoway.cc@gmail.com stating why this would be of interest to you.

You can find out more by looking at www.fossoway.org/dcc:about

CHAS

CHAS are looking for volunteers in our Housekeeping, Complementary Therapy and Garden teams at Rachel House, Kinross.

For further information please email volunteering@chas.org.uk

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Fluffy Babies Galore!

IT FEELS BONKERS TO be saying that summer is well underway. It seems like yesterday I was talking about winter goose counts, and now we are about to see the longest day of the year pass us by – how did that happen!?

With these lighter, longer days comes everything that my favourite season entails. Ducklings, goslings and cygnets can be seen across Loch Leven in all their fluffy little glory, and we'll be heading over to St Serf's this month for essential duck nest surveys. Flowers of every colour are popping across our meadows, and our pollinating insects can't get enough of it. Ospreys are a regular sight – as I write this I haven't yet been lucky enough to see one fishing, but I hope for that to change soon – as well as our beloved swallows, martins and swifts.

But with all our favourites come a few less wanted. Non-native invasive species cause problems by out-competing local species, dominating whole areas and reducing overall biodiversity. Not exactly good for a nature reserve! Expect to see staff and volunteers out in force over the next couple of months tackling the 'big four': Himalayan Balsam, Japanese Knotweed, Giant Hogweed and Skunk Cabbage.

The warmer, drier weather means that unfortunately the blue-green algae will also continue making an appearance. Increasing average temperatures provide ideal conditions for the cyanobacteria to get busy blooming – if there



was ever an example of how climate change affects us on a local scale, the algae is it! Make sure you are familiar with how to recognise blue-green algae, and if blooms are present across the loch our advice for people and pets is to stay out of the water.

Algae-aside, Loch Leven NNR is a beautiful place to visit on a summer's day, but we are once again encountering frequent issues with littering, dog mess, campfires and water access users who are unaware of the local guidance (this can be found on our Facebook page and website). We encourage all visitors to familiarise themselves with the Scottish Outdoor Access Code and to leave no trace when visiting the reserve.

You may have noticed that this year

we are flying a pride flag in Burleigh Meadow. This is part of NatureScot's recognition during pride month that everyone is welcome in nature, along with several themed events that will take place across NatureScot's NNR's and which have been co-ordinated by the organisation's LGBTQ+ network.

We have several other weekend events taking place this month at Burleigh Meadows: a pond dipping session on 12 June (1-3pm), a damselfly hunt on 18 June (1-2pm), and a botany walk on 25 June (1-2pm). These events are all free, but please book a place by emailing lochleven_nnr@nature.scot

Subscribe to our weekly Loch Leven NNR blog on WordPress, and follow us on Facebook and Instagram @lochlevennr for regular updates across the reserve.

Enjoy the summer!

*Bethia Pearson
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Spring Migrants Return

THE BREEDING SEASON HAS been in full swing at RSPB Loch Leven this month, lots of waders, ducks, geese, and gulls have been spotted sitting tightly on eggs. There have been lots of very fluffy goslings and ducklings bumbling about the reserve wetlands, and the first lapwing chicks of the year have now hatched too! The spring migrants have arrived back after a late start this year. Swallows have been spotted flying around the courtyard and have been busy building nests. We also had two very successful dawn chorus walks with highlights including blackcap, willow warbler, grasshopper warbler, whitethroat, and cuckoo. We had a very lovely surprise drop in visit from a spoonbill on 2 May, a female marsh harrier regularly sighted over the wetland, a large group of 45 black tailed godwits in late April, and occasional views of whimbrel and greenshank. There have also been some wonderful sightings of hare spotted playfully chasing each other around the grassland.

Our wonderful volunteer team have been hard at work surveying and monitoring predation levels on the Wetland to assess its impact on breeding success. They have also installed some lovely new willow figurines along the underpass, and a new bench along the Wetland trail that offers lovely views of the hillside and bumblebee meadow. Vegetation management has been ongoing to keep our paths around the centre nice and clear for visitors, and we have been conducting regular early morning surveys for waders, ducks, and songbirds in the woodland, as well as regular surveys of butterfly and bee transects around the meadows to see how they are faring this spring.

We have some interesting events this month including David Munros guided walk, Uncovering stories at Loch Leven on Saturday 11 June, 10am–11.30am. Designated Scotland’s “Year of Stories”, 2022 is a year to celebrate and be inspired by tales, legends and true stories connecting people and landscape around Loch Leven. Local author David Munro leads two walks on the trails at RSPB Loch Leven that provide



ideal viewpoints for telling stories such as The Enchanted Tree and Tam Tod’s Last Journey.

Awake in the Wild returns once more on Saturday 4 June & 9 July, 10–11am. Awaken your body, mind and senses in the beautiful surrounds of Loch Leven with a mindful movement and meditation session. Offered by local yoga teacher, Orla Beaton, the monthly sessions will include gentle yoga and qigong, seated and walking meditation, and poetry to help us destress, connect, and find balance. All our events are bookable via events.rspb.org.uk/lochleven.

We are pleased to say our mobility scooter has been getting plenty of use in the last few months. This is a free service provided by the Kinross-shire partnership to assist anyone with mobility issues in getting out and about to enjoy the wonderful outdoors. Donations are welcome and go directly to the partnership for the ongoing upkeep and maintenance of the scooters and development of the scheme. If you would like to book the scooter, please contact the visitor centre on 01577 862355. For more information and reserve updates please keep an eye on our socials on Facebook at [@RSPBTaysideFife](https://www.facebook.com/RSPBTaysideFife) and Twitter [@RSPBLochLeven](https://twitter.com/RSPBLochLeven).

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Ewe'll Never Go Hungry

THERE HAS BEEN A great burst of growth in the past couple of weeks aided by a combination of increasing temperatures and some welcome showers of rain. The countryside is lush with grass growth and winter sown barleys have pushed their seed heads up into the open. Wheat is growing fast and the fields of oilseed rape have been in full bloom with their golden yellow flowers for some time.

Even here, in the dark wilderness of backward farm we have almost shaken off the last shackles of winter. Lambing is finished and on the whole it went quite well with not too many of the usual challenges that it brings. Apart from a few showery days at the beginning it was basically dry throughout, which helps. Our spring barley is all through the ground and rowed up nicely. Although I would have liked to have sowed it a bit earlier, it has benefited from the moisture and heat, germinating quickly so it will soon catch up. As a last minute decision I decided to grow a small field of oats which could be useful for feeding sheep in particular. It is quite a few years since we have grown oats but they used to yield quite well so we will see how they do. The oats were very late sown but hopefully like the barley they will catch up, and will make a useful addition to feed stocks.

The cattle are mostly out of grass now



and the rest will be out by the time you are reading this, with the exception of the intensive, cereal feed bulls which will be kept inside.

The pigs have been enjoying the recent conditions too although the downside is that they need more water carted to them. Feeding them is much easier however, when you aren't in danger of losing your wellies in mud, and it hasn't been so hot that wallows have been needed for them to cool down, which always tend to evaporate as quickly as they are replenished.

There is always a variety of life around a farm and that's is certainly the case here. We have the very common cattle and sheep, although within these we have the slightly more unusual Dexter

cattle and with the sheep we have a variety of commercial breeds based around the Scotch Mule and Welsh Lleyn ewe breeds to which we have added a composite breed called the Aberfield. Younger son Callum has added some hardy Cheviot and Blackface ewes along with some notoriously not so hardy Bluefaced Leicester ewes and rams. The Bluefaced Leicester, when crossed

with a hill type ewe, results in what is known as a 'mule' ewe – a Scotch mule from the Blackface and a Cheviot mule from the cheviot ewe, and they are renowned for being excellent breeding sheep. To the slightly more unusual end of the scale we also have pigs which are elder son Ian's passion (although on a rough winter's day 'trauchle' would be a better word). Again, there are a variety of breeds, but all traditional minority or rare breeds, including the British Saddlebacks, Tamworth and more recently a Large Black, which all produce meat of outstanding quality.

These animals on the production side of the business but we also have animals which would be described as being on the management side of things. Our head of rodent control, farm cat Wispa has just had a litter of kittens, which is a first for us. We look forward to watching the new rodent control team growing into their roles.

Callum also came home from his lambing job with two collies. Young dog Tweed and pup Oz will hopefully help keep control of the increasing sheep flock. Finally, Kerry's horse Mia is due to have a foal imminently. This was a very unexpected situation, but will add another dimension and could be useful horsepower if we can't afford to buy petrol for the quad bike or diesel for the tractors!

I think we should re-name the farm the 'sanctuary'.

John

Weather



Recent Weather Reports From Kinross

March 2022

Total Rainfall	34.5mm/1.38in	
Heaviest Fall	12.3ml/0.75in	(5 Apr)
Total Sunshine	156.1 hrs	
Sunniest Day	11.4 hrs	(22 Apr)
Max Temp Average	12.42c	
Highest Temp	17.3c	(17 & 22 Apr)
Min Temp Average	-0.28c	
Lowest Temp	-6.6c	(1 Apr)

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Fruity Misbehaviour

AT LONG LAST JUNE has arrived, the frosts are over and it's time to get the garden looking beautiful for the summer. If only I wasn't sat here with rain battering off the windows and a howling gale outside – but hey, you can't have everything!

So, by now most things should have been hardened off and got used to the soaring Scottish temperatures. For me, this will be an ongoing process over the next few weeks as some of my seedlings refused to grow for weeks and weeks. They're perking up now that I've fed them a couple of times, so fingers crossed I'll have all my bedding plants out by the end of the month.

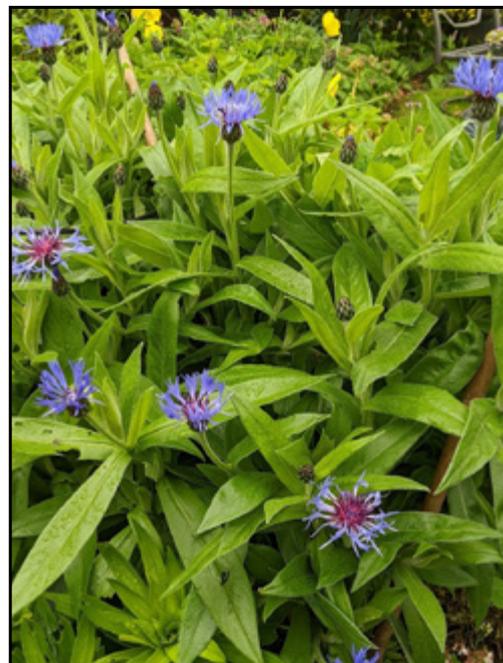
This is the time of year that sort of falls between seasons – all the spring plants

have died off and the summer bedding has just gone out. Early perennials are good to fill that gap, plants such as lupins, cornflowers (right) and perennial geraniums (below) are early flowering and also last a good few weeks. Remember, after these plants have flowered, give them a good trim and you should get another flush of flowers before the end of the season.

Biennials are also great at this time of year and bridge the gap nicely between spring and summer – foxgloves, lunaria and sweet williams spring to mind. They're not quite flowering yet, but give them a week or so and they'll be brightening the garden up.

The last few weeks have been like painting the Forth Road Bridge it has to be said. I have a fair few flower beds in the garden, so I have been weeding them... finishing the last one and then weeding them again. I swear the weeds have been growing before my eyes. I've now decided that I'll weed as I plant the bedding plants over the next few weeks – which is what I probably should have done anyway, but the look of an empty, weed free flower bed is something to behold.

I usually plant summer bedding by border, so I'll finish one area before moving onto the next. This year, because of stubborn plants, I'll need to do it by plant I think, so plant all of one variety



before moving on – I just hope I leave enough room for the last stuff I plant. It'll be fine, I'm sure.

As well as planting flowers (and weeding), the next few weeks will be taken up with painting patio furniture and sorting out fruit plants. The redcurrants have gone wild, the raspberries are on a mission to take over the world and we'll not mention the gooseberries. The only fruit that's doing what it's supposed to at the moment is the strawberries – and I'll be keeping an eye out for runners that I can pot up for next year.

So, the watchwords for gardening in June are: plant, weed, trim, weed. Next month there will be lots of pictures of blooming flowers – fingers crossed!

Don't forget to sit back occasionally and enjoy the fruits of your labours. Have a great month, fellow gardeners and see you in July!

Teresa Stirling

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Office Tel: (01577) 862570

The Church Office is operating remotely. Leave a phone message or email.

Minister: Rev Alan D. Reid MA, BD Tel: (01577) 862952

Ordained Local Minister: Rev Margaret Michie

Session Clerk: Jaffrey Weir

KEEPING IN TOUCH: contact the Church Office to receive our weekly email of events.

Regular Services and Events:

Sundays

9.15am Choir Practice

10.30am: Morning Service, gathering song about 10.25am. The theme in June is Paul's Letter to Titus. Children's and Young People's groups meet during the service. Refreshments and Traidcraft stall after the service.

Sunday morning services are also available live on the church website, YouTube and Facebook. Thereafter available to view on YouTube, Facebook and the church's website. Listen by phone on 01577 528270, or request a CD from the church office.

6pm: Sunday Evening Prayer, on Zoom

7pm: Crossfire, for young people P7 and above. Start the week with Faith, Food and Fun

Mondays

8pm: House Group – Bible study and fellowship

Tuesdays

1.45pm: House Group

Wednesdays

1.30pm: Craft Group

7.45pm: Men's House Group

8.00pm: Women's House Group

Thursdays

10.30am: House Group

11-12pm Table Talk – Chat and coffee on Zoom

Fridays

Boys' Brigade and Girls' Association in the church centre.

Anchors 6pm; Juniors 7pm; Company and Seniors 7pm

Other Services and Events:

June

Sun 5 10.30am Morning Service - Quarterly Communion. Special Collection for local charity The Stephen Lyon Foundation.

2pm: Queen's Jubilee Tea Party in church garden. Inside if wet.

Mon 6 8am: Silent Meditation

Tues 7 10-11am NEW: 'Stepping Stones' for toddlers, babies and their parents and carers.

Sun 12 2-6pm: MAF Youth Event, Kirkgate Park. Including static MAF aircraft display, exhibition, flight simulator



2.30pm – Let's Sing – for those with dementia and their carers

Thurs 16 9pm: Evening service of **Compline**

Sat 18 All Friends Together: : a monthly celebration of Jesus for adults with special needs

2pm: Congregational Cycle, leaving from the church
Sun 19 Youth event in Glasgow for those who attended Youth Alpha.

Sat 25 10am-2pm: Farmers' Market, High Street. The church and Traidcraft will have stalls at the market.

Sun 26 12 noon: Barbecue in church garden after the morning service. Food provided. Inside if wet.

Fossoway, St Serf's & Devonside Church

Church of Scotland

(Charity number SC013157)

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

www.cleishandfossowaychurches.org.uk

Minister: Rev Lis Stenhouse Telephone: (01577) 842128

Email: estenhuse@churchofscotland.org.uk

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

Email: aclassicsoul@aol.com



June 2022

Sunday, 5 June

9.45am Morning Worship,
Refreshments and the Fairtrade stall
will be available after the service
Sorry there will be no Zoom service

Sunday, 12 June

9.45am: Morning Worship.

Sunday, 19 June

9.45am: Morning Worship.

Sunday, 26 June

9.45am: Morning Worship.

Sunday, 30 June

10am: Fossoway Primary School Service

Refresh Thursdays

We are open again on Thursdays 2-4pm in the Church Hall but we will be taking a little break after 30 June and will start again on 1 September.

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

Film Evening

Fri 3 June 7.30pm – 9.30pm in the Church Hall

Belfast (PG): A nine-year-old boy must chart a path towards adulthood through a world that has suddenly turned upside down. His stable and loving community and everything he thought he understood about life is changed forever but joy, laughter, music and the formative magic of the movies remain.

Please join us for the film, a cuppa and a blether and even some popcorn, all are welcome

Fossoway Crafts

Monday evenings from 6.30pm in the Church Hall. Bring your own craft and join us

Fossoway Babies and Toddlers

Every Friday June 9.30 – 11.30am. Fossoway Church Hall, Snacks, play and blether

Church Information

Cleish Parish Church

Church of Scotland

(Charity No: SC003168)

Minister: Rev Lis Stenhouse BD (Hons)

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Session Clerk: Neil Maclure

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

Please visit our website: www.cleishandfossowaychurches.org.uk

We look forward to welcoming you to worship with us.

June 2022

Sunday, 5 June

11.15am: Morning Worship,

Sunday, 12 June

11.15am: Morning Worship.

Sunday, 19 June

11.15am: Morning Worship.

Sunday, 26 June

11.15am: Morning Worship.

If you would like any more information or to join with us for any of the Zoom services, please contact the Rev Lis Stenhouse (01577 84212) who will be happy to send you the link.

St James' Catholic Church

5 High Street, Kinross, KY13 8AW

Parish Priest: Father Martin Pletts. Tel: 01577 863329

www.catholickinross.com

Email: Fr.MartinPletts@gmail.com

facebook.com/parishpriestkinross/

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Saturday Vigil Mass – 7pm

Sunday Mass – 9am

Catechism Class (during term-time) on Monday after school till 4.30pm.

Tuesday 5.45-6.45pm Holy Hour (with Holy Rosary and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament), followed by Holy Mass at 7pm.

Wednesday 10am Holy Mass

Friday 10am Holy Mass

Holy Rosary or Seasonal Devotions: Wed and Fri 9.15-9.45am

Confessions: After the Saturday Vigil Mass and after weekday Masses and on request.

For the full parish timetable see the newsletter section on the parish website: www.catholickinross.com

Kinross Christian Fellowship

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

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

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

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



St Paul's Scottish Episcopal Church

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Muir, Kinross, KY13 8AY

Fr David Mackenzie Mills, Rector.

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You can also find us on Facebook

www.facebook.com/stpaulsepiscopalchurchkinross

NB – The Rector will be on Sabbatical from Easter Monday until the Autumn. Whilst he is away, in the first instance, please contact Rev. Fliss Shaw (01577-861655 or 07546-219938) in relation to services or Malcolm Strang Steel (07970 744102; steel@greenheadfarm.co.uk) for services and other matters relating to St Paul's.*

*The church building is open for services in person. Our Sunday morning services begin at 10am, unless otherwise advertised. (Our church bell rings from 9.45am.) We will provide regular updates on our website. Please do refer to it regularly. Although government guidelines removed the need for social distancing, we maintain a 1m distancing policy in the church building and face coverings may be worn. We look forward to seeing you!

Our services are also broadcast from the church building as livestreams via 'Zoom' and Facebook Live. Thereafter, recordings of these services can be viewed on our Facebook page.

Please be assured of our prayers and intercessions, especially if Covid-19 has directly affected you and your family.

May the road rise up to meet you.

May the wind be always at your back.

*May the sun shine warm upon your face;
the rains fall soft upon your fields and, until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand.*

Events and Services in June

Sunday 5: (THE DAY OF PENTECOST)

10am Sung Eucharist Celebrant and Preacher: Rev. Fliss Shaw

Sunday 12: (TRINITY SUNDAY)

10am Sung Eucharist Celebrant and Preacher: To be confirmed

Sunday 19: (Week of Proper 12)

10am Sung Eucharist Celebrant and Preacher: Rev. Fliss Shaw

Sunday 26: (Week of Proper 13)

10am Sung Eucharist Celebrant and Preacher: To be confirmed

Orwell and Portmoak Parish Church

Church of Scotland (Charity number SC015523)

Interim Moderator – Rev Alan Reid

Telephone 01577 862952

Email: areid@churchofscotland.org.uk

Locum – Rev Dr Robert Calvert

Sunday Worship, and Junior Church:

10am Portmoak Church

11.30am Orwell Church

All children welcome.

The wearing of masks in church is no longer a legal requirement, but can still be worn if desired.

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

5 June 10.30am: Joint family service in Orwell Church

No morning service at Portmoak Church



- 12 June** Communion Service in both churches at the usual time
- 3 July** **10.30am:** Joint family service in Portmoak Church
No morning service at Orwell Church
6.30pm: Michael Bruce Service of Commemoration in Portmoak Church

Please check the church website or Facebook page for further information on all services in case anything changes. The Church Office and Shop is once again open from 10am to 12pm, from Monday to Friday.

Office email: orwellandportmoakchurch@gmail.com

Website: orwellportmoakchurch.org.uk

Loch Leven Church

(Charity No: SC049050)

Loch Leven Church meets at Loch Leven Community Campus, at 10:30am each Sunday. Our sermon series

from until August is 'What does the Bible say about...?' and we'll be hosting the following services in June:

- 5 June: Communion Service**
Matthew Leach (LLC)
- 12 June: What does the Bible say about Heaven?**
Gavin Matthews (SOLAS)
- 19 June: What does the Bible say about the Bible?**
Jim Crooks (Tayside Christian Fellowship)
- 26 June: End of school term/Loch Leven Kids Prize Giving Service & Communion**
Kath Schofield (LLC)

Everyone, of all ages, is very welcome and there are separate activities for children during the service. To find out more about us, please visit our Facebook page 'We Love Loch Leven', our website www.lochlevenchurch.com, or email us at info@lochlevenchurch.com

Kinross Gospel Hall

8 Montgomery Street, Kinross www.kinrossgospelhall.info
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Friends and Neighbours Teas on the first and third Sundays of the month. All necessary precautions will be observed to maintain safe conditions. We look forward to seeing old friends and welcoming new ones. Everyone welcome.



Acknowledgements

THOMSON: Campbell, Anne, Jane and Isla wish to thank all relatives and friends for the many kind expressions of sympathy, cards and flowers received following their sad loss of **Ena Thomson**. Thanks to all staff of the Tay Ward at Perth Royal Infirmary for their care of Ena, to Stewart Funeral Directors, Kinross for their professional service, help and support, to the Rev. Alan Reid for his kind words and comforting service.

A special thanks to all those who paid their respects to Ena at Perth Crematorium and who generously donated £512.00 for Alzheimer Scotland. Thanks also to the staff at Kinross Golf Club for their warm welcome and excellent catering.

Death Notices

MULLER, SHEILA (nee Buchanan)
d 15 May 2022

PASSED PEACEFULLY AT Edinburgh Royal Infirmary surrounded by her family, after unexpectedly taking ill.

Currently we are unable to confirm funeral arrangements, but all of Sheila's family would like to pass on their thanks to everyone for their kind offers of help and support at this time.

We also wish to thank all staff involved in Sheila's care whilst she was in ERI, as she was cared for to the highest possible standard, with love & compassion.

Richard, Yvonne, Susan and Gale, together with all their grandchildren will miss Sheila deeply, and no words can express our feelings of loss for the wonderful, kind, caring woman she was.

She asked for nothing, and gave everything.

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 10-11am
(First Tuesday of each month)

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

Loch Leven Babies and Toddlers

Masonic Hall, Kinross 9.30-11.30am

Portmoak Babies and Toddlers

Portmoak Church Hall
9.45-11.30am

Fossoway Babies and Toddlers

Crook of Devon Church Hall
9.30-11.30am

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All are very welcome to attend.

We are hoping to restart some of our activities again shortly. If you are 70 or over, live in the parish of Orwell and are not currently on our members list, please get in touch with our Secretary, Carole Anderson Tel: 863175. Thank you.

Sunday Ceilidhs

Milnathort Town Hall 2-5pm
June to be confirmed
July 17 Johnny Duncan
Aug 28 Gavin Piper
Sept 25 Alan Small
Oct 23 Nicola Braid and Gordon Haddow
Oct 30 Concert Leonard Brown supporting artist Fin Hope
Nov 20 George Rennie
Dec 11 Wayne Robertson

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Kinross Garden Group

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Thursday 9 June 2022
Information from Ms Anderson
01577 864589

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Scotlandwell (Leslie Road)	10:25 – 10:50	Carnbo (Pitcairnie Lane)	15:00 – 15:30
Levenmouth Farm	11:00 – 11:20	Whyte Court (Kinross)	15:45 – 16:15
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Perth & Kinross School Term Dates 2022

Summer term 2022

Jubilee holiday: Thursday 2 June & Fri 3 June 2022

Term ends: Thursday 30 June 2022

In-Service days: Monday 15 August 2022 & Tuesday 16 August 2022

Autumn term starts: Wednesday 17 August 2022

Grants and Funding Websites

www.pkgrantsdirect.com
www.foundationscotland.org.uk

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NEWSLETTER DEADLINES

More deadlines for the months ahead can be found on our website.

In very rare circumstances it may be necessary to change a deadline at short notice. Check the *Newsletter* website for latest information: www.kinrossnewsletter.org

Issue	Deadline	Publication Date
July	Friday 17 June	Saturday 2 July
August	Friday 15 July	Saturday 30 July

100th Birthday and Diamond Wedding Anniversaries

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

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

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Linda Freeman

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Situations Vacant

Part time Church Office Coordinator, Kinross Parish Church

20 hours per week over 5 or 4 weekday mornings to include Monday, Thursday and Friday, with an element of remote working considered.

Our current postholder is stepping down after a fantastic effort steering KPC through the challenges of Covid-19 over the past year and we are looking to fill this key role. Do you have previous office experience, good IT skills, along with excellent organisational and communication skills and enjoy working with people?

Since its establishment in 2010, the church office has been functioning as administrative support for KPC's active ministries, for all users of the office and in coordinating the hire of the church and church centre. This is undertaken by a paid office coordinator with some volunteer support. The tasks are wide ranging and no two days are the same!

Like all jobs, the role had to adapt and develop during the pandemic requiring acquisition of new, more technical, skills and agile responses to changing situations. Thankfully, we are now returning to a more consistent pattern of work.

You will be a key point of contact for the congregation, community and beyond so, if you are talented in ensuring that an organisation runs smoothly, have a heart for getting alongside people and helping make things happen, we would love to hear from you.

For informal enquiries, please contact Alice Getley on 01577 863395. Job description and salary details available from Alison Brown by email at alisonmdollar@hotmail.com.

Closing date for applications (CV with names of 2 referees please) is Monday 6 June at 12 noon toalisonmdollar@hotmail.com.

For Sale

Items for Sale

The *Newsletter* publishes items for sale listed on the [kinross.cc](http://www.kinross.cc) website. If interested in purchasing an item, we suggest **checking the website for current availability** (www.kinross.cc then 'Local Adverts' then 'Classified Adverts'). If interested in selling an item, please list it on www.kinross.cc and it will automatically be published in the next available *Newsletter*, subject to space.

Dell C1660w Laser Printer £50

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Seller Details:

Jane Morrison 07859 403911

Ceramic Wall Tiles £30

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Seller Details: Bruce Calderwood 01592 840423
the.calderwoods@btinternet.com

King Size Bed Frame £40

IKEA TARVA King size bed frame with luroy slats in pine. This has been used mainly as a guest bed.

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treaiaich1@gmail.com

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SUNDAY JUNE 19th 2022
11AM TO 3PM

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1st Muckhart Brownies has spaces available for new members!

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They go on adventures, camps and holidays.

We meet on Tuesdays in the Coronation hall, our meetings run alongside Rainbows (for girls aged 4-7).

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**MOBILE POST VAN AT
BUCHAN AVENUE,
KINNESSWOOD**

**MONDAYS 13.45 till 14.45
WEDNESDAYS 12.45 till 13.45**

**KINROSS DELIVERY OFFICE
ROYAL MAIL
87 High St, Kinross KY13 8AR
OPENING TIMES**

MONDAY	8-10am
TUESDAY	8-10am
WEDNESDAY	8-10am
THURSDAY	8-10am and 4-7pm
FRIDAY	8-10am
SATURDAY	8am-12pm
SUNDAY	CLOSED

Homes For Cats Wanted

FifeCat Shelter, a Scottish Registered Charity, is always looking for homes for rescued cats.

Cats can be visited, by appointment, at Causeway Cattery, Scotlandwell.

Contact Rhona on 01383 830286.



Kinross Recycling Centre

Bridgend Industrial Estate

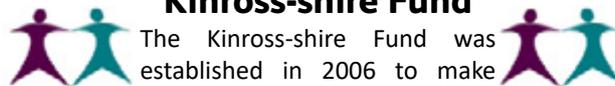
Opening Times:

Mon - Fri 9am - 7pm
Sat - Sun 9am - 5pm

Bras, bicycles, cans (inc aerosols, biscuit tins, aluminium foil), car and household batteries, cardboard, cooking oil, electricals (WEEE), engine oil, fluorescent tubes, long life light bulbs, food and drinks cartons (Tetra packs), fridges, freezers, garden waste, glass, large domestic appliances, paper, plastic (rigid plastic packaging), rubble stone and soil, scrap metal, telephone directories, textiles (clothes and shoes), timber, tyres (maximum two per visit, strictly householders only) and non-recyclable (general) waste. Bikes and bike parts will be recycled.

Compost can be collected from the Recycling Centre, subject to availability. Maximum of 2 x 25kg bags per visitor.

Kinross-shire Fund



The Kinross-shire Fund was established in 2006 to make the area a better place to live, by making grants to a wide range of local charities, organisations and projects which make a positive difference to the community.

To date, over 50 organisations within the 73 square miles of Kinross-shire have benefited from an award, with beneficiaries ranging in age from pre-school to the elderly. The Fund is managed by Foundation Scotland and is currently open for applications, with deadlines quarterly on the first Monday of February, May, August and November each year.

Full details, including how to apply via our online application link, can be found at:

www.foundationscotland.org.uk/programmes/kinross-shire-fund

EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS

Medical

Loch Leven Health Centre	01577 862112
Loch Leven Health Centre Out of Hours	01577 865252
NHS 24	111
Perth Royal Infirmary main switchboard	01382 660111
Perth Royal Infirmary (Admissions and Enquiries Desk)	01738 473734
Ninewells Hospital, Dundee	01382 660111
Victoria Hospital, Kirkcaldy	01592 643355
Queen Margaret Hospital, Dunfermline	01383 623623
Rowlands Pharmacy, Kinross	01577 862422
Davidson's Chemist, Milnathort	01577 862219

Police, non-emergency 101

Police, Fire, Ambulance & Coastguard Emergencies 999

Gas (worried about gas safety) 0800 111 999

Water (loss of supply, foul water emergency) 0845 600 8855

Floods SEPA Floodline recorded messages 0345 988 1188

Perth & Kinross Council (PKC)

Customer Service Centre (Mon- Fri, 8am-6pm) 01738 475000

Reporting non-emergency Road and Lighting faults (CLARENCE) 0800 232323

PKC Out of Hours emergency numbers

Adult care services	0345 301 11 20
Anti-social behaviour helpline (*42* telephone and leave a voicemail)	01738 476173*42*
Child protection	01738 476768
Council housing emergency repairs	01738 476000
Dangerous buildings	01738 476476
Environmental Health	01738 476476
Flooding	01738 476476
Homelessness	0800 917 0708
Mental health services	0345 301 11 20
Roads (e.g. reporting blockage)	01738 476476

Traveline Scotland 0871 200 22 33

Loch Leven Community Campus 01577 867200

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A Davidson	(Treasurer)	
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Have a look at our website: www.portmoak.org

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Mobile Library Service

See p95 for details. For more information, see: www.culturepk.org.uk/libraries and click on 'Services in the Community'

Perth Samaritans

Need to talk? We'll listen.

Contact us by

phone: 01738 626666 or 08457 909090
email: jo@samaritans.org

Visit us at 3 King's Place, Perth, PH2 8AA

Mondays	1630 – 2130	Thursdays	1630 – 1900
Wednesdays	0830 – 1100	Fridays	1000 – 1630
and	1930 – 2130	Sundays	0800 – 2130

No pressure, no names, no judgment.
We're here for you, anytime.

Enquire

Are you looking for information about your child's rights to support in school? If so, contact **Enquire**, the national advice and information service for additional support for learning.

Enquire offer: a confidential telephone helpline and online enquiry service, practical guides, fact sheets and newsletters, helpful materials for children and young people with additional support needs.

For more information contact: Tel 0345 123 2303

Website: www.enquire.org.uk

Enquire is funded by the Scottish Government and managed by Children in Scotland.

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Greens of Kinross	High Street, Kinross	Buchan's Garage	Main Street, Kinnesswood
Baillies	High Street, Kinross	Shop	Main Street, Kinnesswood
Sainsburys	Station Road, Kinross	Fossoway Store	Crook of Devon
Giacopazzis	Lathro, Kinross	Fossoway Garage	Crook of Devon
Keystore More	Green Road, Kinross	Mona's Coffee Shop	Muckhart
Giacopazzis	New Road, Milnathort	Powmill Stores	Powmill
Stewart & Smart	Stirling Road, Milnathort	Loch Leven's Larder	Near Wester Balgedie
Heaven Scent	South Street, Milnathort	Glenfarg Village Shop	Glenfarg