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Letter From The Editor

A few days ago I spotted a hedgehog racing about outside. It was mid-morning and he took me by surprise with the speed at which he moved. I don't recall seeing one out and about during the daytime and I remembered reading that you shouldn't see them in daylight hours; it generally means something is wrong. He was hanging out near some garages which is never a great idea for any species, so I called the Forth Hedgehog Hospital. Due to high demand, at that time they were only accepting hedgehogs from the Rosyth area, but recommended putting him a cardboard box and contacting the SSPCA.

Spike was only with me for about two hours before he was

About The Kinross Newsletter

The *Kinross Newsletter* has been informing and supporting the community for over 45 years.

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

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collected by a lovely SSPCA officer and diagnosed as an underweight juvenile who would be taken away to be fed up and then released again. Given



the storm which is raging as I write, I am glad to think of him in a safe place!

The wind is blowing a hoolie with Storm Babet in full swing. The roads are full of puddles, leaves and branches, but thankfully there hasn't been a serious impact on Kinross-shire compared to Perth, Angus and other parts of the country; just a few short-lived road closures.

It's the first red weather warning I can ever remember in Scotland, although I'm sure it won't be the last. Serious flooding has impacted Brechin and the surrounding areas, where people have had to evacuate their homes. A safe warm place is certainly something we should all be grateful for in these troubling times.

There are lots of AGMS taking place in November. It's the time of year to think about what you could offer your community. If you have integrity and honesty as your core values, the community council would benefit from your membership.

It doesn't seem right to be talking about Christmas already, but it will be here before we know it! The Christmas Light Switch on takes place on Thursday 23 November this year in the car park at Greens. Santa will be there and there is always a great atmosphere in the town. Come along and enjoy the entertainment.

The Winter Market takes place in Market Park on Saturday 25 November from 10am to 3pm. It's always a great day out with live music, fantastic stalls to start your Christmas shopping, and wonderful local food stands. Let's hope it will be much drier weather at that point!

We are also lucky to have so many local events on our doorstep-you can see more about the Winter Festival events on pp27-29. There is something for everyone. Thanks to everyone at KLEO for all their hard work in organising it.

Hannah Phillips, Editor





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Current & Proposed Windfarms In The Ochil Hills

FAO:Chairs of Fossoway (FCC) & Cleish Community Councils (CCC)

I am writing this 'open letter' to yourselves following your failure to be represented at the private meeting called by Friends of the Ochils (FOTO) on 7/9/23 to discuss the above, given the current interest and concern amongst the wider community. FCC are most affected by current proposals & CCC is now an area with a high capacity for windfarms per Map 6.1 of PKC's supplementary guidance of August 2017 following the loss of landscape designations for the Cleish Hills & Devon Gorge that I did my utmost to prevent when a local councillor.

The Ochil Hills in particular are 'a very special place' with landscape designations that don't appear to offer sufficient protection against windfarm development under current national planning policy framework (NPF4). In fact, there has long been aspirations for the Ochils to be a Regional Park and at the first historic meeting of the Kinross-shire Local Committee of PKC on 20/1/22, which I chaired, the whole Committee unanimously endorsed an approach to PKC to kickstart the process of engagement needed to further that aspiration. The context was the Shared Policy Programme of August 2021 coalition agreement between the Scottish Government and the Green Party encouraging more and better National and Regional Parks.

A reflection on the history of windfarm development and current proposals for the Ochils is very relevant here as I would argue that further windfarm developments would seriously weaken the case for a Regional Park.!

SNH (now Nature Scot) guidance of November 2000 recognised the 'short-term' nature of onshore technology, stating that in the longer term off-shore wind (more reliable), wave and tidal power generation has less overall impact on the environment. PKC's Wind Energy Policy & Guidance of June 2004 referred to a Landscape Capacity Study commissioned by PKC, Clackmannan Council (CC) & SNH concluding that 'only 1 windfarm should be permitted in the Ochils, west of the M90, with smaller turbines to avoid dwarfing the hills themselves'! Since 2012, we now have 3 large windfarms operating, Burnfoot Hill/Rhodders complex (24 turbines), Greenknowes (18 turbines) & Lochelbank (12 turbines) following various public inquiries and Government Reporter decisions, often against the wishes of communities and elected members. The Ochil Hills have been unfairly targeted by a plethora of applications over the years that show no sign of diminishing.

We are now faced with 3 further proposals to the Energy Consent Unit at the Scottish Government (thereby set to bypass the local authorities who would be statutory consultees), namely Brunt Hill (18 turbines), Craighead (10 turbines on the site of the previously refused Mellock Hill proposal after a public inquiry & FCC objection) and Windburn (15 turbines).

These new generation of on-shore windfarms are often 'twice the height of existing ones at over 200 metres and may require 'lighting at night' for aircraft safety, etc. The proposals for Brunt Hill & Craighead are close together, located within the Ochil Hills Local Landscape Area & current PKC supplementary guidance specifically seeks to avoid proposals for turbines having an adverse impact on the special qualities of this sensitive environment, particularly cumulative impacts.

NPF4 was adopted by the Scottish Government on 13/2/23 and incredibly contains no standalone policy on landscape but does provide strong support for the development of renewable energy projects. It has been confirmed to me by PKC planning that there is potential for 'policy incompatibility' between our LDP2 & NPF4 & legal advice will be tested. It recently has been in Dumfries & Galloway where a 70.2MW windfarm proposal at Shepherd's Rig was recommended by a Government Reporter for refusal in April 2022, but Scottish Ministers after February 2023 ordered the inquiry re-opened on the implications of NPF4, resulting in the same Reporter granting permission last August



(the Reporter in question was the same one who refused Mellock Hill). Mountaineering Scotland had objected and have since stated 'Under NPF4, renewable energy companies will be looking forward to generating big profits at the expense of our world class landscape and we should all be very concerned about what our country is going to look like over the next 20 years and the potential impact this new policy will have on some of our wild and most beautiful areas'. Dismay at this Shepherd's Rig decision reversal has since been tempered by a recent refusal of the Clauchrie Windfarm in South Ayrshire, principally on proximity to a wild land designation. I have been advised by MSPs that such 'policy incompatibility' was 'feared' when the Framework was adopted. I am of the view that this is bad planning policy and I have successfully pressed APRS Council to seek appropriate amendments to NPF4 in their 5 year strategy.

Another prominent feature of these latest windfarm proposals is the amount of 'community benefit' that is being offered. It is important to stress that this 'financial bribe' is a separate issue to planning consent. At the meeting on 7/9/23 this was confirmed and there was also a healthy dose of scepticism from the Glenfarg CC representative in relation to what may be promised and what is actually delivered. So, I feel your CC's should foremost concentrate on the planning issues.

If there was no alternative to the current proposed industrialisation of our hill landscape in Scotland, I could reluctantly accept the situation in order to address climate change. However, there clearly are alternatives. Britain possesses significant reserves of coal, gas, hydro, oil, tidal, waste timber, wave and wind resource; we should not currently have an energy crisis if successive governments had followed a mixed-use energy policy with a gradual move to renewables, coupled with a greater focus on making existing and planned buildings more energy efficient, etc.

I noted in February '23 that the Scottish Government had launched a consultation on Energy Policy to 2045 that is predicated on concentration on onshore windfarms to meet climate targets, 'an incredibly short-sighted policy' that will do untold damage to our hill landscapes and a tourist industry significantly reliant on visitors who come to Scotland for its' scenery; it would appear that this drive is principally for enabling the export of energy to England.

So, in summary, we currently have 54 turbines in the Ochil Hills and 43 more at proposal stage. "At the very least", I would expect our community councils to press PKC's elected members to ensure that these latest proposals are the subject of a public inquiry, preferably conjoined, by PKC opposing them as a statutory consultee; in order that all the issues affecting our hill land-scapes can be fully debated in public forum.

Mike Barnacle, Council Member of Rural Scotland (APRS), Chair of Fossoway Community Development Trust, Member of FOTO, John Muir Trust, Kinross-shire Civic Trust & RSPB.

P.S. (1) Views in this letter are my personal ones but will be circulated to my above membership organisations.

(2) I have documentation to support the subject matters outlined above.

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Kinross teen Mackenzie Connor (aged 15) entered Miss Junior Teen Great Britain in October and mum says she was fantastic!

She was placed in the top 10 from a total of 47 contestants in the pageant.

Mum Sian is super proud of her! Well done, Mackenzie.

Thanks



KVGROS

The KVG-ROS Committee would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who donated prizes for the tombola at the Farmers' Market on 28 August which raised an amazing £410 for the charity! It was lovely to see so many people and a huge thanks to everyone who came along to support us on the day.



Charity Concert

The Charity Concert at the end of September in Kinross Parish Church raised £2150 to be spread equally between Prospects across Scotland and KYTHE. Sincere thanks to all who supported it.

Abseil for Marie Curie

Margaret Meade sends huge thanks to all her generous friends and family for sponsoring her recent Abseil Experience on the

Forth Rail Bridge to raise funds for Marie Curie. Her team raised over £3,000 to support the nurses who care for patients with any terminal illness at the end of life.

Marg's Cheerleaders, granddaughters Geneva and Isla Kinghorn



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PORTMOAK VILLAGE HALL NEEDS YOUR HELP

THE HALL HAS BEEN a constant venue for many clubs, from preschool to Guides, societies and badminton clubs. It has been a very reasonably-priced facility to hire for private events for many years. Built in the 1870's, it still stands strong to serve the community.

The current committee served notice at the 2022 AGM that they are standing down after being involved for many years. New blood is required to keep this vital part of the community going.

The 2023 AGM is on the 19 October at 7pm. You will be very welcome to attend. Being a committee member is not an overly time-consuming task — you just need to be community spirited and wish this facility to continue for the generations that need it now and in the future.

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CHRISTMAS LIGHTS & SANTA!

THE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS in Kinross will this year be switched on by Perth and Kinross Provost Xander McDade. There will be a cash collection on the night: please give generously!

A spokesperson for the Light Up Kinross Committee said. 'The Lights Switch-On is on Thursday 23 November at 6pm at Greens car park. Lots of entertainment on the night, including a visit from Santa! Hope to see you all then.'

Light up Kinross started in 1999 as a joint venture of Kinross Community Council and Kinross Traders Association.

Each contributed 50% of the costs of 28 pole lights for the High St and Station Rd, along with tree lights on Avenue Road and Swansacre (trees there long gone, sadly).

In 2009 Light up Kinross set up as a charity to allow applications for charitable funding.

The number of street lights has now increased to 55 with lights on Crosswell Foun-



Sadly, over the support from High Street. The supported the abig thank you centre traders and in spite of the situation wishing to help the Facebook.

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tain and three wall-mounted lights financed by grants from various local charitable bodies.

Sadly, over the years, Light Up Kinross lost support from many traders as they left the High Street. They have a small core which has supported them all the way and wish to say a big thank you to them. Most of the town centre traders have changed over the years and in spite of a letter distributed every year the situation remains the same. Any trader wishing to help please get in touch through the Facebook page.

It costs £5200 per annum to create the Christmas display and maintain the lights up to PAT tested safety standards. Without the support of the traders and members of the public Light Up Kinross will not be able to create the full display next year.

If you can help, please contact David Colliar by emailing davidcolliar@tiscali.co.uk.

SANTA AND HIS ELVES will be taking his sleigh out around Kinross-shire on three weekends, namely 1, 2 & 3 December, 8, 9 & 10 December and 15, 16 & 17 December. A more detailed schedule of his visits will be in the December *Newsletter*.

COULD YOU JOIN THE ELF SERVICE? For more information, see the Rotary Club Entry on p61 in clubs.

COFFEE & CRAFTS

THE CRAFT GROUP OF Kinross Parish Church is holding a Coffee and Crafts morning at the Church Centre, Kinross High Street on Sat, 4 Nov from 10-12 pm.

Lots of handmade items will be available for sale and the KPC Fairtrade Team will also have a stall. Refreshments available. All proceeds will help the General Fund of Kinross Parish Church.





A Fairtrade Decade In Kinross-Shire



IN 2023 SCOTLAND celebrates 10 years of being a Fairtrade nation and Perth & Kinross has renewed its Fairtrade status which was first achieved in March 2017.

Fairtrade representatives encourage all local schools to work towards the Fairtrade awards and they also ask local businesses to en-

sure that they stock and service Fairtrade goods, one of the steps we can all take to support farmers in the global south. This helps them to use sustainable farming practices and to mitigate some of the effects of climate change.

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ASSET (Community Benefit Society) is progressing plans for the creation of a family-oriented aerospace discovery centre in Kinross-shire ('Aero Space Kinross'). www.aerospacekinross.com

The society has been allocated UK Government funding within the context of both the Tay Cities Region Economic Deal and the Community Ownership Fund. This government support is the foundation of a wider funding package which is required to fulfil the ambition. Discussions with match funders have reached the stage where we now require to further refine the financial model and regularly communicate increasingly detailed plans and project costs incurred to funders. We are therefore looking to appoint a Management Accountant to take primary responsibility for the creation, maintenance, updating and reporting of our financial projections.

It is anticipated that approx. 5-10 hours per week will be required initially and that the time commitment will grow steadily over the next 12-18 months towards the creation of a full-time role. This work pattern could suit someone who is either looking to build up to a full-time role, or possibly someone who is retired but would like to help the society grow through the next stage of its evolution.

The society already employs a bookkeeper with robust day-to-day financial administration practices in routine operation.

If you think you might be interested, please contact:

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KHS STEM SUCCESS



KINROSS HIGH SCHOOL WAS recently awarded the STEM Nation Award by Education Scotland. This new award is to celebrate excellent practice in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) education and can be awarded to schools and colleges in the state and private sector.

KHS is the first P&K school to be given this award. Education Scotland verifiers praised the wide range of opportunities for pupils across science and the wider STEM subjects and were impressed by the passion and enthusiasm of staff and pupils for STEM.

In recent years, the school has introduced new courses such as Practical Electronics and Laboratory Science as well as offering a vast range of curricular enhancement including Maths and Science Weeks; has gained a

green flag for environmental initiatives; supported pupils to build their own aeroplane and provided strong links to STEM careers.



Sarah Brown said: 'We are delighted to receive this award. It is a huge fillip for us, and we look forward to offering more exciting opportunities in STEM.'

Learning and Families Convener, Councillor John Rebbeck commented: 'What a fantastic achievement for Kinross High School! It highlights the wide-ranging learning we are continuing to develop for our young people in Perth and Kinross and the value of STEM across the curriculum.'

Kinross High School has been asked to share the exciting things it is taking forward in STEM with its peer schools in P&K and more widely across Scotland.'

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David Buchan explained: 'Although we've been here a long time, there have been four generations of my family involved with the shop, it's time for my wife, Ishbel, and I to take a step closer to retirement.'

They have sold the Kinnesswood shop to Brian and Dianne Skea.

David and Ishbel will continue with the garage business in Kinnesswood selling petrol and diesel along with motor servicing and repairs.

David and Ishbel made it clear how much they have valued the loyal patronage of their customers in the shop. David said, 'Ishbel and I would like to say a big thank you to all our loyal local customers who have supported the shop over the years through the good times as well as the tough times. We wish Brian and Dianne all the very best in their latest venture and we hope that the Portmoak people continue to really support their local store.'

The *Kinross Newsletter* team would like to pass on their very best wishes to David and Ishbel and take this opportunity to thank them for their community-minded support to the *Newsletter* over the years.

... ANOTHER DOOR OPENS

BRIAN AND DIANNE SKEA opened the door for the first time as the new proprietors of the Kinnesswood shop following the retirement of David and Ishbel Buchan.

The Skeas are newly back into the Kinross-shire community following a stay in Australia and will be well known to some locals who'll remember them from their time in business, here, before.

Brian has already met a lot of his new customers and is already well settled into the shop. He told us, 'We've long standing family connections both in Kinross and Portmoak and we are so delighted to be able to serve the local people in Kinnesswood and the surrounding area.'

'We'll continue to stock a wide range of newspapers, magazines, groceries, beers, wines and spirits as well as local produce while maintaining Paypoint's services and providing hot drinks and snacks to passing motorists.' He continued, 'If there's something special our customers want we will be more than happy to stock it for them.

'Of course the Newsletter will continue to be on sale, every month of the year, supporting the shops community ethos and keeping the Portmoak folk abreast of all Kinross-shire's news and views as well as being the number one reference for local advertising'.

The Newsletter team wish Brian and Dianne all the very best for the future in the Kinnesswood shop. We look forward to working with them well into the future.

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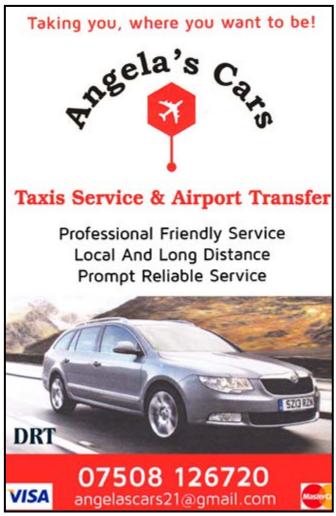




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KINROSS-SHIRE VOLUNTEERS WIN AGE SCOTLAND AWARD

THE KINROSS-SHIRE VOLUNTEER GROUP and Rural Outreach Scheme has won Age Scotland's national award for Services to Older People.

For 40 years the group has provided a lifeline service to older residents of the Kinross-shire and Glenfarg area by helping



Ena and Norma, delighted service users.

them, along with those with disabilities and the more vulnerable members of the community, get out and about and giving them a greater feeling of independence.

There are currently more than 360 clients registered with the service who live across Kinross-shire and Glenfarg.

The service provides volunteers to drive people to hospital, podiatry and dental appointments as well as help with shopping, visits to the hairdresser or to attend groups

and social activities that reduce loneliness and isolation and support health and wellbeing.

A reduction in public transport options across the area makes the door-to-door service all the more valuable to clients who don't have family or friends nearby and would otherwise struggle to attend appointments or events that can be many miles from home.

Demand for the service is increasing year on year. Centralisation of NHS services has meant some older people having to travel greater distances that in the past, making them more reliant on the drivers to get them to their appointments.

The group, run by a management committee, has a team of

30 dedicated volunteer drivers who look after their clients with kindness and compassion.

Pauline Watson, secretary of the Kinross-shire Voluntary Group and Rural Outreach Scheme, said:

'Our group has worked quietly for over 40 years delivering a vital service for the residents of Kinross-shire, and while we knew we had the support and recognition of the community, it came as a very pleasant surprise to be recognised nationally for this award.

'It never ceases to amaze me how our volunteers continue to provide this first-class service, even through difficult times like Covid and the cost of living crisis. This Age Scotland Award gives us the acknowledgement that we are delivering an important service and one which we know is making a difference.'



Stuart Purdy, Chairman of Age Scotland with David Aird, Chairman of KVGROS

Stuart Purdy, Chairman of Age Scotland's board of trustees, said, 'I am delighted to present the Services to Older People award to the very impressive Kinross-shire Voluntary Group and Rural Outreach Scheme. It's clear how important the voluntary group is to older people of Kinross-shire, providing a really important service that allows older people to attend appointments, get shopping and stay connected to friends and the community. Many congratulations to the Kinross-shire Voluntary Group and Rural Outreach Scheme for all their hard work and the example they provide to us all. They are worthy winners of the Services for Older People award.'

KVGROS would like to thank Avant Garde for providing the fantastic afternoon tea and Orwell Church for the amazing venue for the recent awards event.

Well done KVGROS!

ARE YOU LIVE?

Rural Ultrafast Broadband Is Here!

RURAL SHIRE RESIDENTS are being asked to check if they can now connect to ultrafast broadband following further expansion by Openreach.

The recent upgrades are part of the government's R100 programme and affected areas range from Coldrain and Balado to Auchmuirbridge and Vane Farm. Residents can check their address online at www.broadbandchecker.btwholesale.com (and choose 'Address Finder') to see if their property is listed as 'WBC FTTP' which means it's live. Mainstream providers such as BT, EE, Plusnet, Sky, TalkTalk, Zen and Vodafone can then be contacted to provide a service.

Cllr Neil Freshwater said 'This is great news, but residents don't seem to get told by providers when their service can be upgraded, so it's good to check if it can. Kinross-shire is now one of the best-connected parts of the UK for fibre, but there



are still some outstanding areas. I plan to hold a meeting with Gigabit Kinross-shire soon to look at how the remaining 'not spots' might be addressed.'

The areas that have recently gone live include: Coldrain, Gairney Bank, Gairneybridge, Hatchbank Rd, East/West Brackley, Easter Balgedie, RSPB Vane Farm, Kinnesswood, Auchmuirbridge Levenmouth, Middleton, Netherton, Netherhall add Balado as well as the parts near Cleish.

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RECENT COUNCIL FUNDING

KINROSS GROUPS WERE RECENTLY awarded monies from the Community Investment Fund, a resource set up in the Council budget meeting intended to put funds into local communities. There may be another round of CIF funding as there was money left over after two applications were refused this time. Dave Cuthbert told the *Newsletter*, 'I am negotiating with officers as to how this will be done.'

The Common Good Fund is a fund administered by the Council which makes awards to local groups with a focus on the former Burgh of Kinross. It has more flexibility, but not a lot of cash (a few thousand pounds a year for Kinross).

There will be another fund coming forward soon called the 'Kinross-shire Action Partnership'. This will be distributed via a participatory budgeting process. More details will follow in due course.

COMMUNITY INVESTMENT FUND AWARDS September 2023

AERO SPACE KINROSS	Our World from Space	£5,000.00
BROKE NOT BROKEN	Infant food insecurity project	£4,800.00
KINROSS BOWLING CLUB	Share the facilities	£4,750.00
PERTH AUTISM SUPPORT SCIO	Outreach Activities Programme	£4,047.00
GLENFARG COMMUNITY TRANSPORT GROUP	Website Development	£3,000.00
KINROSS CENTRE	Kinross Centre Ruby Anniversary	£2,130.00
KINROSS-SHIRE YOUTH ENTERPRISE (KYTHE)	Outreach Programme	£2,000.00
MILNATHORT CORE PATHS GROUP	New Flail	£1,828.98
	TOTAL	£27,555.98
	Available	£35,862.00
	Balance remaining	£8,306.02

KINROSS COMMON GOOD FUND AWARDS September 2023

The Kinross Common Good Fund is a fund with limited budget maintained by the Council for the benefit of the residents of former Burgh of Kinross.

KINROSS-SHIRE VOLUNTEER GROUP (KVG)	Contribution to a thank-you celebratory event	£390.00
LIGHT UP KINROSS	Financial support for their 25th annual Christmas lights	£1,000.00

NEW BUS ON THE BLOCK!

EXCITING TIMES AT Glenfarg Community Transport, who take delivery of their first new bus for the 55 service in November. Automatic doors, low floor entry and a wheelchair space, destination boards front, side and rear—it's the bees' knees!

Added to this, from January they will be starting a three-to-six-month pilot of an extension to the 55-bus route. The extended daytime service will be running hourly from Kinross, through Milnathort, Glenfarg and Bridge of Earn to Perth, where they will serve a range of stops including the station, leisure pool, hospital and retail park in addition to the City Centre. They are therefore recruiting.

Their drivers are a very special breed! A spokesperson told us, 'The service is not about buses, it is about people. Every passenger we carry has a story to tell about why they use the bus, and our drivers are very sensitive to the needs of our travelling public – they go the extra mile (often literally) to make sure that our wee bus service delivers much more than public transport.'



Of course, they need to be able to drive well, take fares and run to a schedule. Drivers must hold a Cat D1 licence – a PSV is not necessary. All drivers are invested in the service and share the responsibility of running it. As their name

suggests, they are based in Glenfarg.

If this describes you, please get in touch at *transport@glenfarg.org*. There are big plans for the future and maybe you could be part of them!

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SILVER SWANS TAKE FLIGHT!



A GROUP OF KINROSS dancers have set out to prove that age is not a barrier to enjoying ballet.

The Swans enjoyed an amazing trip to the Royal Academy of Dance London headquarters to perform in a wonderful celebration of dance aimed at dancers aged 55 years plus.

Silver Swan Carolyne told the *Newsletter*, 'We've been loving Silver Swans ballet classes with Rachel Webb at Dance Connect for a while now. Rachel is an inspiring teacher and always positive and encouraging – but perform at the Royal Academy of Dance London headquarters? "No way", we thought. Yet, somehow, we agreed.

'And so we started rehearsing, planning... and overcoming obstacles. Roads closed when the King visits Kinross? We'll just rehearse earlier that morning. National train strikes when we want to travel? We'll just get up in the middle of the night and catch an early flight. And what DO 'senior' ballet dancers wear – definitely a dilemma!'

With all their problems solved, they enjoyed an amazing trip to the Royal Academy to perform in a truly wonderful Silver Swans celebration of dance.

Nine of them and Rachel were one of 25 groups from all over the UK who attended the event and performed a dance on stage,

as well as attending workshops promoting the incredible physical and mental health benefits of participating in dance classes with other attendees

It was a truly amazing experience and one which included dance groups from around the world sending in filmed works.



Curlability Session

A CURLABILITY EVENT is taking place at Kinross Curling, Green Road, on Thursday 9 November from 11.45am – 3pm.

This is a free TryCurling event for people with any form of disability to give the sport ago in a fun and welcoming environment. You can find more information and the form to sign up at www.scottishcurling.org.

Angela Rippon – who is an Ambassador for the Silver Swans – opened the event, and it is an experience all the Swans and their teachers will treasure. Carolyne said, 'Many thanks to Rachel for her excellent choreography, endless patience and unflappable organisation. She was right, of course – we could take to the London stage!'

Rachel told the *Newsletter*, 'I want to pay tribute to the amazing dancing, and incredible hard work and commitment of the Swans class who are such a pleasure to teach.'

Silver Swans ballet classes run in Kinross on a Monday at 12.30 and Tuesday at 11.15.

Anyone who is interested can email Danceconnect@btinternet.com

HAPPY FACES AT ART@ST PAULS



ART@STPAULS WANT to say a big thank you to everyone who has popped in to see our exhibitions at St Paul's on The Muirs. They are 'dog friendly' so humans and their four legged friends are welcome! Every exhibition has a mix of high quality painting and craftwork. There is a new exhibi-



tion every two weeks. We can't wait till the next one!

lain McIntyre Younger (above) is a well-established artist who is based in Crieff. He works in oils, acrylics and watercolour. Seen here with one of his vivid landscapes lain has exhibited widely and loved our venue and the exhibiting space at St Paul's.



Richard Ibbotson (aka Ricart, left) paints mainly atmospheric landscapes in Acrylic and mixed media. He is seen here with a self portrait painted during lockdown. Richard lives in Glenfarg and we all particularly enjoyed the company of his well behaved pet Spaniel during Sunday afternoon.

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Katie Gammie (Katiebirdie, left) studied painting in Edinburgh and went on to take an MA in Printing at the Royal College of Art, London. She is a mum of three based in Markinch and produces originally designed and very beautiful cards and printed textiles for her homewares collection.

Julie Close (The Wee Pixel, below) lives in Scotlandwell and is a Composite Photographer with a vivid imagination. She produc-

es not just beautiful photographs but combines them with poetry and story telling to make precious cards, books and framed 3D images.

Watch out for an opportunity in January to see an artistic collaboration combining Julie's photography and a live music performance. More details later... but meantime don't miss seeing the next exhibitions at Arts@St Pauls.



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KPC Support For Broke Not Broken

KINROSS PARISH CHURCH recently took the decision to wind up a small 'Parish Benevolent Fund' which had been unused for many years. The money (£267) has now been donated to 'Broke Not Broken', Kinross-shire's local anti-poverty charity.

WINDFARM UPDATES

THE PROPOSED INTRODUCTION of large-scale wind farms into the surrounding landscape has met with mixed reactions from local communities who would be most affected by their presence.

There are moves to co-ordinate response between neighbouring community councils and local action groups such as Friends Of The Ochils.

Milnathort CC's Sustainability Group has been set up to understand the impact of the developments on the wider community. They are trying to bring the CCs together (along with residents) to determine what needs to be done to negotiate with the developers around the topic of community benefits.

CRAIGHEAD WIND FARM

RENEWABLE ENERGY developer, Galileo, has a proposed wind farm development northwest of the hamlet of Carnbo.

In response to the scoping opinion received from the Energy Consents Unit, and following feedback from the public and statutory consultees, the decision has been taken to reduce the number of turbines from 12 to 10 (up to 60MW generating capacity).

Two public consultation events were held in August with a total of 45 people attending. These events highlighted the proposed Community Wealth Fund (£5,000 per MW), in addition to introducing a Renewable Electricity Discount Scheme (REDS) — a potential mechanism for providing discounted electricity to those living in closest proximity to the wind farm.

A decision has now been made to reduce the number of turbines from 10 to 8 (up to 48MW generating capacity). As the generating capacity has fallen below 50MW, the proposed development is now classed as a major development, which means

that it will be determined by PKC and requires Galileo to undertake statutory pre-application consultation. A proposal of application notice (PAN) will shortly be submitted.

Public consultation events are planned as follows: 3.30pm - 7.30pm Tuesday 14 November, Carnbo Village Hall 3.30pm - 7.30pm Wednesday 15 November, Dunning Village Hall

It is Galileo's intention to hold a second series of events in January. A planning application will then be submitted to PKC after a minimum 12-week period from submission of the PAN.

BRUNT HILL WIND FARM

ALAN MACINTYRE, Project Manager at E Power, updated us on the latest developments concerning the Brunt Hill windfarm development.

He said, 'The feedback we secured both from community councils and from residents attending the exhibitions has helped influence the design of the project.

'Since receiving comments from the community, we have adjusted the turbine and infrastructure layout and reduced the turbine tip height.

'We look forward to further discussions regarding community benefit. And should the application be approved, we would seek to create a Community Liaison Group prior to construction commencement to consult and inform.

'We hope that the application will be formally submitted around the end of November (but there is a chance it could be pushed to early next year) and we will be back in touch with the Community Council at that stage.

'In the meantime our website, https://brunthillinfo.co.uk/, is available should anyone need to find further information.'



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REMINDER OVER TREE TRIMMING

A MEMBER OF THE public came to the Kinross CC meeting in August after reporting to local councillors that trees had been cut back in Gallowhill Road (see photos). While it is regrettable that the trees were cut back, as they were not under Tree Preservation Orders no laws were broken.

However, they were cut back during Scotland's nesting season which runs from late March until the end of August. During this time cutting and trimming of hedges and trees is not advised, in order to protect wildlife habitats.

During this time, it is essential to be vigilant when performing tree work, as disturbing or damaging a nest can have severe consequences for the birds and their offspring.

AM I RESPONSIBLE FOR WILDLIFE AND TREES?

THE WILDLIFE AND Countryside Act 1981 applies, deeming that it is an offence to damage or destroy bat roosts and the nest of any wild bird while it is in use or being built. Avoid tree work at certain times of year and check old trees for cracks and holes before doing tree work, or draw them to the attention of the tree surgeon before work. (source: www.rhs.org.uk)

Although a general reference is made to relevant legislation here, it is always advisable to obtain independent legal advice in relation to particular circumstances.



Gallowhill Road before the tree surgery...



...and after.

USERS ALERTED OVER COMMUNITY ALARM SCAM

COMMUNITY ALARM USERS have reported receiving unsolicited calls claiming to be from a community alarm company.

Scammers posing as legitimate companies, the NHS or local authority are making fraudulent calls, trying to convince customers to upgrade to a new digital community alarm system with a monthly cost.

Some customers have been told that alarms will be disconnected if they do not pay up.

This is not Perth and Kinross Council and people should not give their bank details to any callers.

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THE SOCIAL MUM SOCIETY, KINROSS

HANNAH MCLACHAN HAD HER first baby last year, and loved going to all the baby groups and meeting fellow mums. However she quickly realised it's quite hard to have a proper conversation with these new friends when you've got a wee one there!

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY this year takes place on Sunday 12 November 2023.

Each year, we gather to com-

memorate and remember the service and sacrifice of all those that have defended our freedoms and died to protect our way of life.

We remember the armed forces and their families, from Britain and the Commonwealth. We remember the vital role played by the emergency services and we remember those who have lost their lives as a result of conflict or terrorism.

All are invited to come along and join in with the following:

10.00am: Community Remembrance Service, with

youth organisations, in Kinross Parish Church.

10.45am: Parade from church to War Memorial10.55am: Act of Remembrance at War Memorial,

County Buildings

11.15am: Sunday Service in the church

She also struggled quite badly with post-partum anxiety, and for her, having time to chat to other mums was crucial in getting better, so she had the idea of starting something where mums could get a chance to socialise without the wee ones, do something fun for themselves, meet other local mums and also raise awareness and money for local charities who support parental mental health. The Social Mum Society Kinross was born!



Hannah with baby Nora at Homestart

Hannah started a Facebook group in the summer and they ran their first event in September; a Paint and Sip night. It was a big success with 30 mums attending, and through it they raised £150 for Home Start. After the success of the first event, some mums offered to form a committee and now these local mums help to run future events. They have their second (sold-out) event in November, a wreath-making night, at which they will be holding a raffle to raise money for Broke Not Broken.

Hannah told the *Newsletter*, 'We are really excited about the future of our group, we are hoping to continue to run these fun social evenings every few months and continue raising money for local charities. All local mums are welcome, the more the merrier! We are hoping to hold more events soon with less restrictions on numbers.'

Search on Facebook for The Social Mum Society (Kinross).

KINROSS 'LUCKY TO ESCAPE WORST OF STORM BABET'

KINROSS WAS 'lucky to escape' the worst effects of Storm Babet, according to those who dealt with its aftermath.

While the north-east coast suffered serious flooding and storm surges, Kinross was fortunate in that while high winds felled a few trees, the effects were nowhere near as bad as in Angus. Councillor Grant Laing, Leader of PKC, said: 'The last couple of days have been

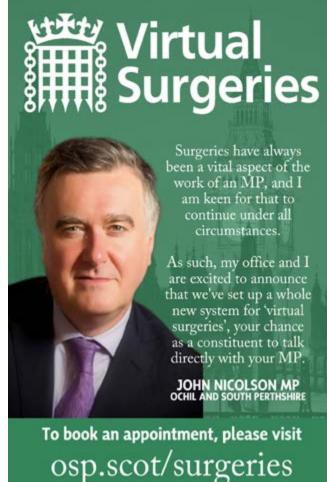
challenging... while we may not be as severely hit as our neighbours in Angus and elsewhere, it does not take away from what will be devastating damage for some of our communities and individual families.

I would like to thank local resilience groups; your efforts are invaluable and your support is greatly appreciated.'













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THANKS TO KLEO (Kinross Local Events Organisation), we can look forward to a celebration of exciting community events from the end of October, through November and into January.

Once again this year's Winter Festival is an exciting collaboration between local businesses and community groups.

KLEO say, 'Do come along to enjoy, and make the most of, what's on offer in your community!'

Ten-Minute Tales

Thursday, 16 November



7.30pm Loch Leven Community Library

Free

Up to eight local people will each present a ten minute story, in prose or verse, recalling a specific event, adventure or memory from their childhood. If you wish to take part please email <code>info@kleo.org.uk</code> so that we can confirm numbers. We will then send you some more specific guidelines for writing your piece and you have until 16 November to complete it.

Book Week Scotland

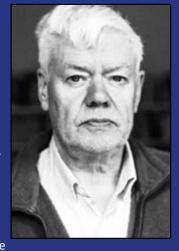
Bernard MacLaverty

Saturday 18 Novem<u>ber</u>

3pm Loch Leven Community Library

Tickets £6

One of Ireland's premier writers, Belfast man Bernard MacLaverty now lives in Glasgow. He has published five novels, including Grace Notes (shortlisted for the



Booker prize and awarded the Saltire Society Scottish Book of the year 1997). His first novel Cal became a major film starring Helen Mirren. He has also published six collections of short stories. His latest book is Blank Pages and Other Stories. He is a member of Aosdana, an organisation that aims to 'honour artists whose work has made an outstanding contribution to the arts in Ireland.'

Siobhan Miller plus guests Open Waters Friday, 17 November 8pm, Loch Leven Community Campus Tickets £15 Multi award-winning Scottish singer-songwriter, supported by local band

Shona MacLean

Sunday, 19 November

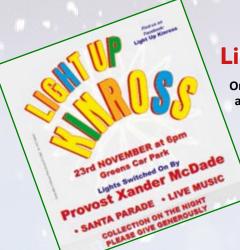
1.30pm Loch Leven Community Library

Tickets £6

Historical Novelist S.G. MacLean (Shona) will talk about her



writing career and read from her recent standalone Jacobite thriller, The Bookseller of Inverness and her new novel, The Winter List, a follow-up to her Damian Seeker series and set in 17th century York



Open Waters

Lights On!

On 23 November at 6pm the Kinross Christmas Lights will be turned on at Greens car park by Provost Xander McDade.













FESTIVE MARKET

Saturday 25 November 10am-3pm

THIS YEAR'S FESTIVE MARKET takes place on the last Saturday in November, just in time to start thinking about some Christmas shopping!

Come along to the Market Park (opposite the Green Hotel) and enjoy the bustling festive atmosphere. You can combine some Christmas shopping with enjoying some delicious hot food and mulled wine from local vendors!

There will be a great variety of stalls with local produce from producers from the Kinross Farmers' Market and numerous stalls from crafts people, local organisations and businesses.

To top it all off, there will be great festive entertainment on the HAKI stage with carol singing, dancing and live music for you to enjoy.

It is always a lovely event with a great atmosphere so don't miss out!

Tickets for all events: www.kleo.org.uk

Traditional and original tales told by Sheila Kinninmonth Saturday 18 November, 11am Loch Leven Community Library Free

JOIN STORYTELLER SHEILA KINNINMONTH from Hamespun Tales in Katie Cookie's Kitchen for some tasty story adventures. Meet some hungry sea creatures, cake loving fairies, a greedy Broonie and a fainthearted giant. There will be lots of opportunity to join in, have a laugh and help the story along. Then take home the recipe cards to cook up the stories at home.

For children aged approximately 5 to 8.





Choirs Together

Tuesday 21 November, 7pm

Loch Leven Community Campus

£5 (at door or www.kleo.org.uk)

THIS CONCERT SHOWCASES the variety of choirs and singing groups to be found in our local area. Choirs participating this year will include, amongst others, Leven Voices, Kinross Parish Church Choir and the Cantie Choir. This will provide a great programme covering a wide range of musical genres and singing styles.



Two Orchestras Concert

Wednesday 29 November, 8pm

Loch Leven Community Campus

£6 (at door or www.kleo.org.uk)

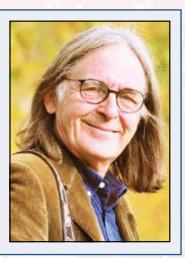
A JOINT CONCERT with local Kacophony Orchestra led by Dougie Flower and the Tullis Russell Community Band led by Denise Ward.

This promises to be a fun evening with a great variety of music. You will surely recognise some tunes!

Dougie MacLean Friday, 8 December, 8pm Loch Leven Community Campus

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BIG BURNS BASH

Saturday 27 January 2024

Kinross Golf Club 7pm

Tickets £30

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Health and Social Care

RECENTLY, I WAS at an engagement session for the Integration Joint Board (IJB) for which I am a proxy member. It is a subject close to my heart as it is central to work that I support in the Kinross-shire community.



I believe there were engagement sessions locally during July, as

well as an online questionnaire. These were set up to allow the IJB to understand what people thought about care locally.

I am very concerned about the pressures being faced by doctors, given the shortage of GPs and the increasing population in Kinross-shire. Likewise, I have been raising the lack of an NHS dentist in Kinross-shire with MSPs, the Chief Officer of the Health and Social Care Partnership (who reports to the IJB and has responsibility for primary care), along with anyone else who will

I have also been raising the pressures on the NHS through the planning committee, who now regularly ask if the NHS have been consulted on new developments.

Planning officers tell us that as they consulted the NHS during the preparation of the Local Development Plan, and that they are not required to consult for applications which have been zoned for development in the plan. This strikes me as very odd, as the world has moved on from when the plan was being prepared six years ago.

At the most recent six-hour planning committee meeting, we considered an application for 110 houses in Bridge of Earn. Members knew that the GP practice in the village had been closed and repeated their usual questions on NHS provision. Only to again be told that the NHS had been consulted and therefore they could not reject the planning application for that reason.

To me, it is obvious that there is a mismatch between the new housing developments and the provision of services. This is something which needs to be resolved at a national level and needs urgent attention.

When the IJB last carried out an engagement exercise in July 2019, these were the conclusions they reached. My comments follow the comments in bold type.

The majority of people indicated that they wished more activities to be created for local people within their communities, particularly involving exercise.

I know that Kinross-shire is rife with activity. I also know that there are many who find it difficult to attend or do not feel well enough to do so.

A high proportion of people highlighted that they found transport an issue, particularly in rural areas and when accessing centralised hospital care.

I was at an award ceremony involving Kinross-shire Volunteer Group in October which celebrated their longevity as well as the invaluable support they offer locally; enabling attendance at health appointments. The work of Glenfarg Community Transport continues to go from strength to strength. I will be attending a meeting with them and officers to discuss whether they can extend their bus route. The Kinross Centre has buses which were paid for by a local charity, allowing many elderly residents to access eating, social and other activities in Kinross.

Some respondents wanted better access to information about what services were available in their local areas and they wished to know who to contact to access these services.

Again Kinross-shire is well served by the Newsletter (of which I am now a Director) and Kinross.cc website. There are also numerous local groups sharing their activities online. The monthly Diary or the Local Advice Hub appears in the Newsletter as well as online. Several organisations use this to help reach residents in Kinross-shire. There is a Newsletter circulated by the Community Engagement Team which you can subscribe to by completing this form: https://forms. office.com/r/LRYQNTFUqZ/

Many people highlighted difficulties in accessing home care, particularly in rural areas. There was consensus that people wished to receive care within their own homes or within their own communities.

I have to confess there is much I don't know about how people are finding several services or how they are being delivered. I am happy to be disabused of my ignorance so please help me understand difficulties in this area or indeed that you have channels you can pursue to solve difficulties. A discussion at the Local Action Partnership I attended was focusing on mental health and there was a realisation that what is happening locally is not well known or understood. This matters in the context of finding where gaps are and seeking to find ways for those to be filled. (see Community Involvement Fund below)

A majority of respondents supported the need for people to better look after their own health and wellbeing through diet and exercise.

I am interested in this having succeeded in losing a stone in the last couple of months! I use the My Fitness Pal App and do yoga every morning. I am able to do this but I know not everyone finds this easy by any means. I know there are commercial services around exercise, weight loss and nutrition, however, I am not sure what free offerings there are or what support there is to attend those and to sustain attendance. If there are ways we can all help each other it would be good to develop these. I am interested in the habits our young people are developing (I am helping the Kinross Colts extend their offering) and what they are provided at school in terms of food. There is a lot of work to be done all around, but also an inevitable enhancement in quality of life as well as less impact on our health services.

So, it appears that we have some good fulfilment of the above objectives in Kinross-shire and Glenfarg. I also know there will be gaps which leads us to two of the Council's Grant awarding bodies.

Community Investment Fund

THE COMMUNITY INVESTMENT FUND was awarded £400,000 in the budget setting meeting of the Council in March. Kinrossshire's share of this was £35,862.

Shown below are the awards made by the Ward Panel, which I chaired.

Community Investment Fund Awards - Sept 2023

Aero Space Kinross	Our World from Space	£5,000
Broke not Broken Infan	t food insecurity project	£4,800
Kinross Bowling Club	Share the facilities	£4,750
Perth Autism Support SCIO	Outreach Activities	£4,047
Glenfarg Community T'port	Website Development	£3,000
Kinross Centre	Ruby Anniversary	£2,130
(KYTHE)	Outreach Program	£2,000
Milnathort Core Paths Group	New Flail	£1,829
Available		£35,862
Awarded		£27,556
Balance		£8,306



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Kinross Common Good Fund

THE KINROSS COMMON GOOD Fund is a fund maintained by the Council for the benefit of the residents of former Burgh of Kinross.

Kinross Common Good Fund Awards September 2023

Kinross-shire Volunteer Group (KVG)

Contribution towards a thank-you celebratory event £390

Light up Kinross

Financial support for 25th Annual Christmas Lights

You will notice that many of the transport projects have been supported through these two funds. Services such as Kinrossshire Volunteer Group and the Kinross Centre which lever significant volunteer input are supported to celebrate landmarks in their longevity and success. There has been money in the past given to enable digital accessibility in our more rural community halls. A great deal happens in information sharing online and I am interested in how we find those who are still blocked from information due to a lack of internet access or personal capability. The CIF also has a heavy focus on inequalities and Broke not Broken continue to guide us in helping the most deprived support their health which is the most compromised by rural and financial factors.

Community Investment Fund, Second Round

GIVEN THAT THERE is money remaining in the CIF account, I am currently engaging with officers to arrange a second round of funding.

Councillor Dave Cuthbert

Councillor Willie Robertson

Draft Council Improvement Plan: Perth and Kinross Council recently discussed the Draft Corporate Delivery and Improvement Plan. In education, among the objectives of the new plan is an update of the anti-bullying strategy



to ensure all schools have robust procedures in place to ensure all young people can feel safe, secure and listened to. This will be closely monitored to make sure that there is a reduction in incidences of bullying in our schools. Another objective is to further improve support for children and young people with additional support needs to allow them to realise their potential.

Regional Active Travel Network: A report from TACTRAN (who are responsible for planning transport infrastructure in Angus, Dundee, Perth & Kinross and Stirling-shire) recently published their plans to improve our active travel network. The only problem with the report was that it completely missed out Kinross-shire! To address this omission myself and Cllr. Watters met with them. At the meeting it was agreed that we should be able to feed ideas into the travel plan. My suggestions were;

A safe walking/cycling link connecting Blairforge to Kinross. Fife Council have recently built a roadside cycle/walkway between Cowdenbeath and Kelty. Their new path links along the B996 to Blairforge.

A link from Glenfarg to the Baiglie Strait along the line of the railway through the tunnels to connect to the new cycleway being built from Bridge of Earn to Abernethy.

I would also like to see safe routes for pedestrians and cyclists to our Park & Ride in Kinross. It is difficult to cross Station and Junction Road and potentially very dangerous for cyclists and pedestrians coming from the west trying to cross the roundabout at junction 6 over the M90.

Councillor Willie Robertson

Councillor Neil Freshwater

Old Cleish Road

£1,000

Several residents have been in touch about activity on Old Cleish Road regarding the erection of a fence (on a site between the old railway station and M90) and the movement of heavy



good vehicles to the location. This has been causing quite some concern for residents.

The site is subject to two live planning enforcement cases. One is an appeal following the refusal of permission to build the green metal fence. This decision can be appealed by the applicant until 11 November. The other relates to an alleged material change of use. PKC officers are determining whether the current usage is permitted under the status quo or not. The site was previously used (as permitted) as overflow parking for the Kinross Mart. I hope that determinations of these can be made soon. Where there are alleged traffic infringements in relation to the site, these should be reported to the police on 101.

New 30 mph signs at Carnbo

I was pleased to see the new 30mph signs that have been installed in Carnbo. These signs have been much discussed over the past year at community councils and road safety meetings. Communities living directly on trunk roads like the A91 are often the worst affected by speeding drivers. The process for changing speed limits can take time as there is quite a bit of legal process needed, but following the delay, it is good to finally see them.

New owner for Broadway Broadband

I was very relieved to learn that Broadway are now out of administration having been bought by another company, Voneus. Last week, I had a meeting in Kinross with Broadway's chairman Michael Armitage and PKC officer Graham Pinfield, to hear more about their plans and to seek reassurances that their Kinross-shire customers will continue to be served. Broadway are committed to continuing in the area, and plans for further investment are being considered.

Councillor Neil Freshwater

Kinross Community Council AGM

The AGM of Kinross Community Council will be on Tuesday 28 November at 7.30pm in the Masonic Hall



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Liz Smith, MSP

I WAS DELIGHTED AT the news that Kinross-shire is the recipient of significant extra funding from the UK Government's Community Ownership Fund. The plans for a space museum at the site of an exNATO spy base at Balado Bridge received an extra £300,000 which is on top of the £1.6m from the Tay Cities Region Deal



Joint Committee and £250,000 of public fundraising via tax-free bonds.

The site of the famous 'golf ball' radar dome in Kinross-shire's landscape is scheduled to open in 2025 and is a hugely exciting addition to the local community. The museum will include exhibits on rockets, satellites, space, and the history of space travel. It is also expected to present displays from the largest Western space firms such as NASA, Virgin Galactic, Blue Origin, Orbex and SpaceX.

It is vital for Scotland's economy and growth that we make sure young people are equipped with the skills to succeed in a changing workforce. It is very much my expectation that this museum will help to inspire children and young people in science, technology, engineering, and maths careers. These jobs will be vital for driving growth, innovation, and sustaining the economy of the future.

I very much welcome this investment and many others like it, coming directly from Westminster, to rejuvenate sites that have potential to create jobs and growth for the area.

I commend the work of Alisdair Stewart, chairman of Aero Space Scientific Educational Trust, who has been working on the plans for the museum for the last ten years on the derelict site.

Liz Smith, MSP

John Nicolson, MP

I'LL BE THE MEMBER of Parliament for Ochil and South Perthshire only until the next election. After that OSP — as it's affectionately known — will be no more. This is the result of Boundary Commission changes which see the constituency change name and shape along with many other seats across the United Kingdom.



So, what's it all about? Every few years the Boundary Commission – a statutory body – sets out to assess parliamentary constituencies. In theory they should all have roughly the same number of constituents with only two exceptions – Na h-Eileanan an Iar (the Outer Hebrides) and Orkney and Shetland.

The last time the Commission made changes was in 2005 when Ochil and South Perthshire was created. The Commission always asks for submissions as part of their deliberations. But those with long memories tell me these have limited effect. I lobbied for the names Clackmannanshire and Kinross-shire to return. After all, these ancient counties were represented in the pre-Union Scottish Parliament. Post Union they were paired as alternating constituencies at Westminster. One General Election Clackmannanshire would have an MP. The next Election it would be Kinross-shire. History and community matters. It's clearly a good idea for seats to have manageable numbers of constituents. So at first glance it's not hard to see why the Commission tries to maintain roughly equal numbers. But here's a problem. Densely populated cities have tens of thousands of people living in a small geographical area. But what of the Highland and Islands?

Ross, Skye and Lochaber is bigger than Luxembourg. Argyll and Bute has 23 inhabited islands. Both have only one MP who must work in London all week. So accessing remoter parts of these constituencies presents a challenge very different to any faced by central London MPs only a short cycle ride away from the outer reaches of her or his seat. And as if that didn't create enough of

a problem, the Commission has decided to reduce the number of Highland seats next time round. Overall, Scotland with only 59 seats will have its representation cut to 57 whilst England's will increase to 543. Scottish MPs can always be outvoted on any matter at Westminster.

On a personal basis I'll be very sad to bid a fond farewell to my constituents in Perthshire and Kinross-shire. My team and I have handled thousands of cases from both counties since the last election. I've made many friends there and have been very touched by all the lovely messages sent by constituents and businesses I will lose.

The largest part of my existing constituency transfers to the newly created Alloa and Grangemouth seat. I'm looking forward to making new friends and seeking out fresh challenges in Grangemouth and parts of Falkirk now joining Clackmannanshire. Being an MP is a challenging and fascinating job. But there's no more satisfying part of the role than constituency work. MPs are often the last port of call for folk who need help. Trying to help is a uniquely rewarding part of the job.

John Nicolson, MP

Jim Fairlie, MSP

Last month I had a bit of a personal health emergency, which saw me need to spend some time in hospital and take some time away from Parliament. I am on the road to recovery, but I want to thank the fantastic NHS team for their swift response, the amazing care they delivered whilst I was



in hospital and the brilliant aftercare they have provided since being back home. My dedicated team are continuing to press ahead with constituency casework in my absence, but the road to being fully match-fit might take a wee bit longer. The NHS is often criticised, but I have to say that my experience has been extremely positive, even though I had hoped not to need the care of the NHS in the first instance.

Another emergency which has certainly had an impact on the local area recently is the climate emergency. Since I last wrote in the *Kinross Newsletter*, we have seen two major weather events which have brought significant disruption and damage to homes, businesses and roads across Perth and Kinross. These events are no longer the 'once in every 100 year' events that they were once described as. As a result of climate change, they are now happening more and more frequently and are often more extreme than similar weather events from years gone by. There is no understating the devastation that flooding can bring. Despite the obvious risk to life caused by dangerous water levels and road conditions, the disruption that even minor flood damage brings can be devastating for homeowners and businesses.

I welcome the recent consultation events in Kinross regarding the planned South Kinross flood protection scheme. The local authority is now collating all of the feedback and questions received and will present a community consultation report, which will influence the final proposals. There is already agreement between the Scottish Government and Perth and Kinross Council, and so long as the flood prevention scheme remains economically viable, it will receive 80% funding from the Scottish Government, with the remaining 20% funded by the council.

The South Kinross flood protection scheme is still a work in progress, but people should never be stuck for help in a flooding situation in the meantime. There is guidance from FloodLine Scotland which can be accessed online at https://www.floodlinescotland.org.uk/ or by calling 0345 988 1188. As always, I remain available for advice and assistance and can be contacted on 01738 620540 or by emailing Jim.Fairlie.MSP@Parliament.Scot

Jim Fairlie, MSP

Councillor Richard Watters

Banking Hub for Kinross

REGARDING MY PREVIOUS submission in the September edition of the *Newsletter* regarding the campaign for a Banking Hub in Kinross, I would like to provide an update. The initial application did not



meet two of the main criteria for a banking hub. The first criterion was the presence of a 4,000 adult population residing within a 1km radius of the town centre, which was challenging to meet due to Kinross' geographic constraints, being surrounded by the Loch and golf course to the east and the motorway to the west. The second criterion was the number of businesses accepting cash within the same area, which fell 25% below the requirement. I believe there are actually more businesses accepting cash than what was reported by Link, and I have raised this concern and provided them with a comprehensive list of all the cash-accepting businesses in the specified area.

As part of this, I have been working with the Convener of the Finance and Resources Committee in the Council, Cllr Stewart Donaldson, and brought a motion before the council on 4 October, with the following resolution being passed:

'Council notes the major problems that have arisen for local residents and businesses due to the loss of banks in Kinross, Auchterarder and Aberfeldy over the last few years. It considers that the closure of the Bank of Scotland in Crieff next year could have led to a similar outcome but welcomes the promise to establish a banking hub there by summer 2024.

'Council calls on the Council Leader to write to Cash Access UK, and Link, to support applications for banking hubs in the three towns where there is at present no banking provision, and also Dunkeld where the remaining bank is due to close. It believes that for our town centres to survive and thrive, access to banking services is essential.

'Council further calls on council officers to provide assistance where appropriate to Cash Access UK, and Link: in particular to help in locating premises in any of the three towns that are successful with their applications for a banking hub.'

In the process of advancing this application, I would like to express my gratitude to Link for their constructive engagement, including a meeting with myself and Cllr Stewart Donaldson. As a result, there is now a commitment to re-evaluate the application based on the additional information I have provided regarding the population and the number of businesses within a 1km radius of Kinross centre that accept cash.

I am hopeful that this re-examination will yield positive results. However, if it does not, it is worth noting that the FCA is scheduled to review the criteria in the near future. It is imperative that any new criteria do not adopt a one-size-fits-all approach. Instead, they should take into account the specific needs of rural areas like Kinross-shire and their respective communities. This is in contrast to the current reliance on an urbanised 1 km radius, which places vast regions of Scotland, Wales, and Cornwall in England at a distinct disadvantage when seeking to establish a banking hub.

Councillor Richard Watters







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HOME SECURITY

As we move from summer to autumn and the darker nights draw in Police Scotland feel it prudent to provide some home security advice. Although having your home broken into is something many people fear, it is not a common occurrence.

We should all be vigilant as in previous years communities within Perthshire have been victim to criminals who travel from other areas to take advantage of our rural communities; particularly those situated close to the main arterial routes of the A9, A90 and M90.

There are many ways that you can help secure your home from intruders. They don't all cost money – some are purely down to common sense and good housekeeping.

What basic steps can I take to protect my home?

First, think about basic good housekeeping routines that aren't expensive.

- Many thieves are actually opportunists who do not have to break in at all because a door or window has been left open or unlocked. Keep your home securely locked at all times.
- Don't leave keys on the inside of door locks, under mats or anywhere else an intruder may easily find them.
- Don't put your name or room number on your keyring. If it is lost or stolen, the thief will have information that could direct them to your home and your property.
- Don't keep house keys and car keys on the same key ring.
- Consider having lighting controlled by a timer or even invest in a 'fake TV' and remember it will soon be getting dark from late afternoon so try and ensure your house is not in darkness before you return from work.
- Avoid keeping large amounts of cash in the house. If you must then disperse it in various locations.
- Don't leave all your expensive jewellery in the same place (i.e. bedside drawers); invest in a safe which is secured onto the floor or wall of the property.
- Security mark your property with a UV marker pen or use a microdot provider. These leave an invisible yet traceable mark on your possessions.
- Record details of your valuables, such as mobile phone, cameras, laptops and tablets on the national mobile property register at www.immobilise.com.
- To help protect your outbuildings and to light the outside of your property think about investing in solar powered security lights.
- If you have a shed or garage then invest in a good padlock and think about securing any expensive bikes or tools to the actual structure.

CRIMES OF NOTE

26/09/2023: Racial abuse of a retail worker (Sainsbury's, Kinross) 1 x charged and reported to the Procurator Fiscal 26/09/2023: Theft of motor vehicle (Dalwhamie Street, Kinross) 1 x charged and reported to the Procurator Fiscal 27/09/2023–28/09/2023: Theft by housebreaking (Wilson Court, Kinross) Subject to live investigation

06/10/2023–07/10/2023: Theft by housebreaking (Argyll Road, Kinross) Subject to live investigation

01/10/2023–08/10/2023 Theft by housebreaking (Maree Place, Kinross) Subject to live investigation

05/10/2023–06/10/2023 Theft of car registration plates (Green Park, Kinross) Subject to live investigation

18/10/2023–19/10/2023 Theft of motor vehicle (Myre Terrace, Kinross) Subject to live investigation

Anyone with any information that may be useful should contact Tayside Division on 101 or any police officer, quoting the crime reference number listed at each incident. Alternatively information can be passed anonymously via the charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Rogue Traders - Who Should I Call?

...if I feel threatened, unsafe, or suspicious of a caller?

- Contact the police immediately on 999
 - ...if I see something suspicious in my area, or want more advice about bogus callers?
- Contact the police on 101.
- Try and take a note of vehicle details or registration numbers, and descriptions of anyone suspicious....if I want to contact the police anonymously?
- Contact the independent charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111. You can also visit their website at www. crimestoppers-uk.org
 - ...to find out more about home safety services?
- When circumstances allow, contact your local council for more information. Depending on your circumstances, you may qualify for a free security alarm.

Police Scotland - Local Community

Telephone 101 for non-emergencies

Community officer for Kinross-shire: PI Lesley Macdonald.

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

Community Sergeant (Kinross-shire): Sgt Mark Craig.

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

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FORGETFULNESS

WINNING WAYS

by Jo Middlemiss





LAST WEEK I WAS chatting to some friends about forgetfulness, and all that goes with it. It reminded me of a mini drama that happened to me when I was living as a part time carer for my aged mother, who lived in Glasgow. Hard to tell the tale without appearing like a complete idiot, but the important thing to remember is that it's about stress and not Alzheimers!

When I was returning my mother home after a short stay with us, I lost my car. I had had new keys cut for Mum's front door, and was returning them to the key cutter, because they didn't fit the lock. With only limited time, I raced down to Mount Florida, a small suburb on the south side of Glasgow, to complain, and have the job done again. The key cutter was away, so, fuming, I was racing back up the road, when I saw another key cutters. I screeched to a halt, jumped out to get a new set, and chuntered away to my new best friend – the second key cutter – about the wonky key cutter across the road.

I came out of his shop, returned to my car, only to find it gone! Cold sweat breaking out – visitors already up at the house-Mother on her own – frantic searching. There were two ladies sitting at a bus stop. 'My car!' I said. 'My car's gone!' The younger woman immediately said 'I saw a clamper go by with a car a minute a go.' 'A silver Clio?' I shrieked. 'Yes,' she agreed smugly. I could have punched her.

What to do? I jumped into a taxi, and poured out my sorry tale to the driver, who thought it was all very unlikely. Got back, and was in such a state that my mother nearly relapsed. Phoned nice policeman, who told me to phone the clampers. Phoned the clampers, only to be told that no Clio had been brought in, and no clampers were in the Mount Florida area that morning! How I loved that smug girl at the bus stop now! Jumped in to my Mother's car, and drove down to Mount Florida, only to see my darling little car waiting patiently, exactly where I'd left it, sitting OUTSIDE the second key cutters. Total embarrassment, shock, amazement and disbelief that I could have been so brain dead, as to forget where I left my car! Drove the car back to a bus stop near home. Jumped on a bus to go and retrieve my Mother's car, only to return home to find her sharing the good news with half the family. 'Jo's car has been stolen!' Full red face and mortification, but have just about recovered now, having heard lots of similar stories from kind friends who are probably lying.

One lovely thing did happen though; the taxi driver came back two hours later to tell me he'd seen my car. Not only that, he'd seen it in the first place, and also in the second place, so he

thought he'd tracked down the thief! I was so impressed. Then I told him the real story, and that he was probably the nicest man in Glasgow. He went all sheepish, and embarrassed and told me not to worry, that it was probably stress. It was too, and a little bit shocking for someone like me who doesn't 'do stress.' But it was good learning for me also, because stress does get to us all eventually, if we don't take precautions, and look after our selves. So that's what I've been doing recently, getting back to basics and feeling the benefits already. Every experience is worth the trouble, but only if you learn from it.

I'm always struck by how well the Poppy Appeal is supported in Britain. Everyone who appears on television wears one. All the politicians, personalities and pundits wear one and the rest of us catch on. It's a clever and memorable symbol, but also one that constantly falls off your lapel, so you have to buy another one! I should think that that doubles the takings for Poppy Scotland. Seriously though, it is that time of year to remember what we should never forget. That almost two full generations of men were prepared to leave their glens, villages and towns, go into the most amazing and unfamiliar territory, and fight for freedom. Our freedom to say what we want to say, even if it is disagreeable, our freedom to choose who we want to represent us and our freedom to live in peace. Unfortunately, we don't seem to have learnt very much, but then evolution is a slow business, and perhaps one day the lessons will be learned!

Jo Middlemiss MBE

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News From The Health Centre

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WINTER VACCINES

When Will I Be Invited?

Flu and coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccines are now being offered to those eligible. It's strongly recommended you get vaccinated if you're eligible this winter. Most adults who are eligible for one or both vaccines will have already been contacted by NHS Scotland. Depending on your communication preferences, this will have been by letter, email or text. Please attend the appointment you've been given, or make or rearrange your appointment as soon as possible.

Children and young people under 16 with certain conditions are eligible for a coronavirus vaccine this winter. Invitations or prompts to book an appointment have been sent to people aged 12 to 15. Parents and carers of people under 12 should wait to be contacted by NHS Scotland.

Online Booking Portal

You can log in to book using your unique username and password. This is the same as you had for your previous doses of the coronavirus vaccine. You can rearrange your appointment if the time or day doesn't suit you.

Appointment Availability

There will be enough winter vaccine appointments for everyone who is eligible. If you're having difficulty getting an appointment on the booking portal, please wait a few days and try again. There are evening and weekend vaccination clinics available

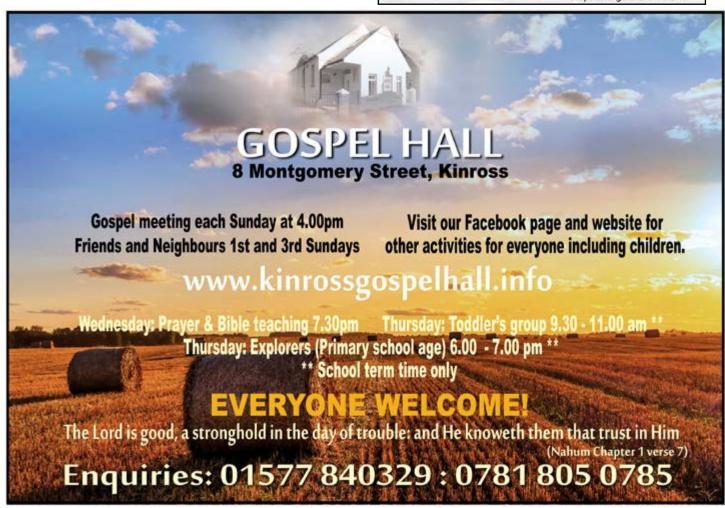


too. If it's more convenient, you can book or rearrange your appointment to a vaccination clinic closer to where you work or somewhere you visit regularly.

Appointments will be regularly added by all health boards right through to December, ensuring all those eligible are protected from flu and coronavirus viruses before they are most likely to be circulating. The national vaccination helpline will be unable to offer alternative appointments as they use the same online booking system.

Walking In Icy Weather





Kinross Hub Nov Calendar



The sessions are drop-in but if you prefer an appointment time, please phone the number detailed for the agency you wish to connect with, or contact:

Shona 07896 280843 shona.fowler@nhs.scot Declan 07557 488902 declanjones@pkc.gov.uk

The November Hub Calendar was not available at the time of going to print. For further information, please see the panel at the bottom left of this page.





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

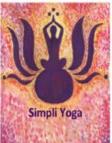
If you wish to connect with Broke not Broken directly Danielle is in the advice hub on Thursday mornings or can be contacted on 07518 913107 or email admin@brokenotbroken.org

Declan Jones, the social prescriber, will connect you with local community groups, supportive exercise sessions, walking groups, green/nature prescribing activities, volunteering, learning opportunities or help you link with another agency. Declan can be contacted on 07557 488902 or declanjones@pkc.gov.uk

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Kinross Community Council

The minutes from the September meeting of Kinross Community Council were not available at the time of going to print.

The AGM of Kinross Community Council will be on Tuesday 28 November at 7.30pm.

Fossoway Community Council News from the October Meeting

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

Present At The Meeting held on 3 October 2023 were CCIIrs S Bruce-Jones, A Cheape, N Marchant, T Lamb and G Pye; Assoc CCIIr C Farquar; CIIrs D Cuthbert, W Robertson and R Watters and 8 members of the public (MoP).

Apologies: Cllr N Freshwater.

Police Report

(In the absence of Officers) From 5 September 2023 (the last CC meeting) there had been 38 calls to the police from the Fossoway area and two crimes recorded on police systems. Between 5pm, Wednesday 13 and 8.30am, Thursday 14 September, a set of golf clubs in a black Calloway bag were stolen from a black Ford Fiesta parked in Station Road, Crook of Devon. This is subject to a live investigation.

MoP noted that there had been a serious accident in Powmill since the last meeting, although the Police had said that speed was not a factor. Cllr Robertson suggested that Community Speedwatch would help address speeding, but there have still not been enough volunteers to operate it in Fossoway.

Cllr Watters confirmed that the School Road junction in Crook of Devon will be set to green on the Main Road and will not be used to deliberately stop vehicles. The new Drum traffic lights will be similar to Blairingone and will be set to revert to red with the aim of slowing vehicles.

Matters Arising:

Wind Farm: After careful consideration the CC decided not to attend the meeting organised by the Friends of the Ochils (FOTO). Before attending such meetings, it was agreed that the CC should seek to obtain the views of our entire community on proposed windfarms. However the CC has received the minutes of the meeting – in summary it was recognised that FOTO was still at the information-gathering stage and was not making any decisions yet.

Hence, we have decided to carry out a community online survey. PKC have agreed to fund leaflets. The leaflets will detail the reason for the survey, survey questions and a link to an online survey. The leaflets will be delivered to all residents. Residents can either complete the paper survey and drop off in named places or complete online. Cllr Watters was worried about multiple submissions from the same person, but the CC replied that the purpose of the survey was to collect views rather than take a vote. E-Power had hosted two community engagement events in Crook of Devon and Carnbo.

Community Development Trust: A business case for the Community Asset Transfer of the Blairingone School is being prepared by a working group led by Marion Anness. The proposal focuses on creating a venue to initially promote health and wellbeing with the potential of creating a Business Hub in Phase 2.

Local Place Plans: CCllr Marchant is working with PKC officers on the development of both a Local Place Plan, including demographic information provided by PKC, which would be considered as part of LDP3 preparation. After LDP3 comes into force, any planning

applications must be considered in the context of the Local Place Plan. The Local Place Plan will be co-developed and consulted on with the Community. Additionally a separate Community Action plan will be prepared to define projects to be carried out in the area.

Road Safety in FDCC Area (Including A977 Mitigation and Carnbo): On 27 September 2023 Carnbo village finally became a 30mph zone! A resident noted that it would be useful to have countdown markers when approaching from the west.

PKC had provided an update for the School Road Junction. The main construction work has now been completed with only a couple of small outstanding jobs still to be undertaken, including new road markings and general site tidying. The aim is to have all of this work completed and be in a position to switch on the traffic signals on the afternoon of 6 October. The start date for the Drum junction signalisation has been pushed back to 30 October to ensure that the works do not conflict with nearby A977 drainage improvement works being carried out by Roads Maintenance. It is expected that the works will take approximately five weeks, which will include the time required to install the traffic signal equipment and switch on.

PKC intend to install hardstanding areas around the junction for maintenance purposes. The existing pedestrian crossing will remain as PKC feel that this is the best place for a crossing point across the A977. These lights will be set at red if a vehicle is approaching too fast. Cllr Cuthbert pointed out that there is still some money left in the A977 mitigation pot, but this will be used once the current schemes have been assessed.

The CC had been notified of plans to resurface part of the A977 to the west of Powmill. The works are programmed to commence on Monday 16th October 2023 and will take five days to complete, weather permitting. To undertake the works safely and efficiently, temporary traffic lights and a convoy system with a 10mph speed limit will be used during the working hours (7.30am to 4pm). Outwith the working hours the temporary traffic lights will remain in place for safety.

Fossoway Area Transport incl. Transport group and Bus Service: CCllr Lamb reported that the significant problem with the 202 service is caused by the very old vehicles used which struggle to climb hills and reach 50mph over the long straight runs. Two buses with more efficient engines have been promised and hopefully this will help. It could be considered that Stagecoach would have broken their contract on numerous occasions. It would also be reasonable to assume that the contract could be terminated. However, PKC's Margaret Roy has consulted other bus companies and none have enough spare capacity to take over the service from Stagecoach.



Community Council News

Glenfarg Community Transport Group operate the 55 service and a community bus and CCllr Lamb met with Drew Smart from the Group on 13 September to gather information about their operation. On 28 September CCllr Lamb attended a meeting with Glenfarg's Drew Smart & Douglas Fraser, PKC's Margaret Roy and Cllr Cuthbert, in which it was proposed by Drew that Glenfarg Community Transport assume, at some point in the future, the running of the 202 service as an extension to their Community Services.

Should a proposal be put forward and accepted then this would be an ideal situation where the Fossoway Community Development Trust could and should be involved and play a significant role.

MoP Questions and Answers

MoP reported that the 202 service has let him down on several occasions sometimes leaving him stranded in Kinross — as described above this is often due to the inadequate vehicles in use, hopefully this will improve.

MoP asked if a bus stop could be added at the east end of Powmill where the path meets the road. This will be passed to PKC.

Biodiversity: The Crook of Devon Bloom Group have been in discussion with the Tayside Biodiversity Officer at PKC about Crook and Drum becoming designated as a Biodiversity Village, which could then give access to funding for any projects to help nature. The area already has many natural locations, e.g., the corner of West Crook Way, the orchard behind the graveyard, the Drum Triangle, and Penney's Wood as well as many attractive and nature friendly gardens and paths around the village, with plants for pollinating insects, and a variety of native creatures. The Group would like to find local people who are interested in enhancing the area and supporting biodiversity, and have an open meeting and mapping session in the Village Hall from at 2.30pm on Sunday 8 October with refreshments.

Primary Care GP Services Patient Survey

Perth and Kinross Health and Social Care Partnership is keen to hear patients' views about their GP premises. The survey is for people registered with a GP Practice in P&K – which for this CC area would be the Kinross practice. Closes 15 October.

Scottish Government Consultations

Mandatory Training On Planning For Elected Members: Elected members have a crucial role in the decision-making process within the planning system, so it is vital that adequate training helps them make decisions that are robust and sound. Closes 26 October.

Democracy Matters Phase 2: Democracy Matters conversations have already started to explore whether far more decisions could be made by communities themselves. This is a key and connected part of the wider Local Governance Review which is looking across all of Scotland's vital public services to consider how power and resources should be shared between national and local government.

https://consult.gov.scot/local-government-and-communities/democracy-matters/ Closes 28 Feb 2024.

Tackling the Nature Emergency: Consultation on Scotland's Strategic Framework for Biodiversity. This consultation is seeking views on a range of topics and proposals related to biodiversity and tackling the nature emergency in Scotland. It covers three parts of the Framework: The Scottish Biodiversity Strategy, the first five-year Delivery Plan and the proposed Natural Environment Bill. https://consult.gov.scot/environment-forestry/tackling-the-nature-emergency/ Closes 14 December.

Community Council Business

Meetings Attended: As reported above; Also CCllr Lamb attended a meeting of the P&K Community Forum on 15 September.

Councillors' Reports

Dave Cuthbert: In discussion with PKC Officers he discovered that the Vehicle Activated Speed Signs don't actually record speeds — he has asked for the systems on the A977 and A91 to be upgraded so they do.

Richard Watters: The application for the Kinross Banking Hub wasn't successful as the process assesses population in a 1km radius of a point – obviously Kinross's geography means that very few people were included. Additionally in rural areas the 1km radius isn't an appropriate measure anyway as it doesn't consider farms, other villages, etc.

Planning Matters

The CC has been invited to join a Planning Forum being led by PKC. The initial meeting is on 25 October.

DPEA Appeal 21/02133/AML, PPA-340-2151 https://www.dpea.scotland.gov.uk/CaseDetails.aspx?ID=122826 No decision yet.

Planning Applications

23/01275/FLL Erection of 5 holiday accommodation units, a managers accommodation unit and workshop/garage, formation of vehicular parking areas, landscaping, and associated works at land 150 metres north west of 1 Barnhill Farm, Powmill. The CC objected as there was only a limited business case.

23/01313/FLL Erection of 8 dwellinghouses, formation of vehicular access, landscaping, and associated works at land 30 metres east of Honeysuckle Cottage Carnbo. The CC objected on the grounds that the development would alter the linear character of the village; properties not of varied design; no affordable properties; no greenspace or biodiversity.

Planning Decisions

23/00938/FLL Change of use of agricultural land to form extension to garden ground, extension to driveway and associated works (in part retrospect) at Wellpark, Powmill, Dollar. The application was approved, the CC did not comment.

AOCE

CCIIr Duffy has resigned from the CC which has triggered a byelection. The CC can have a maximum of 8 elected members so we are actively encouraging residents to be nominated. The timetable for the by-election and a link to forms of interest will be posted on our Facebook page and website. CCIIr Duffy has kindly agreed to attend our November meeting where we can thank her for all of her many years of service.

MoP Questions and Answers

There seem to be an increased number of power cuts in Powmill, is this due to the aging infrastructure in the area, which is going to be more stressed with the planned housing developments in the area. – can we get SSE to come to a meeting and explain why? The CC undertook to contact the new area representative, Mark Westwood.

The CC's Facebook page can be found at https://www.facebook.com/fossoway N.B. anyone can access the content on this page, and it is only necessary to have a Facebook account if you wish to post comments.

The next meeting of Fossoway and District Community Council will be held on Tuesday 7 November at 7.30pm in Moubray Village Hall. All are welcome!



Milnathort and Orwell Community Council News from the July Meeting

Present at the meeting on 14 September were K Heneghan, N Bingham, A Wanless, M Thomson, A Macrae, Cllrs R Watters and D Cuthbert, L Watson (MPS) and 7 members of the public

Apologies: Phil Britton, Cllr W Robertson, Cllr N Freshwater

Police Matters

From 13 July 2023 (last meeting) there have been 60 calls to Police from the Milnathort area and 5 crimes recorded on Police systems.

Crimes Of Note (since last meeting 13/07/2023)

30/08/2023, Vandalism to vehicle (Old Perth Road, Milnathort). Subject to live investigation

30/08/2023, Attempted housebreaking (Viewfar Road, Milnathort). Subject to live investigation

Traffic Statistics

Community officers are aware of regular areas where there are complaints about speeding in and around Milnathort. These are all on our speeding matrix and we will continue to make efforts to carry out speed checks across the area during our patrols.

Traffic units have been carrying out speed checks in the area and have issued tickets since the last meeting, most notable during speed checks on the M90.

In the last month local officers from Kinross have been carrying out speed checks in Milnathort, Crook of Devon and Gairneybridge.

Large Planning Applications:

Former BCA Site: A second consultation meeting has been held and the developer reiterated that the proposed flood defence upgrade by PKC needs to be complete before any work can start at the old BCA site. Cllr indicates that additional analysis on the cost is needed, although the Scottish Government have allocated funding there has been a big increase in costs on material across the whole construction industry so any impact needs to be determined

The community council will liaise with Kinross CC about writing a letter in support of the flood alleviation starting as soon as practically possible, and what impacts there may be to the community if there are further delays.

With regards to the windfarm applications, Neill provided a summary on the Sustainability Group. This group has been initiated to understand the position of the Community Councils impacted by these windfarms that include: Kinross CC, Portmoak CC, Earn CC, Glenfarg CC, Fossoway CC, Cleish and Blairadam CC. Milnathort and Orwell CC have taken the lead on bringing these CCs together along with a few residents to determine what we need to do as a group to collectively negotiate with the windfarm developers on the benefits that communities can receive and what we can do with them to benefit the whole impacted area.

The purpose of this group is not to support or oppose the

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orla.beaton@btinternet.com yoga-by-nature.com facebook.com/orlabeaton windfarm developments. Each CC is responsible for providing the necessary feedback with respect to their communities with regards to these planning applications when they are submitted.

Matters Arising

Gate/bridge/fence gate to Fleming Court: Cllr Watters provided an update that plans have been submitted to PKC for the new bridge and there were some open questions, which remain open while the PKC officer dealing with this issue returns to the office.

Broken dog bin at TillyWally Woods: Cllr Watters raised the issue with the bin a number of weeks ago, and although it appears that some improvement has been made to the bin, there has been no action on replacing or fixing the bin and Cllr Watters is awaiting a status update from PKC.

Racenight: To help raise funds for local causes and activities, the community council have organised a race night for 10 November, 7.30pm Town Hall, £10 per head. Please get in touch with any of the community councillors or via email: communitycouncilmilnathort@gmail.com for tickets. Thanks to KLEO for allowing to use of their mobile bar for the evening.

Speedwatch – Kinross-shire: A number of volunteers have been approved, meeting still to be scheduled with volunteers to discuss process, ordering of equipment and planning of activities.

A number of cars have been parking on the left of the zebra crossing zig-zags, which is hindering the view of drivers of any pedestrians preparing to cross the road. This was raised with the police, however is not in violation of any rules.

Planning Applications

23/01341/FLM Mixed use development comprising golf driving range (class 11) with café (class 3), retail unit (class 1A), formation of vehicular access and parking, landscaping and associated works at Land 240 Metres North East Of Lethangie, Waste Water Treatment Works Kinross for Burleigh Golf Ltd. 23 Sept 2023

Approved

23/00732/FLL Erection of a meteorological mast (for a temporary period) Land 2800 Metres North West Of Upper Warroch Cottage Milnathort, the CC approved the application.

21/01107/FLL Erection of 9 dwellinghouses and associated works (LDP site H51) Land 120 Metres West Of Copperbank Balado for Premier Properties (Scotland) Ltd, the CC approved the application.

21/01108/FLL Erection of 6 dwellinghouses and associated works (LDP site H51) Land 120 Metres West Of Copperbank Balado for Premier Properties (Scotland) Ltd, the CC approved the application.

23/01070/FLL Siting of an above ground fuel tank and associated works. The Control Tower Balado Airfield Milnathort for Balado Airfield Ltd, the CC approved the application.

23/01137/FLL Extension to dwellinghouse, 5 Hays Court Milnathort, the CC approved the application.

Core Paths Update

The last weekend in August saw the Core Paths Group being very busy, with three new volunteers and an existing volunteer being trained in the use of the various power tools we use. Over that weekend we also flailed and strimmed the Core Paths by the golf course, at Burleigh, at the Community Woodland and at Tillywhally. We paid special attention to cutting back overhanging branches on the paths.

All ten benches have now been installed at various locations on Core Paths in the area. This was a team effort: with funding from PKC's Community Investment Fund and from a local business, Kinross Men's Shed cut and dressed the timber, Graham and Claire Paton let us use one of their sheds to store and assemble the benches and volunteers from the Core Paths Group helped transport and site the benches.

We're out again next weekend and that'll be the last cut of the year, but we'll be busy throughout the winter months doing other jobs along the Paths.

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Comments And Questions From The Floor

An audience member asked why there are so many trees clumped in a small area on Donaldson Park. They counted 13 high trees, in a small area that shed their leaves all over the local resident's gardens.

Councillors' Reports

Clir David Cuthbert: the King will visit the area and will be at 10.55am at Kinross House, and then will visit Broke not Broken, the anti-poverty charity, he will then walk through the town.

Cllr Richard Watters: Local banking hubs have opened in Carnoustie, Brechin and Crieff after the last high street bank closed. A local banking hub is where a different high street bank provides a service on a different day of the week so that all the main high street banks can have a presence and serve the community that cannot be filled by the post office. This should theoretically improve the availability of banking services to the local community. I completed an application some weeks ago and in parallel there was a post by a local resident in Kinross who recently did the same. So far neither of us have received a positive response.

Usually, the request for a hub is triggered when then the last bank leaves and there is then a ex-bank premises to use for the hub, however all the local ex-banks have been repurposed and finding a suitable building might be a problem.

AOB

The Defib unit has now been installed at Orwell church. Training will be organised soon and all those willing to attend please get in touch.

Recycling centre days: From 1 October it will be closed on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and will have reduced hours on the other days.

The next meeting of Milnathort and Orwell Community Council will be held on 9 November 2023, 7.30pm at Milnathort Town Hall

Portmoak Community Council News from the September Meeting

The September PCC meeting was subject to some IT issues and the start of the meeting was delayed by about 45mins. PCC apologise for any disappointment if members of the community attempted to access the meeting and could not.

Minutes

Present At The Meeting on 12 September were Cllrs D Cuthbert, N Freshwater; Cllrs A Miller, D Morris, S McGregor, K Donaldson; and 1 member of the public.

Matters Arising

Kinross-shire Local Council Update: Cllr D Morris had attended on behalf of PCC. The Kinross-shire Local Committee had agreed a name change to Kinross-shire Local Council. There had been discussions in respect of vehicular traffic in respect of the B9097 and the Westfield Development and concerns about increasing heavy vehicle traffic. D Morris had flagged this to PKC officials and highlighted the need for an off-road cycle path. Next KLC meeting will be in November 2023. PCC to consider agenda items to submit to Cllrs.

Changes To The Constitutions Kinross-shire Local Council: It was advised that representation of 50% of Ward Councillors and 50% of CC were required to make the council quorate. Cllr D Cuthbert would welcome any issues relevant to KLC be submitted as soon as possible so that the agenda can be prepared and circulated earlier, which in turn would allow CCs to raise agenda items for discussion at the CC meeting prior, and also to enable an agenda to be submitted to the *Kinross Newsletter*. The Chair welcomed motion to have an earlier agenda.

Road Safety Action Update: The Chair noted the Bowhouse 40mph had still not been implemented despite this having been agreed prior to 'the end of the summer'. The Chair requested the Clirs raise this with Head of Roads.

Cllr W Robertson had asked for the road cleaned at Scotlandwell after

heavy rain had left mud and grit on the road and junction, potentially causing a safety issue. The Chair thanked the Cllr for quick action on this item. Road safety priority list: there had been no correspondence from PKC on this item, regarding items on the list that required clarification. The Chair requested Cllrs help with moving this forward. Cllr N Freshwater said he would escalate this for a response.

Speedwatch: PCC continue to try to move this forward. There were a number of volunteers and PCC welcomed a potential volunteer coordinator who could help a lot in taking the project forward.

Scotlandwell to Portmoak Church Path: PCC advised that communication had been received from the Elders of Portmoak Church confirming their support for the Path initiative. This had been communicated to the General Trustees. This communication was in respect of a small areas of land in church ownership, which was currently leased to the Woodland Trust. The Woodland Trust have also given permission for use of their land along the side of the A911. Regarding the lower path section from the Church to Scotlandwell the Chair had once again tried to contact the landowner for an update but had not been successful. The Chair advised he would continue to try to arrange a meeting. It was agreed by PCC members that even half a path to extend the existing one would be better than no path at all. Chair invited comment from the Cllrs. Cllr D Cuthbert had been in contact with PKC Roads Officers and asked the Chair to arrange with Officers to get them onsite for a visit. The Chair reiterated that PCC were expecting the next stage to be a feasibility study and asked if this could be initiated for the first part of the path? The Chair and Vice-Chair suggested that location would be a Greenspace and/or TRACKS project and not a roads project for PKC Roads as the pathway would be an off-road path, and not a pavement. It is intended to be an offroad path continuing the existing offroad path from Kilmagadwood to the Church car park. The Vice-Chair suggested Sustrans should be involved from the beginning as ScotGov have been offering extra money for paths, so it was important this path was added to the Sustrans list as well. It was suggested that communication be initiated with Nick Mainprize of Tracks.

Play Facilities at Scotlandwell Green: PCC have completed the consultation that was placed on social media, in addition to direct email comminication to the Chair. Chair had spoken to several residents directly also. Comments will be passed to the landscape architect and then there will be a further discussion. Once finalised the project will be put out to tender.

The Chair had received complaints from Scotlandwell locals regarding grass cutting, with the grass on the Green being too long to play football. PCC have had previous assurances that the Well Green was scheduled to be cut every 2 weeks, but this doesn't seem to happen. Cllr D Cuthbert suggested he be informed if grass maintenance was not being completed as agreed and he would raise with the Parks and Recreation Officials. Alternatively, local residents could either email PCC at secretary@portmoak.org or contact PKC directly via the PKC website at https://www.pkc.gov.uk/



Portmoak Church – the future for the church and car park: PCC had received communication from Church of Scotland that they will hold a congregational meeting on Sunday 10th December when members of Orwell and Portmoak Church will have the opportunity to discuss and vote on closure. That date had been selected as it is a Communion Sunday when many will attend anyway and there is the opportunity to notify the whole congregation through Stramash and by letter prior to the meeting. It had been suggested that the Community Council organise a joint follow up meeting for the community in early January, with the objectives to raise and discuss ideas, around, the Church building, and the potential loss of the carpark and potential options.

PCC members agreed that any project for the future use of the Church building would need to be made under a Community Development Trust to take this further, the PCC would be unable take on the responsibility of a development project for the Church building.

Windfarm Action Group - report from meeting of 10/08/23: The Secretary had attended the first meeting of this group, which was a collective of representatives from the Kinross-shire (Ward 8) Community Councils. The objectives were not establishment of a position for or against windfarms in the Ochils, but to share information and experience between the CCs. Some CCs in Kinross-shire and Strathearn have been through the planning and negotiation stages of windfarm projects in their areas, and it was felt that sharing that information in addition to input from several locals who had specific experience via their professions in power generation or windfarm developments was useful to equip CCs in the event that windfarm planning applications were made in their CC area. Without taking any side the Chair agreed there were likely to be windfarm applications and developments and as a community we need to be mindful of the desire for retention of amenity, but also recognise that environmentally Windfarm projects were increasingly likely to arise, and every area may have to accept their part in their creation. As with many similar projects there may be elements of community gain versus community inconvenience, and these were discussions that would occur if a windfarm application affected Portmoak. It was agreed that PCC needed to keep attending the Windfarm Action Group meetings and report back via Portmoak CC meetings.

Cllr N Freshwater and the Secretary had also attended a separate Friends of the Ochils meeting on windfarms; this meeting had more specific objectives aligned with the established Friends of the Ochils organisation. The Secretary had attended to gain greater information and understanding of the work done to date around windfarms planning applications.

Kinneston-Scotlandwell-Portmoak Church Footway Clearance: Cllr W Robertson had raised a request for some clearance along footpaths. The Chair thought that some work appeared to have been done but unclear if this was PKC work completed, or local landowners completing maintenance.

New Matters

Portmoak CC AGM, 10 October 2023, 7.30pm–8pm. To be held prior to the October PCC meeting: The meeting agreed to be inperson at the Portmoak Village Hall.

Public Consultation Letter – Construction & Operation of a 200MW battery energy storage facility at Kirklands Farm, Ballingry Lochgelly.

The battery energy storage facility was proposed to be sited just within the Fife border at Balligry. Just opposite main transformer at Westfield. It was considered that it was not going to be a particularly high structure. Storage facility for the generation at Westfield which would assist with reducing the carbon footprint. No comment from PCC at this stage. If you wish to give your views, please respond with any comments to: info@ aahplanningconsultations.co.uk by 12 October 2023. You can find out further information about AAH Consultants, this project and others and provide feedback on their website: https://aahplanningconsultations.co.uk/

Planning

New Applications

23/01355/FLL Extension to dwellinghouse Greenside of Arnot Leslie Glenrothes. Closing Date for Public Comment: Fri 15 Sep 2023 PCC had reviewed plans and agreed no comment.

23/01276/FLL Extension to dwellinghouse 3 The Terrace Cottages Glenlomond Kinross. Closing Date for Public Comment: Fri 28 September 2023.

PCC had reviewed plans, would monitor and make comment as appropriate.

Existing Applications

(a) 22/01191/FLL Erection of 16 dwellinghouses (3 with detached garages, one with detached garage/ancillary accommodation), formation of 6 plots for affordable dwellinghouses, formation of SUDS pond, landscaping and associated works, land 100 metres south-east of Cragton Villa Rost Gardens, Scotlandwell.

Cllr N Freshwater had initiated a conversation with D Littlejohn at PKC about the status of the application continuing to be awaiting decision. D Littlejohn had agreed that the application had been open too long and a decision forthcoming to close it. The application was still open at time of meeting. The Chair would issue another email to PKC planning requesting closure on behalf of the community.

Planning Decisions

Progress With Developments

Westfield Community Liaison Committee: Cllr N Freshwater had attended the last Westfield meeting. He hoped to get progress on the PKC side road signage, a named officer is now allocated to that project and signs will be erected on the M90 motorway to direct lorries along the correct route. There were several issues with on-site lighting, but N Freshwater suggested the on-site team are approachable and responsive to direct calls if on-site lighting is intrusive.

Westfield Paths Feasibility Study: Cllr D Morris reported no further updates.

Paths Group update: vegetation had been growing prolifically in the recent warmer and wetter weather, the group have been doing a large amount of strimming. Hoped that approaching cooler weather would help with natural die back.

Treasurer CC Accounts: The Treasurer had given apologies for the meeting. The Secretary noted that PCC Accounts need to be prepared in advance of the PCC AGM on 10/10/23.

Councillors' Reports:

Clir DCuthbert: On the Scotlandwell to Church path, D Cuthbert suggested that the project should be flagged to Nick Mainprize at TRACKS and that team will look at it for funding potential.

Changes of structure at PKC: D Cuthbert flagged that PKC structure was being amended to centre around Themes rather than Heads of Departments in an attempt to make structure flatter and empower professional people further down the chain. It was felt this would be beneficial to the decision-making process.

Lochend Farm Path to Loch Leven Heritage Trail: regarding the access to the Levenmouth track over the ditch at Lochend



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Farm: there have been positive communications and movements following a meeting between ClIr W Robertson and the landowner. Some conditions were being discussed but ClIr D Cuthbert felt that the outcomes of this meeting were positive. The Chair confirmed he had been copied into some of the communication and shared the assessment that the outcomes had been positive. It was hoped this could be further reported at the next CC meeting.

Matters Notified To The Secretary:

Warm Spaces in Perth & Kinross, Workshops and Funding Opportunities. See PKC website at: https://www.pkc.gov.uk/warmspaces Some funding was available to groups and business who were interested and able to create designated warm spaces for the approaching winter months.

AOB

Resilience Group: a member of the public enquired if there was still a local resilience group in place? The previous weekend had seen heavy rain and local people had been appealing on social media for sandbags. The Secretary said there was a resilience plan, but this pre-dated the Covid lockdown in 2020 and was probably in need of review and update. Secretary to forward the resilience plan to Chair for review and the Chair thanked the members of the public for the raising of the issue.

The next meeting of Portmoak Community Council will take place on Tuesday 14 October 2023, at Portmoak Hall.

Cleish & Blairadam Community Council News from the September Meeting

Present at the meeting on 11 September were F Principe-Gillespie, F Whalley, S Gordon, M Traylor, Cllrs W Robertson, R Watters **Apologies:** C MacLaren, Cllr D Cuthbert, PC B Samson



Matters Arising

Maryburgh: Fly-tipping on Maryburgh Road – Community Council to advise on locations for warning signage.

Keltybridge: Condition of pavements and parking on pavements – Cllr Robertson has requested a site meeting with the PKC Roads department regarding repairs to the existing pavements which have been damaged and sunk due to vehicles parking on the pavements in Keltybridge.

Cleish Primary School: Cllr Cuthbert spoke to PKC Planning and was advised that the Education Department did not require planning permission for the new signage despite the school being a listed building in a conservation area. Councillors will write to PKC Planning to request a sign which is more in keeping with a listed building in a conservation area.

Crime Prevention & Police Report

8th – 9th August 2023 – Theft by housebreaking (Lochran Farm) – Subject to live investigation

5th September 2023 – Drink driving and possession of offensive weapon (Fruix Road) – 1 Person reported to Procurator Fiscal

Traffic

Community officers are aware of regular areas where there are complaints about speeding in and around Cleish and Blairadam. These have all been added to the speeding matrix and they will continue to make efforts to carry out speed checks across the area during our patrols.

Traffic units have been carrying out speed checks in the area and have issued several tickets since the last meeting, most notably during speed checks on the M90.

In the last month local officers from Kinross have been carrying out speed checks in Milnathort, Crook of Devon and Gairneybridge.

Vehicle Activated Signage (VAS)

Vehicle Activated Signage has now been installed in Cleish and Gairneybridge.

Broadband Update

The latest report for Fibre to the Premises (FTTP) 'ready for service' shows that 71% of properties in Cleish and Blairadam area have fibre broadband available. This compares with 50.4% for the whole of Scotland and 14.53% for the Perth and Kinross Council area as a whole.

Blairadam Area

Blairadam has now received the final quote from Openreach to enable the final 13 properties in the area, so this should be moving forwards in the coming months.

Properties in Blairforge are also now being connected to Fibre Broadband.

Cleish Area

Boreland and Carsegour are now live. The current data shows gaps in coverage for properties further out, but it is not clear if this is just a problem with the data.

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Kinross-shire Committee

This will be added as a standing agenda item for the Community Council as it has proved to be a useful forum in helping understand how the council services operate.

A specific session has been requested to help understand how the Planning Department integrates views from the community through activities such as the Big Conversation/Local Area Plans, and what triggers enforcement actions.

The Kinross-shire Committee will be organising a more open meeting to discuss these topics – details to follow.

Drainage

Keltybridge

Still a problem with a blocked drain in Keltybridge which is flooding the roads. This has been reported to PKC twice already and has been added to the cleaning schedule, but no progress has been made.

Scottish Water investigated this drain in September, but no further action has been taken. Additionally, there is a smell of sewage from this drain. The Community Council will again raise this problem via the PKC portal.

Additionally, there is a blocked drain at the lower end of the main road through Keltybridge which has been causing rainwater to run into the property at the side of the road. This problem will also be reported on the PKC portal.

Financial Update

£290.30 - Total Expenditure for Year to Date.

£409.62 - Current Balance

Planning

Applications Pending

23/00112/FLL Erection of a dwellinghouse and formation of vehicle access land 140 Metres North East Of Hardiston Farm Cleish.

22/02113/IPL Erection of a dwellinghouse (in principle) Land 30 metres north east of Craigbank House, Cleish.

23/00934/FLL Alterations and extension to dwellinghouse, alterations to driveway, formation of parking area and landscaping, installation of oil tank and associated works. Darnley Cottage, Blairadam.

Applications Approved

23/00493/FLL Erection of a dwellinghouse and associated works, Land 100 Metres North West Of Craigton House, Cleish.

23/01024/FLL Erection of porch and formation of raised terrace, Carsegour Farm Cottage, Kinross.

23/01281/FLL Erection of a garage East Locharn House Blairadam Kelty

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Applications Refused

23/00532/FLL Erection of a dwellinghouse and associated works, Land North Of 31 Main Street Keltybridge

Village Updates

Blairforge

Enforcement is now complete on one area, but there are more enforcements still outstanding which have not been progressed. Concerns were raised by local residents about the complete disregard for planning regulations and the lack of enforcement of any violations by PKC Planning. More land engineering being carried out without planning permission with multiple truckloads of material being brought into the site.

Concerns were raised by residents of Blairforge about the lack enforcement for multiple planning violations, SEPA infringements and the continued dumping of materials on the site. Cllr Watters has asked for an update in relation to enforcement on this site.

Blairadam

Renewal of the water supply to the Tabernacle Hall has now been complete and tested by PKC Private Water team.

Village noticeboard is in need of refurbishment.

Cleish

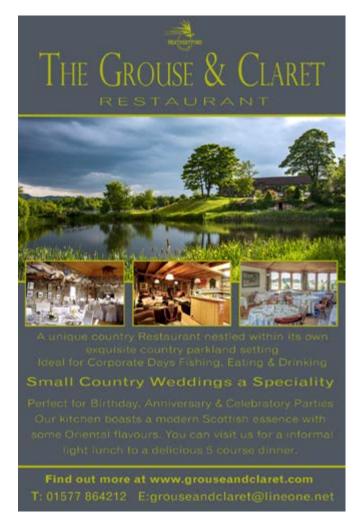
A number of cast iron access covers have been stolen on the hill road, leaving dangerously deep holes exposed in the verge. Cllr Freshwater to report this.

The cutting of verges around junctions have not been carried out around Cleish. Recommended reporting these via the PKC portal where there is a road safety risk.

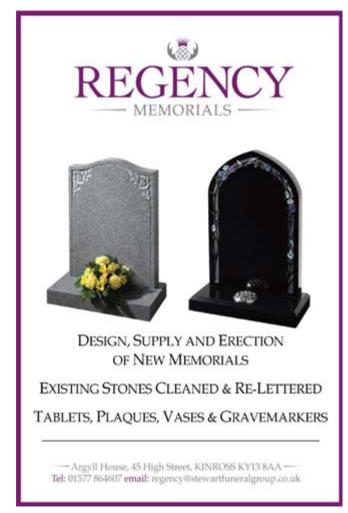
AOB

CC to investigate involvement with the windfarm action group which is being coordinated by the Milnathort CC.

The next meeting of Cleish and Blairadam Community Council will be on Monday 4 December, at 7.30pm in Cleish Village Hall.













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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 November, Aberdour to Dalgety Bay

Starting from Aberdour station, this is an easy walk on level paths, first passing the golf course and later visiting the ruins of St Bridget's Kirk at Dalgety Bay.

Tuesday 21 November, 'A load of old Bull around the stone'

Starting from Powmill this will be an anti-clockwise circular walk past the infamous Fossoway Bull stone. Please note that part of this walk can sometimes be muddy in November.

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

Weekend Longer Walks

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

Sunday 12 November, Ramblers AGM

Starting out from Laurel Bank Hotel in Markinch, this is a walk of approximately two and a half hours, followed by lunch and then Kinross and Ochil Ramblers AGM. Pre-walk details will be notified later.

Saturday 25 November, Pitlochry Figure of Eight

Starting from Black Spout car park, these two circular walks create a figure of eight, south and north of Pitlochry. Points of interest include a waterfall, whisky distillery, salmon leap and loch. There is the option of one circular walk should Tuesday walkers wish to participate. Booking is essential.

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

Kinross Trishaws

New Trishaw Route to Burleigh Sands

Kinross-shire Trishaws continue to operate whilst the weather is reasonable and the temperatures remain positive. We have been thrilled recently to expand our choice of routes now that access to the bridge over the North Queich river has been widened to increase the turning circle enabling our trishaws to get onto the bridge. We are very grateful to TRACKS for facilitating this excellent piece of work, and to Mr Paton, the farmer at Lethangie who has kindly allowed a corner of his land to be used for this purpose. We are so grateful for the support afforded to us. Our passengers have been enjoying access to Burleigh Sands and we look forward to many sunny outings to the shore of Loch Leven.

Grateful Thanks

We have been very grateful to receive a donation from Lodge St Serf in Kinross to support our fundraising campaign to raise the £1000 we need each year to operate safely keeping our three bikes well maintained and serviced.

Festive Market

We will be at the Festive Market on 25 November from 10am to 3pm with lots of fun activities. If you are interested in having a ride (if the weather is fair) or are interested in volunteering, please do come and see us.

Name A Trishaw – Exciting Opportunity!

Please come along to our stand at the Festive Market and see if you can select the "magic square" that will enable you to name one of our trishaws for 2024.

If you would like to book a ride with us (it's completely free), please email KinrossTrishaws@gmail.com



Kinross-shire Historical Society



The members enjoyed a very interesting talk by Dr Nicky Small about 'Katherine and Kitty – Two Duchesses of Atholl.'

Both had the same name, had the same title, lived in the same castle, had some shared experiences but lived a couple of hundred years apart and were very different women.

Katherine was born in 1662, the daughter of the Duke and Duchess of Hamilton. She was educated at home as girls were at that time although her brothers were sent off to school. She was taught such things as singing and dancing. She was deeply religious and a



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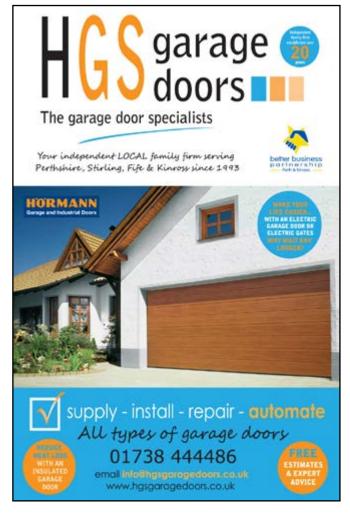
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presbyterian. The Atholl family were episcopalian and in order to woo Katherine their son changed his religion. It was important at the time to unite two of Scotland's most noble families as it was a bad time for Scotland economically, made worse by the failure of the Darien Scheme.

As Duchess of Atholl she had 13 children and they were the focus of her life. She was very conscious of status. Having been born a Duke's daughter, marrying a lord had lost her status. She was interested in politics and in 1702 set about finding out what was happening in an election in Perth. A pious wife was prized and she used it to her advantage to keep her husband on track.

Two hundred years later another Katherine, known as Kitty, became the Duchess of Atholl. She was born in Edinburgh in 1874. She had a wide-ranging education in London. Her mother liked to attend debates in Parliament and was a singer. Kitty was an accomplished musician but didn't complete the course she was doing. Her family felt that Kitty was being badly affected by being too solitary and so moved back to Scotland.

At a social event at Blair Atholl, she met Tulliebardon, known as Bardy. They got to know each other over time but she wasn't sure if she wanted such a public life. He became infatuated with her and they became secretly engaged. Kitty was not the match the family wanted. She was not an heiress and the family needed money. But they were married in London in 1899 when she was 24 and he was 29. They left the train back to Blair Atholl at Perth and travelled the rest of the way by carriage, stopping in every village on the way, where toasts were drunk. They couldn't afford to live independently so they had to live in the castle.

Brady was sent to South Africa during the Boer War. Kitty was upset to be on her own and so went to South Africa and lived there for two years. Whilst there she organised concerts and hospitals and became concerned about female circumcision in the colonies. They were childless which gave Kitty time for other things including politics. She was elected as an MP, the first Scottish woman. She was anti-Stalin, took a keen interest in foreign policy, wrote books, visited Spain on a fact-finding mission in 1930s. She became known as the Red Duchess, but lost her seat in 1938. She was not a good speaker and not easy to get on with.

Neither were feminists as such a thing was unknown in their times. Kitty, in fact, voted against an equal franchise as she thought that so many women having the vote would belittle the deaths of all the men who died in The First World War. She also voted against equal pay but supported the ordination of women in church.

After a few questions from the floor, Ian Russell gave the vote of thanks on behalf of the Society for a talk that had let the members learn a lot about the two Duchesses.

President George Sutherland informed the members that Anne Milburn, Treasurer, has decided to stand down at the end of this season and asked for any volunteers for the role to contact him. He put it to the meeting that if teas/coffees were to be restarted, again volunteers would be needed and to contact either him or Secretary, Catriona McLeod. Members were also advised that KHS would like to move to a more paperless system of membership and

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that there would be information slips available at the end of the meeting for those who would be willing to be involved.

Kinross Climate Cafe

Our monthly meetings at resumed on Tuesday 3 October at 7pm. We meet on the first Tuesday of each month in Loch Leven Community Library.



At our first session we welcomed Helen McCrorie,

who is the embedded artist at Perth Theatre and Concert Hall working on a 'Transforming Audience Travel Through Art' project with Creative Carbon Scotland.

Although the focus of the project is 'audience transport' Helen talked about the limitations of public transport in general in Perth and Kinross. Her informative slides highlighted the problem with infrequency and disjointed bus 'network' while at the same time showing the great potential that public transport could promote for sustainable lives and improve social wellbeing.



The talk was followed by a discussion, with a special attendance from a representative of the Glenfarg Transport Group, who shared the insights of organising the Glenfarg Community Bus (featured in recent local and national press).

We also had a practical task of creating ideas for our group banner to be presented at the final project workshop in Perth to the wider audiences with transport and political representatives.

Everyone interested in this project is welcome to attend the 'Ticket to Ride' finale on 11 November at Perth Concert Hall foyer and plaza from 1-4pm.

More information about the project is available online at https://www.creativecarbonscotland.com/project/transforming-audience-travel-through-art/.

Our next meeting on 7 November will be a joint meeting with Glenfarg Eco Community who will present their plans for Greener Glenfarg, the ebike loan scheme and more insights into the successful Glenfarg Community Bus (the latter can be found on Facebook as 'Glenfarg Community Transport').

A great thank you to all speakers presenting inspiring talks, the Loch Leven library staff, our very helpful host, and to everyone for your continued interest and support.

Contact Gosia Stanton by email at climatecafe@kleo.org.uk.

Kinross Haiku Circle (Kinku)

We are a small newly formed group wanting to learn together about haiku and its related forms. We presently meet monthly in the afternoon of the fourth Monday, in a member's home. If you are interested in haiku we would love to welcome you to our circle, informally known as kinku. Please contact Joan Gibson on 01577 862091 or by email at filidh.uaine@gmail.com

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Portmoak Film Society

Showing space thriller 'Gravity' in November



A good-sized audience turned out to see October's film, the moving debut from director Colm Bairead, 'The Quiet Girl'. It made cinema history, in that it was the first Irish language film to be nominated for an Oscar. Filmed in beautiful County Waterford, it won the European film award for cinematography. Our audience gave it top ratings and many animated discussions followed afterwards over tea and biscuits.

In a change to the advertised programme, we will screen the blockbuster 'Gravity' to showcase our new audiovisual equipment and make the most of director Alfonso Cuaron's 2013 film with its stunning space visuals and surround-sound, based-in-space soundtrack. It was critically acclaimed on release for its cinematography and the chemistry between George Clooney and Sandra Bullock as two astronauts adrift in space. Come along on Saturday 11 November and enjoy the ride!

All films are shown at Portmoak village hall in Scotlandwell. Doors open at 7pm and films start promptly at 7.30pm. A season's membership is available for £40 covering all eight films, or you can pay £6 on the door. Refreshments are served after the film and regulars and newcomers are welcome! For further information, contact Felicity Garvie on 01592 840825.

Kinross and District Probus Club



Meeting held 0n 18 October 2023

Presentation by Hamish Brown. 'East of West, West of East'

Most of us lead fairly ordinary lives, but that cannot be said of Hamish Brown.

Hamish was born in Colombo, Sri Lanka in 1934, and as World War 2 approached he was living in Japan with his parents. His story tells of the circuitous and dangerous means in trying to get home to Britain, and of the family's varying fortunes in Japan and Malaya as the world became engulfed in the Second World War.

Hamish tells us his story mainly through the eyes and writings of his mother. His younger brother David was born in Yokohama in December 1940 and his big brother Ian and his Granny were coming out from Scotland to join him 'for safety' ... to escape the conflict in Europe ... little did they know what was about to occur on the other side of the world. As tensions between Britain and Japan heightened life for the Brits initially continued as usual. But it quickly became clear that the British and other allies had to get out of Japan, and an exodus, by any means possible, started to take place, most heading for Malaya and Singapore, as it was thought an invasion was inconceivable. The family spent almost a year in Malaya in a town called Klang and Hamish started boarding school in the Cameron Highlands, where he gained his love for the outdoors

As the Japanese assaults continued to gain momentum, China, Phillipines, French Indo China it became clear Singapore was not going to be spared. Hamish, his mother and David left Singapore in January 1942 heading for South Africa, just 11 days before Kuala Lumpur fell to the Japanese. He spent the next two and a half years in Natal before being repatriated to Scotland.

Looking back at this extraordinary period, one thing strikes Hamish, it is the fact that back home in Britain, few folk knew anything of the conflict in the Far East, and of the dangers that westerners were being exposed to in lands like Japan, Malaya and much of the Pacific Rim. Britain had built much of its empire in this region but were slow to recognise the threat that was on their doorstep.

Hamish went on to become a highly respected writer and traveller and for his services to literature he received an MBE in 2001.

The vote of thanks was given by John Mullan.

Town Twinning Association

With the recent rainfall and resultant flooding across the country we share with you photos of two 'place mats' from





our recent summer trip to Normandy which show that our Celtic cousins also have higher than average rainfall figures but also highlights a distinctive brand of humour, much like ourselves in Scotland.

Based on the recent PKC joint meeting of twinning organisations where Provost McDade outlined council proposals of support for twinning groups, our local twinning association has approached Kinross Community Council requesting that we operate



under their jurisdiction with the latter acting as an umbrella organisation whilst still recognising that our twinning organisation still retains its stand-alone status within this arrangement. Many other twinning groups within PKC operate on this principle. It gives them the benefits of free public liability insurance as well as access to risk assessments, legal advice assistance and access to community mini-buses. We are waiting for a response to our request from Kinross CC.

Our AGM will take place at 7.30pm on Wednesday 29 November at 13 Bridgefaulds Road, Milnathort. In accordance with our constitution, the positions of chairperson and treasurer require to be nominated.

Kinross in Bloom



October saw all the planters being emptied and topped up with new feed and compost before the pansies and

bulbs were planted. We had to postpone the taking down of the hanging baskets (pictured below) due to the rain. Our thanks again to the Rugby Club for their assistance in doing this.

We will now have a quiet period over the winter before we start all over again in the springtime!

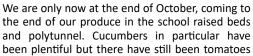
Our next meeting will be our AGM on Wednesday 1 November to which anyone can attend.

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





Kinnesswood in Bloom





and, for the first time, aubergines. Recipes have been tried and compared. We hope those who have used the veggie box have enjoyed the fruit and vegetables and give thanks to everyone who has contributed from their own harvest.

The children have all had sessions of gardening this term. After the holidays, if it is a fine day, we hope to have a big cleaning session at the polytunnel, getting it ready for next year.

Our next project is to improve the garden at Michael Bruce Cottage. Some of the planned improvements relate to health and safety, others we hope will enhance what is already a lovely garden and is well used by groups of walkers doing the Michael Bruce Way, or following our guide book to the history of the old village. We have been accepted as a project by Take a Pride in Perthshire and we recently met with Charlie Hardman from the association to discuss plans.

Work parties on Saturdays have continued throughout the autumn months. There are always leaves to sweep, plants to cut back and bulbs to plant. The heathers at Benarty View are particularly beautiful just now in the autumn sunshine.

On 22 October five of us are travelling to London for the Britain in Bloom awards which take place on 23 October. By the time you read this we will know how well we have done. If you haven't heard, look on our Facebook page.

Kinross In Bloom 200 Club

September Draw

- No 76 Myrtle Urquhart
 No 19 Tom Duncan
- 3 No 33 Moira Hookham
- 4 No 90 Ann Millar

October Draw

- 1. No. 13 Catherine Clark
- 2. No. 60 Edna Nelson
- 3. No. 73 Fiona Todd
- 4. No. 65 Edith and Ian Simpson

Kinross-shire u3a



u3asites.org.uk/Kinross/home

We are open to semi-retired and retired people and the joining fee for the current sessions is £10. We currently have a number of varied groups who enjoy activities such as book club, poetry, scrabble, genealogy, famous Scots and so on.

We meet at Kinross Parish Church on the first Tuesday of each month. Our AGM is held in May and we offer a talk from an invited speaker to our members each month from September to April.

On Tuesday 7 November we will be holding a presentation on 'The Wild and Not so Wild West' by Arthur Lloyd. Doors will open shortly after 2pm and the presentation will begin at 2.30pm. Tea and coffee will be available following the presentation.

If you are interested in joining us, further information is available on our website or Facebook page. Alternatively, send an email to *mbs21@btinternet.com*.

New members are always welcome. Why not join us at the church for one of our presentations and see what we have to offer?

Kinross Guide Dogs

www.guidedogs.org.uk

In the run up to Christmas, the festive market is a great way to buy presents. This year our stall we will have an amazing prize-winning opportunity. Our mystery grid will feature wonderful donated vouchers.

One donation of three gliding sessions (courtesy of the Gliding Centre), would be an amazing present. Also on offer are jewellery from Rebecca, tickets to a concert and vouchers from Bad Gal Nails, Ritzy Glass, Time to Shine, Hunters, Loch Leven Brewery and Avant Garde. Thanks to all the individuals and companies that have donated bottles and gifts for our annual tombola, which is very popular. Come early to get the best chance of winning.

The update on our guide dog puppy in training this month is very exciting. She is doing extremely well and is becoming quite the celebrity. She has been seen recently at a very large cheque presentation from Scotmid, who had us as their charity of the year last year. We are always keen to talk to any business who would be willing to make us their charity of the year. Her training is going well.

She has mastered trains, trams, cafés, restaurants and daily school runs. A very happy pup by all accounts and a wee sweetheart. Last week she posed with an amazing woman, Helen Smith, who is cycling from Cairo to Cape Town, to raise money for Guide Dogs. In the photo below Helen is kneeling beside Aileen, the pup's puppy raiser, who has puppy walked and raised many guide dog pups. Our pup is in good hands!

Thanks and hope to see you at the festive market!





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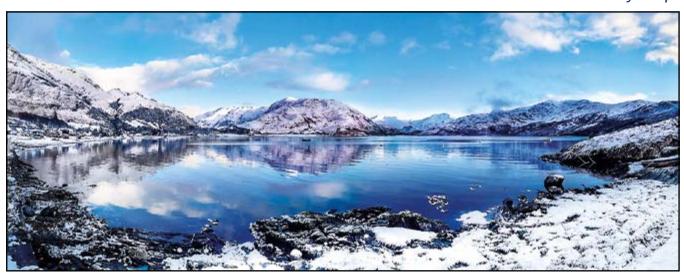
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Kinross Camera Club

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We have fantastic news; Kinross Camera Club came first in the recent tightly fought competition against Perth Photographic Society and Auchterarder Camera Club to win the Perthshire Alliance trophy. A great achievement and congratulations to all involved.

We begin November with a Zoom presentation by Scottish landscape photographer Margaret Soraya who is based on the Isle of Harris. Margaret has a deep love of the sea and her photography portrays beautiful artistic interpretations of stormy seas. Her images have been described akin to impressionist paintings. By slowing the shutter speed, she creates gentle, quiet and calm seas from wild, stormy windswept days. She uses minimalist compositions with a very limited colour palette and tone, allowing the distinctive turquoise sea of the Hebrides to stand out.

This month we will be holding our league one competition in the hall with guest judge David Fergusson from Denny.

Underwater photographer David Keep will be presenting his Zoom talk, 'The Big Stuff', from manatees to crocodiles, seals to whale sharks. He will also include a section on how he shot his world cup gold medal image 'Diving Gannets' in Shetland. This is a hugely anticipated talk and definitely not to be missed.

Later this month we very much look forward to an evening in the hall when we can enjoy member talks by Dick Crighton and Robin Millar who will take the stage and show some of their photography from the past and present.

We complete our November programme with a Zoom talk by street photographer Steve Williams. Steve is a self-taught photographer and he offers advice on how to take successful candid street images in situations that people may find intimidating. He will discuss technique, equipment and favourite locations as well as the law

'Winter Reflections of Knoydart' by Dianne Whalley

surrounding this tricky but highly rewarding style of photography.

If you have an interest in photography and would like to join us, or if you would like to learn more about Kinross Camera Club and the planned activities and events, please contact us by email at <code>secretary@kinrosscameraclub.org.uk</code>.

Throughout the season we hold a mixture of Zoom meetings where you can enjoy presentations in the comfort of your home, and we also arrange meetings in the hall at the Church Centre in Kinross. Please see our syllabus for details.

All abilities of photographer will be made very welcome. You can even come along to a few meetings before deciding if you would like to become a paid-up member. Why not come along and see if you enjoy it?

Our featured photographs this month (above and below) are the winning images from our recent Smartphone and Fortune and Greer competitions.

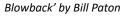
Kinross Garden Group

We had an excellent start to the new season with a talk on 'Weeds' from Sandra Goodswen, who

made us much more aware of how many there could be and how they may be viewed in a variety of roles!

Our next meeting will be on Thursday 9 November at 2pm (doors open from 1.30pm) at the Parish Church, Kinross with John Hancox from Scottish Heritage Fruit Trees. His talk is called 'Creating a Fruitful Scotland'.

Membership fees are £20 for the year and £5 for visitors. If you are new to Kinross-shire and interested in meeting fellow garden enthusiasts, you will be made very welcome. For more details contact Caroline Anderson on 01577 864589 or by email at acaroline1000@gmail.com





Kinross Centre

Well, the weather is feeling much more seasonal now, we are really feeling the need for a bit of heating on at nights. The trees are changing colour and looking lovely and autumnal.

Sadly, we have been on our last trip to the barge this year. They have been wonderful; we have been very lucky with the weather and each trip we have managed to sit outside for a bit and enjoy the fresh air. As well as having wonderful picnics with great company we did a bit of country dancing on the barge, yes, you read that right! We were doing the Gay Gordons and a Scottish reel. As the weather wasn't great, we decided to do a little dancing.

We can't thank the seagull trust enough for the trips. They are truly amazing people who give up their time to give us an amazing day out.

This month we are celebrating being open 40 years so we have a lot going on. Starting the celebrations off on Tuesday 31 October with a Halloween afternoon, next we have Musical bingo (songs from the past) 10 November, an 80s fancy dress party 14 November, Big Quiz (teams and individuals) 20 November, Big celebration lunch 28 November, Concert with Linton Osborne 29 November and Music and sing-a-long on 30 November, so we are all very busy.

We would also like to say a very special thank you to Andy Middlemiss. Andy is a wonderful friend to the centre and has been for many years, he offers encouragement, energy and enthusiasm every time he visits and is a great support to the centre. He made the visit of King Charles III to the centre extra special. He is leaving the Lord Lieutenant's office in Perth this month and we wish him well in whatever he decides to do next, somehow I don't think he will be putting his feet up.

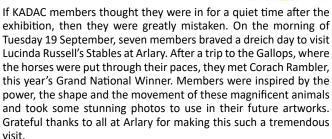
Also thank you to the *Kinross Newsletter* for the fantastic coverage of the King's visit to Kinross, it was truly a day we will remember for many years to come.

As every month, I would again like to say a massive thank you, to all the hard-working staff, volunteers and committee at Kinross Centre don't know where we would be without you all.

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 01577 863869.

Kinross and District Art Club

www.kadac.co.uk



On Monday 3 October, a group of nine members visited Kinross Primary School, where they drew and painted in their role as 'Artists in Residence'. They were welcomed by the Headteacher, Mrs Pauline Smith, after which four different classes came to the Hall to observe and ask questions with some pupils even trying out some painting. The school children and staff as well as the nine KADAC members had a joyous time and delighted in this intergenerational learning activity.

The following week members were treated to a most informative and thoroughly enjoyable demonstration by Perthshire Artist Karenina Johnson. A highly skilled and experienced artist who runs classes in Perth in art techniques, Karenina has previously given a memorable demonstration of landscape painting to the Club. On this occasion she demonstrated the application of gold leaf to enhance paintings and craft materials. It's a tricky business handling this light as a feather material and a costly business if the right procedures aren't followed, resulting in a sheet of 24 ct



gold leaf being wasted! But Karenina has years of experience in its use and left the audience of around 35 members and associate members, up for 'having a go' and thinking about how they might incorporate this technique in their painting.

The photo here shows the kind of result that can be achieved and Karenina's delightful style of presentation and communicating with the audience!

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

Portmoak Community Woodland Group

www.portmoakcw.org.uk

Portmoak apple day was a record breaking event.

We had a bigger crowd, more baking and more fresh apple juice than we've ever seen! Also, it took place on an October afternoon when the sun shone and there wasn't a drop of rain which is noteworthy in itself!

It was Sunday 1 October and, up to the last minute, we were poised to move everything from the community orchard in Kilmagad Wood to Portmoak Village Hall. However, we got lucky and the weather turned warm and dry. That was enough to bring out a crowd of around 200 people; a big leap from our previous record of 120. It was just as well group members had spent many hours creating apple-themed baking. The catering table was laden with





cakes, tarts, cupcakes, flapjacks and a new traybake developed by Graham Smith. He kept the recipe secret but has now revealed that his apple-traybake-spectacular involved drying apples, melting chocolate and adding icing sugar to one tray and marzipan to the other. It was fabulous!

We didn't collect our largest apple crop this autumn, but the summer rain had helped to swell the fruit and that, together with apples from peoples' gardens, meant we pressed an extraordinary quantity of juice. We estimate that around 100 litres went into the containers brought by everyone.

We are very grateful to all the friends and relations who rolled up their sleeves and helped out on the day.

Donations were down a bit, which may have been a sign of the times, although we were delighted to collect £365.70 which covered the event costs and will allow us to invest in more equipment and tools for the year ahead.

Andrew Lear, aka Appletreeman, was more popular than ever, attracting a queue of folk keen to have him identify apples they'd brought along.

There were lots of children's games and quizzes and the kids were also a great help, bringing in the harvest. They were not the only pickers this year. Over three days at the end of September, we were pleased to welcome around 150 visitors from far and wide for some special Woodland Trust members' events. Catering was provided by Lochend Farm shop and café while we provided beakers of freshly pressed juice.

Looking ahead, it is time to 'save the day' (10 December) when, from 11.30am-2.30pm, we'll be having our popular Christmas tree event in Portmoak Moss. You will be able to choose from trees of all shapes and sizes and, of course, there will be more home baking!

Meetings, as ever, are at 7.30pm on the third Tuesday of the month in The Well Inn. Scotlandwell.

Common Grounds



Despite the poor weather last month, we continued to welcome old and new friends to our coffee mornings every Tuesday and

Thursday. Numbers attending are increasing and enjoying the friendly chat. Our warm fire on cold mornings is a welcome sight!

We have chosen Shelter Box as our charity this month. This followed from a powerful earthquake in Morocco on 8 September located 70km south of Marrakesh. It was the strongest one recorded in that region and people are still spending nights on the streets as a result, either because they are unable, or do not want to return home. To date 3000 people have lost their lives and the numbers are still rising. A Shelter Box team is in place in Marrakesh and they are meeting the people who are affected by the earthquake, assessing the damage in the villages and giving tents to those who require them. These tents provide all necessary equipment needed to survive; blankets, solar lights and kitchen appliances among



other items. This is particularly necessary with winter coming and temperatures dropping.

We are holding a craft morning with excellent goods for sale at our usual coffee morning on Saturday 25 November.

We look forward to seeing you all soon for friendship and a good chat. For more information contact Elaine Matthew on 07854460248 or Gaylor Hoskins on 07976553502.

Loch Leven Community Library

www.culturepk.org.uk

Tel: 01577 867205.

Email lochlevenlibrary@culturepk.org.uk.



Opening Times

Monday 10am-1pm*
Tuesday 10am-7pm
Wednesday 10am-6pm
Thursday 10am-7pm
Friday 10am-6pm

Saturday 10am-1pm & 1-3pm*

Sunday Closed

*Reduced service with volunteers. Please make sure you have your library card with you if you wish to take out books.

Come along and join our fun storytime and storytelling sessions with your child every Tuesday at 4–4.30pm. These drop-in sessions are for pre-school and early primary aged children and there is no need to book. For any queries, please contact Loch Leven Community Library.

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

IT support sessions

Are you struggling to make sense of the digital world? Would you like to learn more about your tablet, phone, laptop or any digital device? Why not pop into our IT support sessions for one-to-one support? You could learn how to send emails, download apps, surf the internet; topics covered will be specific to your needs. By taking the first step and booking a 45-minute, face to face session, it might just make a huge difference to your life. The sessions are monthly at Loch Leven Community Library and anyone interested in attending a session can book a time slot by phoning the library.

Events

Help us celebrate Halloween. Listen to spooky stories and take part in a craft activity on Tuesday 31 October at 4-5pm. Booking not required.

As future applications of Artificial Intelligence (AI) are set to impact all aspects of our society, from the work we do to how we learn, to saving human lives to ending them. Adam Nosal will invite you to consider why this is the most pressing conversation of our time on Thursday 2 November at 7–8.30pm. The event is free and donations are welcome. Please book in the library or via Eventbrite.

New Activities in your Library

We are delighted to announce two lovely new library groups, open to all and meeting weekly starting on Thursday 2 November.

Come along to our free Thursday morning session at 10am-noon. Get together with your needles and pins for a morning of crochet and knitting, a chat and hot drink or come along on a Thursday afternoon at 2.30-4.30pm, to try your hand at one of the ever popular board games including Scrabble, chess, snakes and ladders. No prizes, no pressure, just fun and a warm drink!

Inner Wheel

In late September some members assisted at the very successful Rotary 'winter warmers' event.



We had an excellent meeting in October. There was almost a full attendance, several guests and a potential new member. Our speaker was outstanding; as one member said afterwards, 'wow'! Lorna Clayton MBE gave an overview of Academic Families, the highs and lows of dealing with students from all over the world, selecting the best boarding school for each individual and providing local UK guardian support throughout their education.

Our speaker in November is from the Scottish charity Air Ambulance (SCAA). The date is 13 November at the Kirklands Hotel and the meeting starts at 2.30pm. If you are interested in coming along to any of our meetings, or would like more details about the club, please drop an email to triciacciw@btinternet.com.

Kinross Partnership Networking Breakfasts



Self-employed people and local businesses met up at Loch Leven's Larder on Wednesday 4 October for the monthly Networking Breakfast hosted by the Kinross-Shire Partnership. Everyone explained to their fellow networkers about their business and what they were looking for followed by an interesting and inspirational talk from Clair Smith of GrowBiz.

Clair spoke about the work and support GrowBiz offers small businesses, social enterprises and the self-employed in rural



Scotland. GrowBiz has partnered with Kinross-Shire Partnership in bringing their offerings to Kinross. Drop-in meetings are available on specific dates in a private room at Avant Garde coffee shop in Kinross. For more information check out the Grow-Biz website at growbiz.co.uk.

Our next meeting is at Loch Leven's Larder on Wednesday 1 November starting at 7.30am although all are welcome from 7.15am. We are finished by 8.30am but people tend to continue chatting for a while afterwards. The cost is £15 per person and includes a delicious breakfast freshly prepared by the larder. To join us email <code>kpnetworkingbreakfast@gmail.com</code> or you can call or text Richard on 07999 510500.

Kinross High School Parent Council

Linktree: linktr.ee/kinrosshsparentcouncil Find us on Facebook

We Need Your Help!

Following a successful first meeting of the new Parent Council, we would like to reach out to all parents, carers, and our wider community to support three key initiatives identified as priorities for the coming year. These will be carried forward in addition to our other responsibilities.

In September, we established sub-groups to support our



chosen initiatives. Our fundraising group hopes to raise further funds to benefit the pupils of Kinross High School by hosting events throughout the year. The sport group will work with the school and wider community to support Kinross High School promoting a culture of sport for its pupils. We will endeavour to strengthen links with community sports organisations and explore initiatives to gain school recognition for achievement within community sport. Finally, our careers group hope to provide and support pupils with

practical, first- hand information about a multitude of employment options. This will take the form of an interactive event where participants answer pupil questions about their field. In addition to this, we are looking at possible ways for the local community to provide a snapshot of their career pathway via written or recorded submission. This will create an invaluable bank of knowledge for the pupils to use for years to come.

If you are a fab fundraiser, a super sportsperson or can be candid about your career, we would love to hear from you. Please email us at Kinrosshsparentcouncil@gmail.com for more information and to get involved.

The next meeting of KHSPC will be held on Tuesday 21 November 7.15pm-9pm at Loch Leven Community Campus. We hope to see

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Winter Warmer Sale

This was held on Saturday 23 September and was a huge success. Over £500 was raised and items sold have happily found a new home and purpose. Left over items were donated to CHAS and the Tayside Ukraine appeal.

Thanks to those who donated, those who purchased, members of Inner Wheel for their assistance and those who visited us in the centre to see what was going on. If this has sparked your interest in our work, see details at the end of this article.

ShelterBox

We ensure that funds we raise are put to the best possible use, either locally or in the international community. We responded to the devastating earthquake in Morocco by sending £1,200 to our ShelterBox partners who provide immediate, practical relief to disaster survivors. Thanks as always, to members of our community who donate to our funds.

Rotary Shoeboxes

These have been supplied to our local schools so please encourage and assist the children in filling them! If you would like to fill your own box, contact secretary.kdrc@gmail.com.

These boxes bring so much joy to the recipients and the Rotary partnership arrangements guarantee safe and secure delivery. For details of ideal contents, go to www.rotaryshoebox.org/suggestedbox-contents/

Young Chef

This competition will be held at Loch Leven Community Campus in the Home Economics Department on the afternoon of Friday 17 November. Pupils who are interested in competing should contact Mrs Cairney at the High School.

Santa's Sleigh

Santa and his Elves will be taking his sleigh out around Kinross-shire on three weekends, namely 1, 2, 3 December, 8,9,10 December and 15, 16, 17 December. Look out for further details in the December Newsletter and on our Facebook page.

Portmoak Hall 100 Club

September Draw

1st No 57 Gordon Vance, Kinnesswood

2nd No 20 Elaine Curruthers, Scotlandwell

3rd No 49 David Paterson, Scotlandwell

Join the Elf Service!

We are inviting clubs and organisations in the area to help us on any of these dates. Not only is this a great opportunity to release your inner elf, and participation is tremendous fun, but Rotary will also make a donation to support your organisation in our appreciation. If your group would like to take part by providing up to six adult helpers on one or two evenings please contact the rotary secretary on secretary.kdrc@gmail.com.

Recent Meetings

We were very fortunate to have Mhairi Lavender as our guest speaker on 25 September. Mhairi was as delightful and surprising as her name. Mhairi owns and runs 'Skeins and Bobbins' at 120, High Street, Kinross. Owning this shop of delights is a life-time ambition. Mhairi told us how she had always wanted to be a creative person, but her mother had other ideas! Creativity was for play time, study was the way ahead. Mhairi, through a convoluted journey, became a maths teacher and now she is all three; a business woman, a crafter with needles and still a maths teacher. Mhairi brought along gorgeous samples of her work, told us hilarious stories about her life and generally gave us an incredible and enlightening meeting. One of our rotarians said, 'I haven't laughed this much in years'. You can meet Mhairi at her shop from Thursday to Saturday. Do go in, it will brighten your day.

We were delighted to have the company of the successful RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Award) representatives at a meeting on Monday 9 October. Local girls Leah McMorran and Keira Robertson spent a week at Nethybridge in July last summer, sponsored by the rotary club of Kinross.

RYLA is a week-long residential camp, sponsored by local Rotary Club, where young people develop leadership, team-building and problem-solving skills through a programme of challenges, outdoor activities and adventure. Leah and Keira spoke with enthusiasm and confidence about their experiences and impressed all our members greatly. It is gratifying to us to provide such an opportunity to two people who truly demonstrated that they deserve it. Thanks to Ms Hollie Simpson, Kinross High School, for co-ordinating with rotary to make this opportunity happen.

Race Night

We are running a race night on Friday 24 November at Kinross Golf Club at 7pm. All profits will go to local charities including KYTHE, the Lighthouse for Perth and the Stephen Lyon Organisation. The entry fee is £10, which will include a finger buffet.

There is an opportunity for local businesses to sponsor a race for £50 and advertise your business in the programme. You can also have fun paying £10 to make up a name for your own horse running the race, with a prize for the winning horse in the race. There will be a tote system on the night, where people can place their bets on their favourite four-legged friend. If you are interested in coming along or would like to be a sponsor, please contact secretary.kdrc@ amail.com.

Further Information

If you are interested in the many activities and experiences here, contact us by email at secretary.kdrc@gmail.com for more details.

Milnathort Bridge Club

Our 2022/23 AGM took place at the beginning of October when we returned to Orwell Bowling Club premises for the winter sessions. The officials appointed were as follows: President Willie Young,



Vice President Liz Pottie, Secretary Gloria Wilson, Treasurer Jim Marshall, Committee Members Cath Ballantyne, Linda Bayne and Jessie Mitchell.

On Monday 16 October we participated in the SBU Sims league. On that evening all clubs throughout Scotland who chose to be part of this league played similar hands and the results were compared

We are delighted to have Sue Cameron joining us on Monday evenings having taken the step up from Willie Young's bridge classes to club level. Sue is partnering one of our most experienced members who will undoubtedly be of great assistance to furthering her knowledge of the game.

Results

North/South 25 September	East/West
Willie Young/Jane Smith	Jim Marshall/Beryl Harley
2 October	
Jim Marshall/Beryl Harley	Liz Pottie/Jessie Mitchell
9 October	
Willie Young/Jane Smith	Linda Bayne/Susie Ballantyne
16 October	

Sandy Green/Nicol Tomney Anne Rattray/Bob Robertson

Kinross Bridge Club

We have started meeting again for the winter/spring season. We meet in Orwell Bowling Club on Thursdays at 1.45pm for a 2pm start. New members are always most welcome. For further details please contact Catriona Marshall on 07747 496763.

Kinross-shire Local Events Organisation

www.kleo.org.uk

The Festive Market is on Saturday 25 November from 10am to 3pm at the Market Park (opposite the Green Hotel). For more events and details about the Kinross-shire Winter Festival see pages 27-29.

Kinross Kacophony Orchestra

The orchestra, led by Dougie Flower, will present a joint concert with the Tullis Russell Community Band led by Denise Ward on Wednesday 29 November, 8pm at Loch Leven Community Campus. Tickets are £6 at the door or on our website.

After this concert the orchestra will have a break until Wednesday 10 January (rehearsals are from 7.15pm to 9.15pm at the campus).

Leven Voices

The Choirs Together concert on Tuesday 21 November, 7pm at Loch Leven Community Campus, showcases local choirs Leven Voices, Kinross Parish Church Choir, Hillfoot Harmony and possibly the new local Cantie Choir. They will provide a great programme covering a wide range of musical genres and singing styles. Tickets are £5 at the door or on our website. After the concert Leven Voices will have a break until Tuesday 9 January (sessions are from 7.30pm to 9.30pm at Kinross Parish Church).

If you like to join the Kacophony orchestra or Leven Voices in the new year please send an email to <code>info@kleo.org.uk</code>.

Events in the New Year

Big Burns Bash

This will be a fun informal event with a lovely two course meal, highland dancing and a wee bit of light hearted poetry. It will take place on Saturday 27 January from 7pm at Kinross Golf Club. Tickets are £30. For more information and tickets visit our website or email <code>info@kleo.org.uk</code>

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Kinross and District Boys' Brigade and Girls' Association



All three sections are now back in the groove working towards the various progressive badges and awards,

as well as participating in a number of celebrations around the 140 years of service celebrations. At a recent battalion meeting the Kinross Company was presented with a certificate of appreciation from Mission Aviation Fellowship in recognition of a fundraising effort to support this humanitarian airline medical service.

There are still a few vacancies in all three sections. We meet in the Church Centre on Friday evenings at the following times. Anchors (for boys and girls in P1, 2 and 3) meet at 6-7.15pm. Juniors (for boys and girls in P4, 5 and 6) meet at 7-9pm. Company (for boys and girls in P7 to age 18) meet at 7-9pm.

The award programme is organised into 6 programme zones as follows:- Get Active, Get Into the Bible, Get Creative, Get Learning, Get Adventurous and Get Involved, giving the children the opportunity to gain awards. Senior members of the company are working towards their President and Kings badges.

The company team competed in the recent battalion quiz competition finishing in third position. Battalion competitions in badminton, table tennis and swimming are all coming up over the next six weeks. All three sections will be on parade at the local Remembrance Day session on Sunday 12 November.

Kinross Cubs

The cubs had a great time despite the rain in mid-September as they completed a variety of clues to explore the different services available in Kinross. We then returned to the hall to dry off and play some games to end the evening. On the same evening we also said goodbye to one of our young leaders, Gareth, who is leaving us to join the army. All the best for the future Gareth!

The following week we were out and about again having lots of fun at Lochore Meadows. The cubs worked in teams doing some orienteering around the trails. They showed great teamwork and all groups completed their trails in the allocated time.





As we approached the end of September the cubs were getting creative by making fruit kebabs and designing posters to promote Kinross for their Local Knowledge badge. On the same evening, we were also delighted to invest our new cubs. Congratulations to Mason, Rory, Bruno, Matthew, Oliver L, Hudson and Oliver G who were invested into the pack.

Congratulations are also due to Callum (pictured) who was presented with a special recognition award for working hard and being kind and helpful last term. Bravo!

Our final meeting before the October break was great fun as the cubs were

building campfires and then roasting marshmallows and starbursts. Also, the cubs had a pack forum as they discussed ideas for activities next term.

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

Kinross Beavers

The beavers visited RSPB Vane Farm in September for their Explorer badge. A big thanks to Anna from the RSPB for showing us around Vane Farm. We had great fun searching for insects in

the grass area and the woodland before finishing off the evening with pond dipping.



At the end of the evening, we said goodbye to Hudson who is moving to cubs. We hope you enjoy the next stage of your scouting journey. We also said goodbye to Hudson's grandad Calum (pictured) who is also moving to cubs to join the cubs leadership team. Thank you for everything you have done for the beavers over the last two years.

The following week the beavers were joined by the Portmoak cubs as both sections came

together to do a sponsored walk from Burleigh Sands to Kirkgate Park for Kinross Trishaws. The weather held as well so we all had a great night.

Our penultimate week of the term saw us welcome Caroline who spoke to the beavers about how to keep their teeth healthy. The beavers were also given a free toothbrush and toothpaste to take home with them. Thank you Caroline! On the same evening, the beavers were also learning about good and bad food as they made fruit kebabs. Lastly the beavers reflected on our sponsored walk for Kinross Trishaws. A huge thank you to everyone who obtained sponsorship; the beavers raised a massive £414.50!



This term we have been delighted to welcome four new beavers and, at the end of September, they were invested. Congratulations to Duncan, Max, James and Bernard.

We have also been delighted to appoint new lodge leaders and assistant lodge leaders. Congratulations to Alistair, Matthew, Fraser, Struan, Jack and Callum. Bravo!

Finally, congratulations to Sammi who was presented with a special recognition award for working hard and being kind and helpful last term.

The beavers had an enjoyable final meeting of the term at the start of October as they were tackling a series of problem-solving challenges. Thank you to our young leaders for organising. We then ended the evening by presenting the beavers with the badges they have achieved this term. Congratulations to Leo who was presented with his Chief Scout's Bronze Award after completing all six challenge badges and four activity/staged badges.

Are you interested in volunteering with scouting? Volunteering is 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 skills transferable to the workplace and further education. Please contact us by email at kinrossbeavers@hotmail.co.uk for more information.

Kinross Squirrels

The heavy rain in mid-September meant a quick change of plan as we had to meet indoors for our planned mini sports day. Working in teams we took

part in some throwing games trying to get the furthest and most accurate throws. We then played 'the floor is lava', working together to figure out how to get the team across a lava field. We saw a variety of clever ideas and great teamwork from each team. After we all made it safely across, we then had





a caterpillar race to see who could shuffle together as one the fastest. Well done to everyone for such great teamwork and to the red nest for winning with 13 points.

We had much better weather the following week as the squirrels were continuing to learn about their local community. They did a scavenger hunt around Kinross, working in teams, trying to find a



variety of local services such as a fire station, butchers and a post box. A great time was had by all.

At the end of September, the squirrels started work on the Story Time badge. They designed their own bookmarks,











coloured in pictures of their favourite character and used their imaginations to create their own story in their groups. We had time for some games as well.

At the end of September we were delighted to welcome our new squirrels who have joined us this term. Congratulations to Chrissy, Rory and Murray who were invested into the drey!

As we moved into October, we had a brilliant end to the term as the squirrels were building campfires before roasting marshmallows and starbursts. We ended the evening by presenting the badges the squirrels had achieved this term. Thank you to our parent helpers who have helped to support the section throughout the term, it is very much appreciated by the squirrels leadership team.

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

Crook and Drum Growing Together

Autumn is a surprisingly busy time for the bloom group, changing over the planting in tubs for the winter season, and we plan to 'rescue' a lot of the summer plants to keep under cover for use again next year.

We have cut the meadow areas at the corner of West Crook Way, and the community orchard behind the graveyard, and the cuttings need to be removed to reduce the fertility, to encourage more wildflowers. This also leaves the ground clearer for the daffodils and other bulbs to emerge in the spring. We hope to use the unpaid work team to plant some daffodils donated by PKC along the path behind Waulkmill park around the end of October.

Following work to create a wide pavement to new traffic lights at the School Road junction, we are going to make new planting areas at the village hall, with bulbs and insect-friendly perennials. We will clear the area around the War Memorial there, and plant some bulbs, and for next summer red annual poppies. The Fossoway

creative crafters are creating red woollen poppies to attach to a dark net, to flow down in front of the memorial for Remembrance Day this year, and to remain there for a while, before being cleaned and kept for next year.

In early October, we had an initial meeting with the Tayside Biodiversity Partnership to think about ways we could record the wildlife and plants around the village, and any projects to improve some areas for wildlife. A few local people and the Penney's Wood team are joining us to work on this, and we will soon meet with the primary school to see how they could become involved. Anyone is welcome to be involved in these discussions, and please contact Amanda James if you have any ideas or comments. We will continue to advertise bloom and nature activities via our Facebook Page and the Fossoway Forum group.

We would like to thank Fossoway garage and Glendevon Energy for their donations to our funds.

We are also planning to hold another Christmas wreath workshop in the village hall, possibly on 10 December. We would like to experiment with fresh willow wreaths, rather than oasis ones. For more details please contact Amanda around the end of November when this will be finalised.

Contact Amanda James on 07963 476803 or by email at amandajames1577@qmail.com.



Potager Garden

We were lucky to have a dry morning for our Macmillan coffee morning at the garden on 30 September. It was well attended with new visitors to the garden and we raised a wonderful total of £420. Everyone was very generous and we also had books, flowers and produce for donations, together with a raffle for a big cuddly dog which was kindly donated for the event.

Many thanks to everyone who attended, and all the brilliant helpers and bakers who helped to make this a friendly and successful event. Thanks also to people who bought plants for the garden funds. Thanks again to Fossoway store in Crook of Devon, who have made our plants available for sale over the summer; we are still self-funding through plant sales.

The garden is now winding down for the winter when we have tidied the beds and tucked up plants to be protected in the cold frames.

Wishing everyone well for the run up to the festive season, with all the interesting events which are taking place around the town.

Please follow our Facebook page, and for any enquiries, contact Amanda on 07963 476803.

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At our October meeting, President Linda Martin welcomed members, guests and our speaker, Patricia Robottom, who gave a fascinating and detailed presentation entitled 'Beowulf and Beyond'.

Patricia showed us wonderful examples of squares that she had made, using the same stitching techniques as used in the Bayeux Tapestry. Patricia has made several quilts with these squares, for her grandchildren. Members were then invited to have a go, stitching in the traditional style with wool, on to prepared squares that depicted either Beowulf or various designs of

dragon and traditional symbols. The vote of thanks was given by Margaret Scott.





BEIOWULF

Above: Beowulf

and symbols

Left: Traditional designs

Below: Member Janet

Patricia Robottom

Mackenzie and speaker

If you are interested in attending as a visitor or joining Glenfarg SWI, then simply turn up in time

for any of our meetings, which start promptly at 2pm (till 4pm) on the second Thursday of each month, in Glenfarg Village Hall. Visitors £4 and please bring your own cup.

Competitions

Individual Shortcrust Fruit Pie

1st Linda Stuart, 2nd Lillias Johnson, 3rd Liz Yull

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Quilted Place Mat

1st Sheena Chisholm, 2nd Jeannie Black, 3rd Margaret Scott

Autumn Leaf

1st Helen Quartermaine, 2nd Lillias Johnson, 3rd Sheena Chisholm

Carnbo SWI

President Heather Dennis welcomed all members and introduced Willie Shand who gave an entertaining talk and film show on Royal Deeside. Sheila Reid gave the vote of thanks.

Competitions

Flower Of The Month

1st June Brunton, 2nd Linda Band.

Photograph of 'A Bonny View'

1st Heather Dennis, 2nd Sheila Reid.

The next meeting is on Monday 20 November in Carnbo hall. The hall opens at 7pm and the meeting starts at 7.15pm. All members and visitors are welcome. We will have craft and demonstration corners. Our competitions will be an item made in your own favourite craft and flower of the month.

Cleish SWI

At the SWI national conference and exhibition in Perth in September, we were delighted to come fifth equal in the Vaughan Nash community competition. Congratulations to Dorothy Morris, Effie MacSween, Gillian Skene, Margot Moran and also to Alison Morris for taking fourth place in the Morgan Trophy.

President Helen Buchanan welcomed 27 members and 22 visitors to our first meeting of the 2023/24 programme which was a cookery demonstration and question and answer session with Sarah Rankin Cooks, Masterchef finalist. Sarah gave us an informative and entertaining insight into her journey with stories from before, during and after the Masterchef finals as she cooked followed by tastings. A raffle and auction for a ticket to attend one of Sarah's cookery afternoons raised a tremendous £145 for Broke Not Broken. A vote of thanks was given by Anne Douglas.

Competitions

Favourite Apron

1st Judith MacLaren, 2nd Agnes Thomson, 3rd Fiona Campbell.

Savoury Scone

1st Lynn Hewitt, 2nd Anne Doig, 3rd Fiona Barnfather.

Flower Of The Month

1st Anne Doig, 2nd Elinor Craig, 3rd Marion Laird.

Vice-President Anne Douglas welcomed 24 members and 1 visitor to our October meeting. After business Anne presented Margot Moran with the Jamison Trophy for the individual from Cleish SWI with the most points at Kinross Show.

Anne then went onto introduce Ann Donaldson who gave us a talk and slide show on Scottish Pirates. This was a very interesting and informative talk. Who knew that some of the best-known pirates came from Dundee and that some well-known sayings derive from pirates. Dressing up was optional and our best dressed pirate, judged by our guest speaker, went to Lynn Hewitt. A vote of thanks was given by Anne Douglas.

Competitions

Parrot-Related Article

1st Anne Doig, 2nd Marion Laird, 3rd Margot Moran.

Decorated Pirate Themed Biscuit 1st Lynn Hewitt.

Flower Of The Month

1st Marion Laird, 2nd Fiona Barnfather, 3rd Anne Doig.

Our next meeting is on Monday 13 November in Cleish Village Hall at 7.30pm with guest speaker William Bowler from Bowler and Binnie Auctions.





Kinross Road Runners

https://kinrossroadrunners.weebly.com

The nights are drawing in so it's time to switch to our winter schedule and for KRR to search in the in back of cupboards and drawers for their hi-viz jackets and head torches.

Races have been coming thick and fast throughout September and October with one of our runners even doubling up and participating in two races on the same day.

Described by the host club as a 'proper' challenging off road race, The Last Duel (so called because the route takes runners past the location where the last pistol duel in Scotland took place on 23 August 1826) starts and finishes in Cardenden and runs through the local woods where the terrain can quickly change.

Twelve KRR took on the challenge with podium finishes for Alex Reily and Steph Johnson. Not content with completing the 5.7 mile trail run, Hannah Lopez then nipped across to Linlithgow for an afternoon 10k where she was joined by another 7 KRR to race around this historic and picturesque town, while over in Edinburgh, Stephen Freeland took part in the Scottish 10k.

Into the first weekend in October where a grand total of 326 race miles were covered by just 13 KRR at various events. Starting in Glasgow at the Great Scottish Run half marathon where Mike Atkinson finished in 1:52:08 and Michelle Murray clocked in at 2:29:11. On their super halves journey at the Cardiff half marathon were a further 3 KRR with John Beveridge finishing in 1:20:48 (4th MV50), Ally Sinclair 1:38:40 and Lynn Beveridge 2:23:36.

Up north for double the distance and there were 5 KRR taking part in the Loch Ness marathon. First in was Andrew Bruce in 3:46:41, followed by Angela Scott taking part in her first marathon finishing in a super time of 4:11:21. Fiona O'Reilly at 4:17:49 was closely followed by Brigid Wallen at 4:23:21 and Dave Mudie at 4:29.25.

Into the ultra distances now and Iain Watson completed the 30 mile Ochil Ultra event (Auchterarder to Stirling) in a time of 5:55.11 to place 6th overall (1st MV50) and, finally, to our two intrepid 50 milers, Allan Kemp and Karen Ritchee who completed the Ochil Ultra 50 mile event (Perth-Stirling) with Allan finishing in 10:52.03 and Karen completing the distance in 14:12.37. Massive congratulations to everyone!

Following a few brief sunny days, the rains came and flooded the roads and fields. Whilst many park runs and races were cancelled, including the Giffordtown 5k, conditions were perfect

A very happy Karen having just completed 50 miles.



for the East District Cross Country relays at Livingston, although there was disappointment for two female KRR team members who were unable to get there due to flooded roads. This meant our sole female representative was club president Ann Malcolm. The men's quartet of Bart Burza, Mike Atkinson, Billy Webster and Zhivko Zhelyazkov, all clocked great times and all were magnificently supported by team manager Gavin Orr. Well done team KRR. Of course, none of these events can go ahead without timekeepers and marshalls and two KRR were out in the awful conditions to ensure the athletes didn't take a wrong turn. Thank you Hannah and Gillian Lopez.

Conditions meant the Glen Clova extreme duathlon course was cut short but it didn't stop Fiona Horsfield from putting in an excellent performance finishing 7th female and 2nd FV40.

Finally, rounding off a busy few weeks for KRR was Connor Finlay, taking on one of the World Marathon Majors in Chicago. The race produced a new men's world record and Connor can look back knowing he was part of this epic race, completing the course in 4:11.09. Congratulations!

We meet on Tuesdays for an organised speed training session and on Thursdays for a social run. The club welcomes all abilities so, whether you are new to running, experienced, looking for some new routes, or even just to meet new faces, there is something for everyone. If you are interested then why not visit our website and get in touch.



Kinross Bowling Club

We are looking to build on the success of 2023. The club has been an integral part of Kinross since 1887 and is open to everyone within the Kinross community.

Come along and have fun. All you have to bring is yourself as we have plenty of spare bowls. You can try them out, have lots of practice and if, you enjoy the company, the bowling, and the banter, you could look at joining in 2024. It is not expensive and is actually really good fun.

Bowling is open to all ages and walks of life so, if you want to find out more, contact Frank by email at frank@rocksonline.co.uk or Colin at cmillar@dp-sgroup.co.uk.







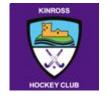




Scotland's M70 (top left), M60 (top right), W55 (below left) and W60 teams (below right)

Kinross Hockey

Work is finally about to start on the improvements to the hockey facility at KGV. It has taken several years to obtain approval for the development. Whilst the charity trustees have been successful in attracting other users, they are confident that the addition of team dugouts, a spectator fence



and a warm-up area will further enhance the attraction of the facility.

Over the last four years (excluding Covid-19 shutdowns) the astro has been used by several Scottish national teams for training including Women's national team, Women's over 55 and over 60, Men over 60 and Men over 70. There is a Kinross-shire resident in each photo but more of that another time. What a great advertisement for the town!

As a footnote, during the tree assessment, one tree was 'recommended for removal'. However, in response to a request the trustees are going to try and retain the tree for as long as practicable.

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Upcoming Social Events

The annual prizegiving and two course meal plus entertainment will take place on Saturday 4 November.

The Christmas dance is scheduled for 16 December.

The New Year dance, as usual, will be held on 31 December with details to be announced.

Club Charity Donation

The club has decided to support Prostate Cancer UK and to donate £1 from the entry money from our Opens throughout the season; £1 for every player in singles and £1 in pairs opens. The total amount raised is £534. The club has kindly agreed to supplement additional money and a total £1000 will be gifted to the charity.

Ladies' Section

Committee Day

This 9-hole stableford with players split across both courses was once again generously sponsored by Miss Designer Golf. Winner of the 'Lady Captains' trophy and £50 to spend at MissDesignergolf.com was Karen Stephen with 22 points on the Montgomery course. Linda King had the best score on the Bruce course with 19 points, and also won a £50 MissDesignergolf.com voucher. Team winners were Karen Stephen and Mary Graham on the Montgomery and Linda King and Gillian Wallace on the Bruce. Nearest the pin on the 4th on Montgomery was Lorna Arthur and Barbara Cruden nearest the pin on the 3rd on Bruce.

Handicap League

Crieff won this year's league beating Auchterarder in the final, played at Muckhart Golf Club by 4 games to 1. The league's AGM will be held at Muckhart Golf Club on Sunday 5 November.

Coronation Foursomes Regional Final

Qualifiers Alexis Crawford and Lorna Arthur played in the area final at Strathmore Golf Club on Tuesday 22 August. Despite it being quite windy the sun shone most of the time and they both enjoyed the day but, unfortunately, did not qualify to play in the Grand Final at St Andrews in September.

Medal Finals

These were played on Saturday 16 September for both 9 hole and 18 holes for those having won a medal during the main season.

Ladies Finals

Congratulations to our scratch champion, Claire Milne, who beat Gwen Tate 4 and 3 and handicap champion Jennifer Jackson who beat Jean Graham at the 21st.

Claire represented Kinross at the Champion of Champions played over the Queens Course, Gleneagles, on Sunday 1 October and finished in 3rd place overall.



Ladies Grant Scratch

Men's Section

Firstly, some success to celebrate from the recent P&K County Championships. Congratulations to Gareth Davies on winning the P&K County Seniors handicap championship at Alyth on

Senior Cup Winners

Sunday 24 September. Also, in the P&K County scratch championship, Cameron Wallace finished as runner

We had our club finals day on Sunday 23 September and again received great feedback from all who played. The event seems to be working well and will continue to be included in the fixture list for 2024. The weather was kind to us and thanks go to Carol and her staff (bar and kitchen) for providing excellent service



The results are as follows: PIPER CUP: Andy Jackson beat Scott Robertson 2 and 1;

SENIORS CUP, Kenny Mearns beat Russell Dunlop 3 and 2;

CENTENARY CUP: Gary Duncan beat Colin Wilks on 19th played Sunday 17 September, after match celebration;

BEECHES PARK: Les Giffen/Alex



Summer Four Ball Competitors



Boyd beat Gray Smith/Andy Caldwell 4 and 3;

Summer Fourball: Lorne Graham/Scott Hunter beat Willie Jeffrey/Billy Nixon 4 and 3;

Ladies Grant Scratch: Claire Milne beat Gwen Tate 4 and 3; Junior Scratch: Robbie Hepburn beat Joe Ponton 2 and 1; Junior Handicap: Lucy Moran beat Calum McGee 5 and 3; Junior 9 Hole: Isabella Jackson beat Kiera McBurney 1 up.

Kyocera UK Matchplay

Finally, commiserations to the men's scratch team, who, having emerged as winners of the Scottish section, lost out to a team from the Drax Golf Club near Leeds, in the last 16 in the UK.

Juniors' Section

We held our junior finals as part of the club finals day on 23 September. Congratulations to our new junior champion Robbie Hepburn, handicap champion Lucy Moran and 9 hole champion Isabella Jackson. Also, well done to our runners up Joe Ponton, Calum McGee, and Kiera McBurney.





Junior 9 hole competition (eft) and Junior Handicap (right)

In other good news, Robbie Hepburn and Joe Ponton were selected to represent Perth & Kinross in the Scottish Boys Area Championship at Forester Park this month. They are

the first Kinross Juniors to be selected for a number of years so well done to them both. It is great recognition of how they have progressed.

Our junior season is now coming to an end and we look forward to including our juniors in the club prizegiving later in the year. The captain has proposed that we include a photo of our Junior Club champion in the clubhouse foyer, which was agreed and will be taken forward.



September senior section medal played on 27 September was won by C. Taylor (64) with E. Halcrow second (66) and third was R. King (68).



Juniors Scratch Competition

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Kinross Otters

September saw our first long course training session of the 2023/24 season at Stirling University, in conjunction with our friends at Perth City Swim Club. These sessions give our qualifying swimmers the opportunity to train in a 50m pool, while working with new coaches and building new peer groups. Well done to Hayden, Charlotte, Grace, Matthew, Stuart, Hannah, Jessica, Lucy, Eve, Anna, Anna, Aila, Christina, Mia and Lily, who qualified for these sessions.

On Saturday 7 October we had a mix of squads and ages attend Heart of Midlothian ASC premier

age group meet, which was held at Michael Woods in Glenrothes. What a great experience for some of our younger, less experienced, swimmers who were mixing it up with national level swimmers. It was great to see their confidence grow as the day progressed. Well done to everyone, and thanks to the parents who shared the swimming technical official responsibilities.

Big swims/special mentions go to Hayden who won gold for 200IM and Jessica who won gold for 50M breaststroke. We also had a number of swimmers who smashed PB times, including Hannah (7 seconds), Isla (6.5 seconds), Lily (10.6 seconds), Amelia (14 seconds) and Thomas (21 seconds)! And not forgetting our top 6 finishers Charlotte, Mia, Hayden, Lily, Stuart, Christina, Jessica and Aila.

Finally, we'd like to say a huge thank you to Kinross Swimmers for their donation of £517.43 for club funds.

Orwell Bowling Club

Bowling Green Avenue, Milnathort, KY13 9YN 01577 863739 orwellbowlingclub.weebly.com Find us on Facebook

The green closed on Saturday 30 October. There was a collection and raffle in aid of the RLNI and the sum of £130 was raised. This money will be added to the monies raised on the opening day for the Blind Bowlers and it will then be split equally between the two charities.

Competition Winners

The members have enjoyed a full programme of competitions this year. Results are as follows:





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Annual General Meeting

The 2023 AGM will be held on Sunday 26 November at 2pm sharp. All members are requested to attend.

David Winton

Milnathort Golf Club

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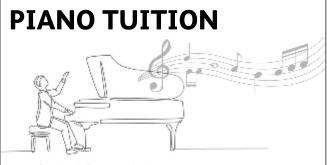
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Some results from 2023 are listed below. The annual prize-giving will be held on the 18 November and a full list of prize winners will be in the December edition of the *Newsletter*.

Gents Scratch Champion Iain Brown
Gents Handicap Iain Simpson
Ladies Scratch Champion Lucy Moran
Ladies Handicap Margret Johnston
Junior Scratch Champion Douglas Brown
Junior Handicap Liam Hannah

On 4 November at 7pm there will be a quiz night with teams of 4. Prizes for best team name and winning team.

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The Christmas party night will be on Saturday 9 December from 6.30pm onwards. Join us for a buffet, drinks, quiz, raffle and karaoke! Members and guests are welcome. Over 18s only. The dress code is 'festive jumpers' and there will be a prize for the best jumper. To book, or for more information, call 01577 864069 or email office@milnathortgolfclub.co.uk.

If you are interested in any of the above, or for more information, please visit the club website.

Kinross Volleyball

One men's team competed in the premier cup competition and one men's team, and one mixed team, competed in the recreational cup pre-season competitions at Perth College.

The recreational league competition commenced on Sunday 29 October with the premier league competition starting the following Sunday 5 November. The eight team premier league will see each team playing each other twice through the season with the 12 team recreational league having each team playing each other once before splitting the league into a top 6 and a bottom 6.

A number of junior players participated in Scottish volleyball's 'Tartan Talent' programme. The aim of this is to develop junior talent with a view to selecting a development squad of boys and girls with the long term aim of producing young national team players. To date, Kinross has produced four players who have gone on to represent Scotland at international level.

The active schools Wednesday lunchtime and after school volleyball sessions are gaining in popularity with increased participation during September.

A change of date by Scottish Volleyball for the senior schools Edinburgh festival has meant that the Kinross High teams cannot participate. This is because transport and staff cover are not available on the revised date.

The club is organising an 'Open to All' Hallowe'en fancy dress mini-volleyball competition on Monday 30 October at the large games hall of the community campus at 8-9.45 pm. The entry fee is £3.

Normal coaching/games sessions will resume on Monday 6 November and new members are welcome. There is a £3 charge to cover hall hire costs.

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Broke not Broken

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

Greyhound Rescue Fife

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

KLEC

(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! Contact Bouwien Bennet at *info@kleo.org.uk* or call 01577 863107.

RSPB Scotland Loch Leven

RSPB Scotland Loch Leven: We need volunteer fundraisers to help with pin badge boxes and bucket collections. Please get in touch on *communityfundraisingscotland@rspb.org.uk*.

Kinross (Marshall) Museum

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

Swansacre Playgroup

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

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Common Grounds

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Kinross-shire Day Centre

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Milnathort Town Hall Committee

We are looking for volunteers. 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. Visit www.aberlour.org.uk/volunteer, or contact Shonagh on 07864 625069/shonagh. ferguson@aberlour.org.uk.

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

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Interested in Guiding?

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Friends of CHAS Kinross

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Kinross-shire Volunteer Group & Rural Outreach Scheme

Could you become a volunteer driver for Kinross-shire Volunteer Group & Rural Outreach Scheme? We deliver a vital service to help the elderly and disabled attend appointments. Please contact the Administrator 01577-840196 or email administrator@kvgros.org.uk

Guide Dogs Kinross

We are looking for a volunteer coordinator to take over to help run our small fundraising group and fundraising volunteers. 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. We have several volunteering roles available. 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 Scotland Loch Leven

Volunteer with the Education Team at RSPB Scotland's Loch Leven nature reserve! For more information, contact the Learning Officer on 01577 862355 or email <code>lochleven@rspb.org.uk</code>.

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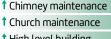
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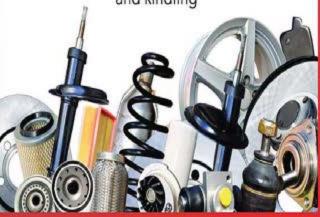


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The Return of Winter



NOVEMBER MEANS THE RETURN of winter! The cold crisp mornings are worth getting up for as the frost on the plant life glistens against the winter sun, and the pink-footed geese take off in their thousands as the sun rises. The clocks go back on the 29 October which means that the sun starts setting earlier and the days get shorter. Even more reason to make the most of it and check out the amazing birdlife at Loch Leven this month!

As the branches continue to lose their leaves and become bare, it becomes easier to watch out for birds flitting about in the trees. Finches such as redpoll, siskin and even brambling can be spotted in big flocks. The latter are winter visitors to the UK, migrating from various places such as Russia. They are a close relative of the chaffinch with an orange belly and are worth looking out for in the bare branches!

Another group of birds to look out for are thrushes. This is the family that includes song thrush and blackbird, as well as our wintering thrushes - Redwing and Fieldfare. These two species started arriving in October, so they are one to look out for as

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their numbers build this month! Redwing make a characteristic 'tseeep' call and can be seen flashing their red underwing and munching berries on the reserve. Fieldfare arrive a little bit later, and have a distinctive colouration of a grey head, buffish breast and rusty back. These two species are ones to look out for as they arrive from Scandinavia, but some of our blackbirds we see at this time of year may have made a similar journey over the North Sea and are known as 'continental blackbirds'! These can often be identified by their all black bill rather than the usual yellow bill of the males. Keep an eye out for these thrushes this

The bare branches are also good to spot red squirrels and this a great time to see them as they are still active caching nuts before winter fully hits. We are very lucky to have red squirrels in this area, so please record any sightings of reds or greys to Saving Scotlands Red Squirrels!

The wildlife spectacle of the pink-footed geese coming in to roost at Loch Leven is still one you must witness at sunset this month, but another spectacle to see is a starling murmuration. This is when starlings group together and swirl around in these incredible shapes in the sky and it is a must-see. They do this as a 'safety in numbers' tactic so predators are less likely to pick out individual birds, but also to keep warm and gather information. The pier at Kinross just before sunset is a great place to check it out!

Of course the wildfowl are still as good and plentiful this month, and it's a great time to look out onto the loch and see what species you can spot. One species to look out for is the Smew, which we usually get annually. The male smew is a very good looking duck with its black and white plumage and sharp bill - a stunning bird to see here! As always, keep an eye on our social media (Facebook, Instagram and Wordpress blog @LochLevenNNR) for all the latest events and wildlife sightings!

Have a good one!

Julie McDonald

Loch Leven National Nature Reserve Seasonal Officer

Weather



Recent Weather Reports From Kinross

September 2023

114.8mm/4.59in Total Rainfall

Heaviest Fall **18.8mm/0.75in** (19 Sept)

Total Sunshine 148.9 hrs

10.1 hrs (5 Sept) Sunniest Day

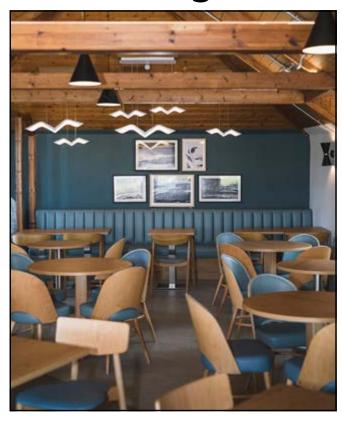
This month's report is a little short because Willie Wilson, our intrepid chronicler of Kinross weather, has been in hospital having a hip replacement.

We're sure all our readers will join us in wishing Willie a speedy recovery. Get well soon, Willie!

RSPB Loch Leven

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Cafe Delights



WHEN TALKING ABOUT THE RSPB and nature conservation, the first thought that comes to mind is, more often than not, 'the bird people' or wardens and habitat restoration. Freshly baked scones and a steaming mug of coffee would probably not even appear on the list. But, did you know that by visiting our comfy, dog friendly café you are also doing your part to help save nature? With Organic September having just past, we wanted to do something a bit different for this month's piece and celebrate the work we do to save nature out with our usual conservation work. We must warn you in advance, there will be mention of delicious cakes and scrumptious savoury treats so prepare for the stomach rumbles...

Over the years, our café has seen a whole host of changes. In 2021, we saw the completion of our most recent redevelopments which worked to expand the car parking, toilet, café and welcome facilities to make them as accessible as possible. The improve-



ments increase in the café's seating pacity whilst also making the first-floor space more accessible and improving the ramp at the back of the building. We are very excited to have



had our hard work recognised when we won the regional Visit Scotland Thistle Award for our accessibility at the end of last month.

Getting down to the nitty gritty, we strive to use as many organic, local and sustainably sourced ingredients in our dishes as we can. As a result, this helps ensure the safety and security of the natural world that provides these resources. Although this may make things sound rather fancy, what it really boils down to is simply good food that is good for the planet too. Cake has never tasted so guilt free!



In addition to being organic, we have worked hard to offer food for everyone with a range of dietary requirements and preferences catered for. From a vast range of vegan friendly options (including our delicious scones, cakes and soups which are made from scratch on site) and dishes using gluten-free ingredients. For the meat eaters, we offer a range of options including the classic BLT and bacon butty and, we purchase Scottish, organic and nature friendly meat for these which is better for the environment in the long run.

Although we have had many changes over the years, no matter what time of the year you visit, the one thing we can guarantee is the spectacular views. So why not pop along and relax with a lovely hot cup of our unique, Bird Friendly coffee and a freshly baked scone and watch as the start of autumn begin with thousands (7824 so far to be exact) of geese on the reserve. Alternatively, why not join the team as one of our fantastic volunteers and experience the wonderful world of the cafe on a weekly basis? Get in touch at <code>lochleven@rspb.org.uk</code> for more information. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Freya, Visitor Experience Officer

Cafe pics by Doug Shapley. Cakes by Freya Playford

Farming

Sheep Inspectors

IT AMAZES ME HOW many jobs a farmer has to be good at in order to keep a farm going. It's fortunate that we are a team here, trying to work with our strengths and weaknesses to get the jobs done. Looking back at the last couple of weeks, it's been very diverse and challenging......

The winter wheat is now all in the ground, dodging the showers, most of it was sown right behind the plough, it got it into a nice dry seed bed and it came through quickly. Just one field at the side of the M90 was ploughed in advance and after Storm Agnes it looked like porridge, we didn't think it would ever dry out.

However when the rain stopped the sun came out and as the land is free draining, it only took a day or two until it was ready to sow. By that time the old power harrow that breaks up the soil had developed a rattle so it really was touch and go if it held out. 21 acres later the field was sown and the investigations into the rattle are now less urgent.

We had two roof sheets that were broken, both had been leaking for a while and we weren't confident enough to embark on the repair ourselves.

I couldn't find anyone to take on the job so am so very thankful to our neighbour who came to the rescue and offered to work with us to get it done. With roof crawling boards, a forklift, and lots of good communication between him and the boys, it was carried out safely yesterday. The old broken sheets removed and the new ones in. Thank you! I can't express how grateful we are that this is now fixed and the cattle will have a dry bed all winter.

Our environmental knowledge and understanding was put to the test when SEPA visited both the farms, part of a project looking into diffuse pollution and how to reduce the risks in this area.



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The officer walked round the steading and watercourses on the land with us and pointed out a couple of areas where we could make improvements. It was actually good to know that the way we farm is up to scratch but making small changes will ensure we keep the risk of diffuse pollution very low.

Similarly when the sheep inspectors arrived in the yard, we gathered up the flock, counted everything with them and watched as they scanned some of the ewes' ear tags to check against the records.

We then sat with them at our kitchen table to enable them to check all movements on and off were accurate and finally that the total numbers on the ground, matched the records. The process went smoothly but I received a reminder to be more diligent about carrying out an annual stocktake. It was another pass and a sigh of relief that it's over.

Compliance, communication and dodging showers, team work got us through!

Fiona

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Weekly Programme For November 2023 - 40th Anniversary Month

Monday	Hearing Aid Clinic (6 Nov ONLY) Exercise Class Games: Indoor curling, quizzes, Scrabble, dominor Big Quiz (can be teams or individuals) 'Stride for Life' Walking Group	10am-12pm 11.30am es 1.30pm 1.30pm 2.00pm
Tuesday	Vision PK (7 & 21 Nov ONLY) Exercise Class 40th Celebration Lunch (28 Nov ONLY) Singing Group (14 Nov ONLY) Games: quizzes, Scrabble, dominoes (7, 14, 21 Nov Control of Stancy Dress Party (14 Nov ONLY) Halloween Afternoon (14 Nov ONLY)	10-11.45am 11.30am 12-2.30pm 1.30pm 0NLY) 1.30pm 1.30pm 1.30pm
Wednesday	Church Service Games: quizzes, Scrabble, dominoes (NOT 29 Nov.) Reminiscence Group Garden Room (1 Nov ONLY) Craft Group (1 & 15 Nov ONLY) Concert with Linton Osborne (29 Nov ONLY)	11.15am 1.30pm 1.30pm 1.30pm 1.30pm
Thursday	Chiropody Service (9 Nov ONLY) Interactive Games Games: Indoor curling, quizzes, Scrabble Art Group Music Sing-A-Long (30 Nov ONLY) Exercise Class with Kenny from Live Active (NOT 30 N	10am-1pm 11.30am 1.15pm 1.30pm 10am-4pm Vov) 2.00pm
Friday	Football Memories (10 & 24 Nov ONLY) Exercise Group (3,7 & 24 Nov ONLY) Musical Bingo songs from the past (10 Nov ONLY) Life Story Books Board Games	11am-12pm 11.30am 1.30pm 1.30pm 1.30pm



Film shows • Cards **Dominoes • Art Class Exercises • Chiropody Trips • Daily Papers**

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

operating remotely. Leave phone message or email.

Minister: Rev Alan D. Reid MA, BD Tel: (01577) 862952

Assistant Minister: Rev Austin Wicks

Ordained Local Minister: Rev Margaret Michie

Session Clerk: Jaffrey Weir

Contact the Church Office for our weekly email of events and

Zoom details.

All events below are in the church unless otherwise indicated:

Regular Services and Events

Sundays

9.15am Choir Practice

10.30am: Morning Service, gathering song about 10.25. **For young people:** Junior Church (age 4 -11) meets in the Upper Room from 10.30 then joins in at the end of the service. Within the church there is a corner for parents with babies and toddlers.

Refreshments and Fairtrade Stall after most services.

Sunday morning services are also available online: live on YouTube and Facebook. Thereafter on YouTube, Facebook and the church website. Listen by phone on 01577 528270, or request a CD.

6pm: Sunday Evening Prayer, on Zoom6pm: Crossfire, church centre. Age P7 upwards

Mondays

Kinross

8pm: House Group – Bible study and fellowship.

Tuesdays

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

2.30pm: House Group

Wednesdays

11.15am Midweek Service, at the church centre.

1.30pm: Craft Group

7.45pm: Men's House Group 8.00pm: Women's House Group

Thursdays

10.30am: House Group

11-12pm: Table Talk - chat on Zoom.

Fridays

6pm: Boys' Brigade and Girls' Association,

6 – 7.15pm Anchor Section (P1-P3); **7 – 9pm** Junior Section (P4-P6); **7 – 9.30pm** Company Section (P7 – S3); **7 – 9.30pm** Senior Section (S4 – S6).

OTHER SERVICES AND EVENTS:

October

Sat 28 10-2pm: Kinross Farmers' Market – church and Fairtrade stalls
 Sun 29 10.30am: Morning Service including Brigade Enrolment
 Tue 31 5.30-7pm: Light Party Food, Fun and Festivities, organ-



ised by the Family Week team. Dress up light and bright. No pre-registration. Parents/carers may stay or leave.

November

Sat 4 10-2pm: Coffee and Crafts, in the church centre. Handmade crafts for sale, Fairtrade stall and refreshments

Sun 5 10.30: Morning Service, Communion at 11.45am

Mon 6 8am: Guided Silent MeditationFri 10 5.30pm: Youth Dungeons & Dragons

Sun 12 REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

10.00am: Community Remembrance Service, with

youth organisations, in the church.

10.45am: Parade from church to War Memorial **10.55am: Act of Remembrance** at War Memorial,

County Buildings

11.15am: Sunday Service in the church

2.30-4pm: Let's Sing. Everyone welcome but particularly those living with dementia. Tea and a sing-song

Mon 13 2-4pm: Board Games Afternoon – a social get-together for anyone in the community to play Scrabble.

Rummikub and other board games. All welcome **7.30pm** Adult **Dungeons and Dragons**

Thu 16 9pm: Evening service of Compline

Sat 18 11am: All Friends Together for adults with learning difficulties

Sun 19 2.15pm: Social Walk - meet at the church

Sat 25 10am-3pm Festive Market (Kinross Farmers' Market) at

Market Park - church and Fairtrade stalls

Mon 27 2-4pm: Board Games Afternoon (see Mon 13 for details)

7.30pm: Adult Dungeons and Dragons

December

Fri 1 5.30pm: Youth Dungeons & Dragons

Fossoway, St Serf's & Devonside Church

Church of Scotland

(Charity number SC013157)

Church Road, Crook of Devon, Kinross-shire, KY13 OUY

www.cleishandfossowaychurches.org.uk

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Our church is a very warm and welcoming place situated in the Crook of Devon, a small village about 6 miles from Kinross. Come and join us – we would love to meet you.

Updates and changes to the dates below can be found on our church website https://cleishandfossowaychurches.org.uk

NOVEMBER

5 Nov

9.45am Sunday Morning Worship Refreshments and Fairtrade available after the service

12 Nov

9.30am REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY morning worship at the Crook of Devon Village Hall.

There will refreshments after the service

19 Nov

9.45am Sunday Morning Worship

26 Nov

9.45am Sunday Morning Worship and celebration of Holy Communion

REFRESH THURSDAY

Every Thursday, 2-4pm in the Church Hall Join us for a friendly blether with delicious home baking, tea and coffee. All are welcome.

FILM NIGHT

Fri 3 Nov 7.30pm in the Church Hall

Harold Fry (12)

This is a story about an unremarkable man who sets off to post a letter to an old friend who is dying, but he keeps on walking all

the way to her hospice 450 miles away!

Harold Fry is a reminder that you're never too old to take a chance and that kindness is less rare than you think!

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

FOSSOWAY BABIES AND TODDLERS

The group meets every **Friday 9.30-11.30am**, in Fossoway Church Hall. Join us for snacks, play and blether.

FOSSOWAY CREATIVE CRAFTS GROUP

Meets on **Monday evenings from 6.30pm** in the Church Hall.

Please bring your own craft and join us.

FOSSOWAY HOUSE GROUP

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

FOSSOWAY YOUTH GROUP

This group is for those aged 11-19
Please join us on Sunday 12 Nov 7-8.30pm,
when we will also be joined by our friends from KYTHE.

All are welcome at any of our meetings and services. If you would like any more information, please contact the Rev Lis Stenhouse 01577 842128.

HALL BOOKINGS

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

Cleish Parish Church

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We look forward to welcoming you to worship with us in Cleish Church.

5 Nov

11.15am Morning Worship. Traidcraft Stall.

12 Nov

11.15am REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY service followed by Congregational Lunch in the Village Hall (donations to SSAFA)

19 Nov

11.15am Morning Worship

26 Nov

11.15am Morning Worship. Sacrament of Holy Communion.

Refreshments are served in the Young Room

every Sunday after worship

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: All children welcome. 10.00am Portmoak Church; 11.30am Orwell Church

Joint family services with the Praise Band will be held on the first Sunday of each month (except Jan), in Orwell Church at 10:30am.



Acknowledgements

BARRIE

The family of the late **Andrew Barrie** of Milnathort would like to thank everyone who attended his recent funeral.

Thanks also to Stewart Funeral directors, Orwell Parish Church and Thistle Hotel for their help in organising a fitting farewell.

Donations on the day raised £300 for Prostate Cancer UK.

Messy Church will meet on Sat. 2 Dec from 4-6pm at Orwell Church with all the usual crafts, fun, and food.

Dates For Your Diary

1 Nov Kirk Session meets in Orwell Hall at 7:30pm

2 Nov Ashley House Service at 2pm.

5 Nov Joint family service in Orwell Church at 10:30am

No morning service at Portmoak Church

17 Nov Tea and a Blether in Orwell, 1:30-3:30pm

18 Nov Christmas Bazaar in Orwell Church from 10-12pm

with the usual stalls and refreshments.

24 Nov Oasis Ladies Group meets in Portmoak New Room from

10:15am-12 noon. Crafts with Anna.

The Church Office and Shop is open 10-12pm, Mon-Fri. **Office email:** *orwellandportmoakchurch@gmail.com*

Website: orwellportmoakchurch.org.uk

St Paul's Scottish Episcopal Church

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Muirs, Kinross, KY13 8AY Fr David Mackenzie Mills, Rector.

Tel: 01577 863795 Email: frdavidkinross@gmail.com

You can also find us on Facebook

www.facebook.com/stpaulsepiscopalchurchkinross

Fr David and the congregation at St Paul's look forward to welcoming to you to our Episcopal worship services and other outreach and social activities. Even as we recognize how scary it can be to cross the threshold into an unfamiliar place, you're assured of a friendly smile and help to settle you and your family. If you've been before, do come along and give us another try.

Our Sunday and Wednesday morning services begin at 10am, unless otherwise advertised. These are usually Eucharists (worship with Communion, sung with hymns on Sundays). Our church bell rings from 9.45am.

The church building is open every day between 10am and 4pm for private prayer and the opportunity to light a candle.

We will provide regular updates on the website concerning our schedule of worship. Please do refer to it regularly. Although we don't insist that people wear face coverings, you are very welcome to do so if that helps you feel safer in public spaces.

Our Meeting Room is hosting *Arts@St Paul's* throughout the autumn. Our services are also broadcast from the church building as livestreams via Zoom (please email us to be sent weekly links). The Liturgy outline can be followed on the website via the seasonal Sung Eucharist e-booklets and the weekly pewsheet.

Events and Services in November

Thu 2 ALL SOULS' DAY

6pm All Souls' Day Holy Communion and Commemoration of the Departed

Sun 5

10am: All Saints Sunday Eucharist with indoor sparklers!

Wed 8

10am: Midweek Holy CommunionSun 12 8.30am Sung Eucharist

10am: Service of Remembrance (Kinross Parish Church)

Wed 15

10am: Midweek Holy Communion Sun 19 Pentecost 27 (Proper 33)

10am: Sung Eucharist

Wed 22

10am: Midweek Holy Communion

Sun 26 CHRIST THE KING 10am: Sung Eucharist

Wed 29

10am: Midweek Holy Communion

(SS Simon & Jude)

Thu 30

CHURCH TRIP TO ST ANDREWS for the Feast of St Andrew. We will spend some of the day with All Saints Church. Do let the Rector know if you would like more info.

Loch Leven Church

(Charity No: SC049050) info@lochlevenchurch.com



Loch Leven Church meets at Loch Leven Community Campus, at 10:30am each Sunday. Our sermon series from September to November is 'People in Prayer' and we'll be hosting the following services in November:

5 Nov: People in Prayer: Jesus – An example from the Lord

(Matthew 6:5–13) – Steve Braithwaite, Tayside Christian Fellowship

12 Nov: Remembrance Sunday @ Cenotaph

19 Nov: People in Prayer: Moses – Receiving power from the Lord

(Ephesians 3:14–21) – Arthur Jones, South Beach Baptist Church

26 Nov: Communion Sunday – Graeme Gunn, LLC

Everyone, of all ages, is very welcome to join any of these. To know more about us, please visit our Facebook page 'We Love Loch Leven', our website www.lochlevenchurch.com, or email us at info@lochlevenchurch.com

Kinross Gospel Hall

8 Montgomery Street, Kinross www.kinrossgospelhall.info Tel 07818 050785

Gospel Meeting Sundays 4pm. **Friends & Neighbours Teas** 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month. **Toddlers' Group** Thurs 9.30-11am; **Explorers** (Primary School) 6-7pm (both groups term time only). We look forward to seeing old friends and welcoming new ones. Everyone welcome.

Kinross Christian Fellowship

Jesus answered, 'I am the way, the truth and the life.'



Sunday mornings we come together at the Millbridge Hall, Old Causeway, Kinross.

Refreshments and a blether from 10am; pre-service prayer time at 10.15am with the service starting at 10.30am-ish.

As the Holy Spirit leads us, our service includes the reading of the Word, prayer, ministry, communion, praise and worship, and Bible-based preaching/teaching.

Everyone is welcome, all ages, so please come and taste and see that the LORD is good.

Alternatively you can join us interactively via Zoom:

Meeting ID: 895 3312 2460

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We also have Bible Studies in small groups through the week; Mondays online via Zoom and Tuesdays in person.



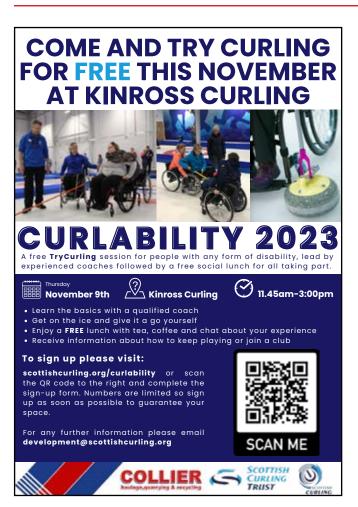
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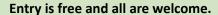
The Book Sale will be held upstairs in the Museum, from 10am to 5pm on both days.

We always have a wide variety of books.

The Museum is situated at the top of East Burnside, beside the entrance to the Mill Green and Dollar Glen.

During the weekend of

the Book Sale the downstairs exhibition areas will be open to visitors as normal.



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Perth CAB has a team of specialist debt advisers. Advice is free, confidential, impartial and independent. To talk to a specialist debt adviser call 01738 450590 or email David Ogston (Senior Debt Adviser) using the following email address: David.Ogston@Perthcab.casonline.org.uk

A MESSAGE FROM NATURESCOT

FROM SEPTEMBER, there will be some changes on the loch for water access users. **We will be be asking for no water access on the loch until April**. This means no kayaks, paddleboards, swimmers or any variation on those!

This is to protect the massive population of wintering wildfowl we get on the loch at this time of year. Loch Leven NNR is an internationally important habitat for wintering birds, and we must do everything we can to protect them from any disturbance.

Thank you in advance for your co-operation.

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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

Rotary Club of Kinross and District



RACE NIGHT



Friday 24 November 2023 7pm 'til late Kinross Golf Club

Tickets £10 from secretary.kdrc@gmail.com All profits to local mental health charities



Are you aged 70 or over?

Do you live in Orwell Parish

(Milnathort)?

We are in the process of planning various activities at Christmas time and beyond, and are trying to ensure that anyone eligible to join us doesn't miss out on an invitation.

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.

AGM Notice

KGV Playing Fields Management Committee

The Annual General Meeting of the KGV Playing Fields Management Committee will be held in the KGV Muirs pavilion on Tuesday 5 December 2023 at 7pm, an ordinary meeting will immediately follow. All are welcome to attend.

The KGV Playing Fields Management Committee looks after the facilities used by many of the sporting and community groups in Kinross-shire and is run by volunteers. Anyone who may wish to contribute something to the local community is welcome.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINES

In very rare circumstances it may be necessary to change a deadline at short notice. Check the *Newsletter* Facebook Page for the latest information.

Issue	Deadline	Publication Date
December	Friday 17 November	Saturday 2 November
January	Friday 8 December	Saturday 30 December

KINROSS GARDEN GROUP

2023/24 Season

Thursday 9 November, 2pm Parish Church, Kinross

John Hancox:
Scottish Heritage Fruit Trees
'Creating A Fruitful Scotland'
All welcome to join us.

ORWELL BOWLING CLUB

(Milnathort)

BINGO TEA

Wednesday 8 November, 7.30pm
Entry £1 (includes refreshments)
ALL WELCOME

MUSIC IN DOLLAR

Sunday 12 November, 3pm

Gibson Auditorium
Dollar Academy
RACHEL HAIR (clarsach)
and RON JAPPY (fiddle and guitar)

Come and hear the great sound of Scottish music both traditional and modern – played wonderfully!

Tickets £12 on the door or online at musicindollar.org.uk Students of any age go free!

THE GAELIC SOCIETY OF PERTH

THE WINTER SERIES of traditional highland cèilidhs continue at St Matthews Church, Tay St., Perth. On **10 November at 7.30pm** we have a brilliant line up of Gaelic Singers including last year's MOD Gold medallist **Alice Macmillan** and the wonderful (and ex-Dàimh vocalist) **Calum Alex Macmillan**. There will be other singers and musicians for what will be a great night of traditional Gaelic culture – plus the great refreshments! Entry is on the door - **£5 members**, **£7 non-members**, **children free**.

MOBILE POST VAN AT **BUCHAN AVENUE. KINNESSWOOD**

MONDAYS 13.45 till 14.45 WEDNESDAYS 12.45 till 13.45

Homes For Cats Wanted

Fife Cat Shelter, a Scottish Registered Charity, is always looking for homes for rescued cats.

Cats can be visited, by appointment, at Causeway Cattery, Scotlandwell.

Contact Rhona on 01383 830286.



ROYAL MAIL 87 High St, Kinross KY13 8AR PLEASE NOTE HOLIDAY OPENING

TIMES MAY BE DIFFERENT

KINROSS DELIVERY OFFICE

MONDAY 8-10am **TUESDAY** 8-10am WEDNESDAY 8-10am **THURSDAY** 8-10am **FRIDAY** 8-10am 8am-12pm **SATURDAY**

Baby & Toddler Groups

Monday

Milnathort Babies and Toddlers Orwell Church Hall 9.30 -11am

Tuesday

Portmoak Babies and Toddlers Portmoak Church Hall 9.45-11.30am

Stepping Stones

Kinross Parish Church 10-11.30am

Wednesday

Breast Buddies Health Centre 10-12pm

Glenfarg Babies and Toddlers Village Hall 9.30am

Muckhart Babies and Toddlers Church Hall 9.30-11am

Thursday

Montgomery Toddlers

Kinross Gospel Hall 9.30 -11am

Friday

SUNDAY

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 Please let us know if you have any info to add to this list.



CLOSED

EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS

Medical		Perth & Kinross Council (PKC)		
Loch Leven Health Centre	01577 862112	Customer Service Centre (Mon- Fri, 8am-6pm)		
Loch Leven Health Centre Out of Hours NHS 24	01577 865252 Reporting non-emergency Road and		01738 475000	
Perth Royal Infirmary main switchboard Perth Royal Infirmary	01382 660111	Lighting faults (CLARENCE) 0800 232323 PKC Out of Hours emergency numbers		
(Admissions and Enquiries Desk) Ninewells Hospital, Dundee	01738 473734 01382 660111	Adult care services Anti-social behaviour helpline (*42* telephone and leave a voicemail	0345 301 11 20 01738 476173*42*	
Victoria Hospital, Kirkcaldy	01592 643355 01383 623623	Child protection	01738 476768	
Queen Margaret Hospital, Dunfermline Rowlands Pharmacy, Kinross	01577 862422	Council housing emergency repairs Dangerous buildings	01738 476000 01738 476476	
Davidson's Chemist, Milnathort Police, non-emergency	01577 862219 101	Environmental Health Flooding Homelessness	01738 476476 01738 476476 0800 917 0708	
Police, Fire, Ambulance & Coastguard Emerge	ncies 999	Mental health services	0345 301 11 20	
Gas (worried about gas safety)	0800 111 999	Roads (e.g. reporting blockage) Traveline Scotland	01738 476476 0871 200 22 33	
Water (loss of supply, foul water emergency)	0845 600 8855	Loch Leven Community Campus	01577 867200	
Floods SEPA Floodline recorded messages	0345 988 1188	Kinross High School	01577 867100	

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KINROSS RECYCLING CENTRE

Bridgend Industrial Estate

Monday, Thursday and Friday 9am-4pm (last entry 3.45pm)

Saturday & Sunday 9am - 4pm (last entry 3.45pm)

THE RECYCLING CENTRE WILL ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING MATERIALS

Bicycles Engine Oil Rigid Plastic
Books Fluorescent, LED Packaging
Bras & Long Life Light Rubble
Bulky Goods Scrap Metal

Car Batteries Fridges & Freezers Soil
Cardboard Garden Waste Stone
Cartons and Paper containers with metal ends Batteries Soil

Fridges & Freezers Soil

Garden Waste Stone

Fleephone Directories

Textiles

Cooking Oil Large Domestic (Clothes & Shoes)
Electrical & Appliances Timber

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Electronic Non-Recyclable Waste (General Waste)

recycle batteries Separately) Paper Timber

Car Tyres (maximum two per day, strictly household only)

Free compost available (subject to availability).

A maximum of 2 x 25kg bags per day

Diary

October

28 Sat Farmers' Market: High Street Sat/Sun 28/29 Art @ St Pauls Sun 29 British Summer Time: Clocks go back an hour Mon 30 Halloween Storytelling Evening, RSPB Loch Leven Tues 31 **Light Party, Kinross Parish Church November** Wed 1 Networking Breakfast, Loch Leven's Larder 7.30am 2 Thurs New library groups: Knitting & Crochet 10am and Board Games 2.30pm **Thurs** 2 Free talk: Adam Nosalt talks about future applications of AI, library 7pm Sat 4 Coffee and crafts at Kinross Parish Church 10-12 Tues 7 **Fossoway and District CC meets** Tues 7 u3a meeting, Kinross Parish Church Curlability Event, Kinross Curling Thurs 9 Thurs 9 Garden Group talk Milnathort and Orwell CC meets Thurs 9 Sat Portmoak Film Society shows 'Gravity' 11 Sun 12 Remembrance Sunday Sun 12 Let's Sing! Sun 12 Kinross and Ochil Ramblers walk and AGM - see club entry Fri 17 **Newsletter Deadline for December issue** Sat/Sun Art @ St Pauls 11/12 Mon 13 Inner Wheel Talk Tues 14 **Public Consultation Event, Craighead Windfarm, Carnbo Hall** Tues 14 **Portmoak CC meets** Thurs 23 **Christmas Light Switch On, Greens Car Park** Fri 24 **Rotary Club Race Night, Kinross Golf Club** Sat 25 **Festive Market, Market Park** Sat 25 **Common Grounds Coffee Morning** Sat/Sun 25/26 Art @ St Pauls Tues 28 Kinross CC AGM and meeting Wed 29 Town Twinning AGM

The Kinross Newsletter

is available from:

Greens of Kinross High Street, Kinross **Baillies** High Street, Kinross Sainsburys Station Road, Kinross Giacopazzis Lathro, Kinross **Keystore More** Green Road, Kinross Giacopazzis New Road, Milnathort Stewart & Smart Stirling Road, Milnathort **Heaven Scent** South Street, Milnathort

Buchan's Garage Shop Fossoway Store Fossoway Garage Mona's Coffee Shop Powmill Stores Main Street, Kinnesswood Main Street, Kinnesswood Crook of Devon

Crook of Devon Crook of Devon Muckhart Powmill

Loch Leven's Larder Near Wester Balgedie

Glenfarg Village Shop Glenfarg