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Letter From The Editor



I'M CURRENTLY PREPARING for a few days of Scottish summer holiday. I shall be packing for every conceivable weather known to man. So far I have gathered, not just the ubiquitous variety of floppy hats and sunglasses, but also factor-30 suncream, full-body waterproofs, and a range of insect

repellents and anti-itch creams that any chemist would be proud to stock. Wish me luck.

Changeable weather is not new, but the temperatures we've experienced in July were certainly not something any of us are particularly used to.

About The Kinross Newsletter

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

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

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New problems, however, bring new solutions. If this weather pattern is to continue (and all indications are that it will) we might just need to look at creating cool spaces to protect the most vulnerable, just as we created warm spaces during the previous few winters.

If you are trying to entertain children or grandchildren over the summer holidays, there are some great events in Kinross-shire including insect counting (see p85), pond-dipping and the RSPB Vane Farm Bumblebee Trail (p75).

There are free activities in the library which has a great area for wee ones, whatever the weather. There are even some free children's storytelling sessions (see p68) which you can book in to attend. Our library is a very valuable space in Kinross and we are lucky to have it. Thanks to all those who make it so welcoming and friendly.

The Kinross Show takes place on Saturday 9 August and is the highlight of the Kinross-shire calendar. I always enjoy admiring the different breeds of sheep, cows and goats on show. The concentration, dedication and experience of the handlers is always quite something to behold.

If you've never been to the Kinross Show before, don't miss it. Agricultural shows are a great way for all ages to experience farm life without being on a farm and there are free buses running from dawn to dusk, which are part of the great adventure. Hop aboard and prepare yourself for a grand day out!

Hannah Collins, Editor



Letters

APOLOGIES

I CORRESPONDED last month on the inspection at Kinross High School. While carrying out some research recently I have discovered that I made a mistake in my comments on the grading given to the two quality indicators that were the focus of the inspection. The Report states clearly the Learning and Teaching was given a Very Good, while Raising Attainment was awarded a Good. I got these gradings the wrong way round which led to my questioning on the logic of the Report.

I most humbly apologise for this mistake but stand by my belief that we cannot tell the standard of education in Kinross High School based on such a narrowly based inspection.

David A MacKenzie

WHOOPS...

I HAVE HEARD through the grapevine that I have caused David MacKenzie some embarrassment and wanted to offer him my apologies.

My understanding is that he took my article in the June Newsletter as the facts behind the Kinross High School Inspection results and used these as the basis for a letter he sent to the *Newsletter* for the July edition. Having checked my article against Education Scotland paperwork, I see that I inadvertently transposed the results.

So, when I said: 'Good' for 'Learning, Teaching and Assessment' and 'Very Good' for 'Raising Attainment and Achievement', this should have read 'Very Good' for 'Learning, Teaching and Assessment' and 'Good' for 'Raising Attainment and Achievement'. My *Newsletter* articles take me hours (sometimes days) to prepare as I am dyslexic, and I try to double and triple check everything I say. It looks like I missed this one and I am very sorry if I caused confusion.

Dave Cuthbert

CRAIGHEAD WINDFARM

A letter from Mike Barnacle to Serge Merone, Head of Planning & Development, Perth & Kinross Council (25/06/25)

Dear Serge

I understand you may have taken over from David Littlejohn as Head of P & D at PKC. So I refer to an email I sent to Alex Gudgeon, the Case Officer for the above on 18/3/25 to which I received no reply! This noted the objection from Historic Environment Scotland, maintained my objection and call for a conjoined decision via a PLI taking into account the neighbouring Brunt Hill proposal.

I now find from an email of 18/6/25 from Development Management with a letter to me explaining that the applicant has lodged an appeal against a deemed refusal or condition attached

to a planning consent with the Reporters Unit of the DPEA (Reference PPA-340-2162).

To say I am confused about the wording of the appeal would be an understatement, there being reference to refusal and consent?

It is my contention, I believe shared by others in our affected community in Kinross-shire, that we have been kept in the dark by PKC over what is happening regarding this windfarm application and the neighbouring one of Brunt Hill being dealt with by the Government's ECU (Ref 00004654), whilst the authorities continue dialogue with the developers!

It is not clear from the letter whether the appeal on effectively non-determination results from PKC's inability to bring this major application to the planning committee timeously or results from incomplete information provided to PKC, possibly on access?

Not withstanding this, the effect is to take away control of the application from PKC elected members and place it in the hands of a Reporter, engaged by the DPEA and not elected by anyone, thereby 'negating' a right of audience for the community at a local planning committee! This is compounded by the neighbouring Brunt Hill application being similarly decided by an unelected Government Case Officer, although I understand from her that this applicant's additional information should be considered at PKC's planning committee on 3/9/25 when it may be possible to address same.

My concern has always been mainly around the cumulative impact of various windfarm developments in the Ochil Hills, a view strongly expressed in my joint letter to PKC and Clackmannan CC Development Management on 18/01/2012 calling for a moratorium on further windfarm developments in the Ochils and expressing the view that in assessing cumulative impact, the whole process has been handled by the authorities unsatisfactorily and an enduring concern this may continue; I believe this latest episode vindicates that earlier concern.

Please advise that my aforementioned unanswered email of 18/3/25 will be included along with my detailed objection of 18/9/24 in the representations sent to the Scottish Ministers?

The Policy Framework addressed in my aforementioned letter of 18/9/24 and also in my letter of 23/6/24 to the ECU (copied to PKC) highlights the relationship between NPF4 and PKC's LDP2 and deals with it (I continue to make representation at a parliamentary level for an amendment to NPF4 to address the absence of a standalone policy on landscape, particularly pressing candidates for next year's Holyrood elections on this point).

I ask for early clarification on the above given the 14-day deadline from 18/6/25 for further representations to Scottish Ministers.

Michael A Barnacle



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We hope that the shop and Post Office will continue to be supported with the same loyalty you have shown us and wish Adiela, Adnan and family, the new owners, all the best for the future.

Congratulations!



THE 3RD ANNUAL Kinross-shire Schools Invitational Ski Championships were held at Firpark on Wednesday 18 June with just under 60 skiers enjoying an exciting evening of racing!

The Kinross Cluster primary schools were represented with Fossoway Primary winning the P1-4 race and Milnathort Primary runners up. In the main Primary 5-7 race, Arngask's 2 skiers won with Kinross Primary Black Team second and Milnathort Primary A Team 3rd.

In the High School Invitational race, Kinross High Black Team won with Linlithgow Academy 2nd and Larbert High School 3rd.

Congratulations to all the skiers who participated with a great sense of sportsmanship, respect and fun – the staff and volunteers at Firpark felt that the children and young people were a credit to themselves, their parents and their schools. A proud day indeed!





Jean and Andrew with their grandson







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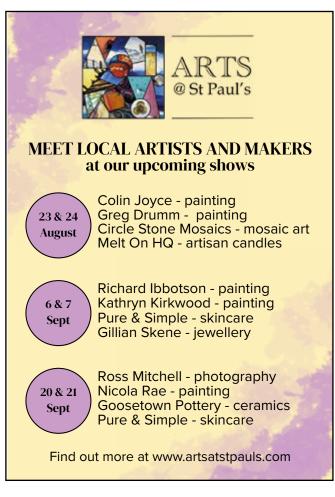


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COME AND SEE! HAVE YOUR SAY!

Community Action Plan for Kinross

Saturday 20 September



A HUGE THANK YOU to the people of Kinross!

Over May and June, the Kinross Community Action Plan (KCAP) volunteers were out in force — knocking on doors, chatting in the street, and having brilliant conversations across every part of our town. The response from residents? Nothing short of amazing.

Organisers say, 'Thanks to your enthusiasm and input, we've absolutely smashed our response target. Over 850 people responded to the survey — with a healthy spread across all age

groups and neighbourhoods. It's a massive achievement and a powerful reminder of what this community can do when it pulls together.'

Bill Freeman, Chair of the KCAP Steering Group, said: 'Thanks a million to our dedicated volunteers who really hit it off with Kinross residents – the survey responses are overwhelming.'

Lynne McKay, who led the volunteer co-ordination, added: 'My goodness, that was such a fun exercise and shows the real community spirit that's alive and kicking in Kinross. My sincere

thanks to our team — they really are community heroes!'

Alongside doorstep conversations. the team also heard from many local businesses and community groups, helping ensure that the full breadth of Kinross-shire



life is reflected in the plan. The surveys are now being carefully reviewed so that every voice is heard.

Organisers say, 'The early signs are very encouraging — this looks set to be a blockbuster of a Community Action Plan, one that sets out a bold and realistic roadmap for the future of our town.'

What's Next?

The next step is your chance to shape the plan and take ownership of its direction.

Millbridge Hall, Kinross Saturday 20 September 11am-3pm

Go along to explore the emerging themes, cast your vote on the community's priorities, and bring your skills, passion and energy to any projects that inspire you on the day. There will be:

- Displays of the key survey findings
- Local community groups on hand to answer questions
- Opportunities to get involved directly in new initiatives
- A supervised interactive play area for children
- An impressive line-up of local creative talent

and entertainment

A spokesperson said, 'Whether you're 8 or 80, this is your chance to be part of something lasting — to help create a plan that reflects the best of Kinross and supports the projects that matter to you. The KCAP team warmly invites you, your family, and your friends to drop in and help bring the final shape to the plan. Let's keep this momentum going — and make sure the Kinross story continues to be one of community pride, practical action, and shared success.'

See you there — can't wait, it'll be great!



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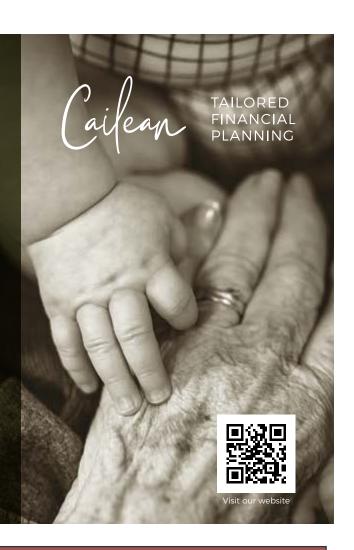
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KINROSS VOLUNTEER DRIVERS



New Name, New Colours and Special Awards!

THE KINROSS-SHIRE VOLUNTEER Group & Rural Outreach Scheme has been providing a vital service to the community since 1981 and we were so pleased to be presented, recently with a Community Champion Award. We were also delighted for our Secretary, Pauline Watson who was awarded an MBE in the King's Birthday Honours List, for all her work with the charity and the Kinross-shire Partnership.

It has been an interesting and busy year as the charity transitioned to become a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organi-



"I enjoy helping people and giving back to the community" sation (SCIO) under the new name of the Kinross-shire Volunteer Drivers. This has provided an opportunity to refresh our colours on the website (www.kvd.org.uk) and in our leaflets which provide information about the service and



are available at various outlets including the health centre and local hospitals.

The Kinross-shire Volunteer Drivers (KVD) is a well-respected local charity providing a volunteer

private car service for the residents of Kinross-shire and Glenfarg of any age, who require transportation to an ap-

pointment. The service enables clients to attend hospital, health centre and other health related appointments such as the op-

tician, podiatrist or dentist both locally and throughout the NHS Scotland network.

As demand for the service increases, we are always looking to recruit new drivers. They are an extremely valued resource and

our current drivers say they find volunteering with us very rewarding. There is no fixed commitment and volunteering

"All the volunteers
I speak to say how
satisfying the role is,
everyone is always
so grateful"

with KVD can be very flexible. If you have a couple of hours to spare in a week, we would be delighted to hear from you!

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer driver and would like to find out more, please do get in touch with one of the administrators by phone at 01577 840196 or email administrator@kvd.org.uk.









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The Normans are Coming!

Always a family fun day out, this year

twelfth-century living history re-enactment group Historia Normannis are providing a spectacular programme in the main arena.

The Fossoway Gathering is a showcase and celebration of the vibrancy of our local

community as well as being a significant fundraising opportunity for local groups.

This year's Gathering is held at Waulkmill Park, Crook of Devon. Gates open from 11.30am. Please save the date!

WATCH OUT – NEW SPEED LIMITS SOON!

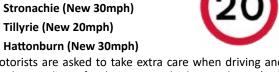
AS PART OF THE local introduction of a new national speed strategy, more local speed limits are changing soon.

Under the Scottish Government's National Strategy For 20mph, all unrestricted roads in built-up areas around Scotland are to have a default 20mph speed limit by the end of 2025. By matching the speed of the varying road users it is hoped that the levels of traffic collisions and casualties will be cut.

Changes have already been made to the speed limits in Duncrievie, Glenfarg and Cuthill Towers and will, by the end of the first week in August, also be seen in the following villages:

- Mawcarse (New 30mph)
- Path of Condie (New 30mph)
- Tillyrie (New 20mph)

Motorists are asked to take extra care when driving and observe the new limits for their own and other road users' safety.



ROADWORKS

TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF PARKING AND LOADING

GREEN ROAD - KINROSS (KY13 8TU) BT Openreach works 14 August.

Green Road, Kinross from its junction with Alexander Drive (311650, 702602) to its junction with Simpson Wynd (311711, 702621) a distance of 66 metres or thereby.

B996 HIGH STREET/SANDPORT CLOSE/SMITH STREET - KIN-ROSS (KY13 8DE) Trial pit works 7 August.

Sandport, Kinross from its junction with Nan Walker Wynd (311989, 701919) to its junction with the B996 High Street (311876, 701866), a distance of 172 metres or thereby.

The alternative route for vehicles is via B996 - BURNS-BEGG STREET - PIER ROAD

The order will also temporarily prohibit all vehicles from parking and loading on the following carriageways:

B966 High Street from its junction with Smith Street (311882,

701888) to its junction with private access to the property known as Number 140, High Street (311897, 701928), a distance of 44.17 metres or there-

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

LATHRO PARK - KINROSS (KY13 8RU) Scottish Water Ironwork repairs, 8 August for two days.

Lathro Park, Kinross from its junction with Gallowhill Wynd (311487, 703567) to its junction with private access to property known as Number 18, Lathro Park (311437, 703540), a distance of 57 metres or thereby.

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CONTROVERSY OVER NEW TRAFFIC LIGHTS FOR MUIRS

WORK WILL SOON begin to install traffic lights at the Muirs/ Lethangie Road junction – despite the preference for a roundabout from many members of the public and all local councillors.



Cllr Robertson said, 'Had I been consulted, which I certainly wasn't, I would have strongly objected and would have asked for a roundabout instead. This would have allowed the smooth movement of traffic without causing the delays that we know traffic lights cause. I feel really sorry for the residents of this part of the Muirs.'

The reason for the unwanted traffic lights is linked with planning consent for Persimmon Homes and an appeal to the Scottish Government Reporter back in 2021. Persimmon are obliged to install traffic lights as part of their contract, while roundabout construction is much more expensive.

Cllr Cuthbert says, 'I do not like traffic lights at junctions and would much prefer a roundabout at this location.'



The junction of Muirs and Lethangie Rd – traffic lights or roundabout?

The consensus seemed to be that the junction was of a width that was far more suited to the construction of a roundabout and that traffic flow would be much less impeded by a roundabout than by the installation of traffic lights.

Read more about it in their columns in this month's *Newsletter*, on p33 and p36.

ARREST IN KINROSS

A MAN HAS been arrested and charged in connection with a number of offences in Kinross.

The incidents happened between Friday, 11 and Saturday, 12 July, 2025, in the Bowton Road and Station Road areas.

Around 4.40pm on Saturday, 12 July, officers received a report of a disturbance in Bowton Road.

There were no reported injuries.

A 44-year-old man was later arrested and charged in connection with the incident.

Following further enquiries, he was also reported for shoplifting in High Street, Station Road, and Bishop View between 24 June and 9 July. He was due to appear at Perth Sheriff Court on Thursday, 17 July.

Constable Ben Samson said: "I would like to the thank the public for their assistance in this matter.

"I would remind anyone who sees any suspicious activity in their community to report to police."









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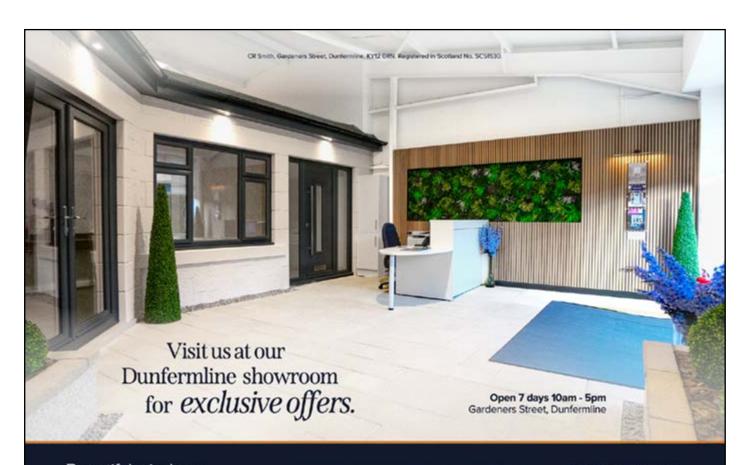












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THE KINROSS-SHIRE Community Transport Forum (KCTF) are having a meeting at the Campus on 5pm on Thursday 28 August.

This is a public meeting and there will be discussion about the Glenfarg Community Transport Group (GCTG) service to Perth, which is being affected by a road closure, their new app and bookable demand response service.

Also to be discussed are the 23 and 55 service, the New Stagecoach 787 service going from St Andrews to Edinburgh airport and the

proposed new layout of the Park and Ride. Fossoway Development Trust have been awarded a second-hand PKC mini-bus and are looking to develop routes in the same way that the GCTG did.

PKC officers will update on the review of how bus services are delivered across the area.

KCTF has been driving forward the improvements in Community Transport in Kinross-shire in conjunction with the Kinross-shire Committee, the Council, Glenfarg

Community Transport Group and Fossoway Development Trust and this has resulted in a hugely improved bus service between Kinross and Glenfarg/Perth and between Kinross and Tillycoultry. All are welcome to attend.

UK ARMED FORCES DAY SUCCESS

SATURDAY 28 JUNE was UK Armed Forces Day. To celebrate the event this year, for the first time a 'Veteran's Brunch' was held on Sunday 29 June in the Kinross Rugby Football Club lounge at the King George V Muirs Pavilion.

The brunch was organised by Martin Bell who is a retired army colonel. Whilst celebrating the service of UK Armed Forces' men and women, and the support of their families, the aim of the brunch was to also bring together the Kinross-shire armed forces community, veteran and still serving.

An excellent traditional full Scottish breakfast was enjoyed by all, which was cooked by Martin's wife Sue, ably assisted by their daughter Milly. Seventeen veterans and one still serving attended, with apologies from a further fifteen, which was an encouraging turnout for a first time event, with members of the Royal Navy and Royal Marines, Army, Royal Fleet Auxiliary, Royal Air Force and Reserve Forces present, together with a representative of the armed forces charity Soldiers' Sailors', and Airmen's Families Association, (SAFFA).

It is hoped the brunch will become a regular item on the calendar and help bring together and support the Kinross-shire armed forces community.

For further information please contact *kinross-shire.veter-ans@gmail.com*.

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As many as 1 million people in Scotland are missing from the regis-

ter or incorrectly registered.

Sarah Mackie, Head of the Electoral Commission in Scotland, said:

'It's really important that everyone eligible is able to vote, especially ahead of the Scottish Parliament election next year.

'Residents with questions about their registration status can contact the Electoral Registration Officer for Perth & Kinross Council (tel 01738 630303 or email perth@tayside-vjb.gov.uk)'.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO PERTHSHIRE ARTISANS!

PERTHSHIRE ARTISANS celebrates its fifth birthday this summer with an exhibition in Perth. The platform, launched in 2020 by GrowBiz as a way to support local creatives, runs on a not-for-profit basis and has grown from an initial pilot of 9 artisans—7 of whom are still members—to 46. Initially focused mainly on promoting their members' work, Perthshire Artisans has developed into a highly effective combination of peer support and expert advice alongside exhibitions and e-commerce.

New member Morna Goldie, a painter based in Kinross, says: 'Running an art business can sometimes feel isolating, and having a supportive community of peers

who understand the challenges and joys is invaluable.'

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The anniversary will be marked with a summer exhibition entitled ASSEMBLE 2025, highlighting its collaborative approach. 28 of the Artisans will be taking part, leading to a huge variety of art works.



It will be taking place at the Civic Hall, 2 High St, Perth, from 9-17 August, between 10am - 5pm.



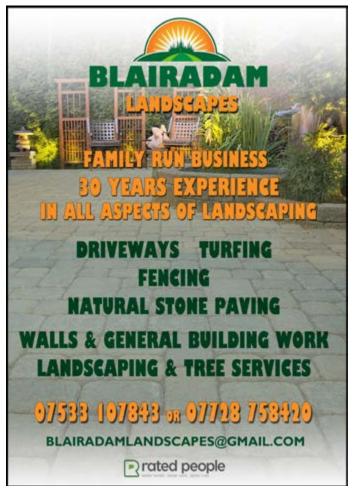


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THE STATE (of the roads) WE'RE IN



WHILE WE DON'T often have good news to report about the roads in Kinross, it's good to see some progress being made.

Local Councillor Dave Cuthbert has been speaking to the Roads Maintenance Partnership and the Road Safety Team in an attempt to establish a timetable for when repairs will be

Cllr Cuthbert said, 'Basically, the end of Montgomery Street is a mess and I have been pushing for this to be resurfaced for a few years.'

Thanks to his persistence, there is now a date for this work which is in the current programme for 11 November 2025, according to correspondence from Willie Mahoney, the senior engineer in the roads maintenance partnership.



This date may change, but it is good to know that it will happen!

NEWSLETTER FUND GIVES BACK

EVERY NEWSLETTER you buy helps local good causes in the community.

All profits from the Newsletter are transferred to a charitable company, KC-CNL, and are then given away to local good causes. Groups and individuals are

invited to apply to KCCNL for grant funding twice a year.

At the most recent round of KCCNL applications the following groups received awards:



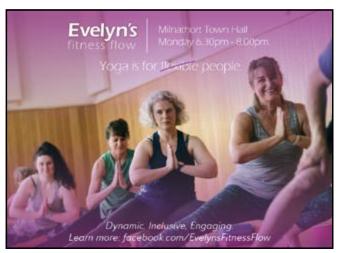
KINROSS VOLUNTEER DRIVERS £1400 for laptop and software

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Congratulations to them all.











WHAT'S ON IN CARNBO

DESPITE HEAVY RAIN showers, there was a great turn out for the rescheduled Duck Race and Sunday Social July BBQ. The burn was flowing well, and the ducks raced quickly to the finish line with a little encouragement from volunteers. The prize winners were: 1st: Hutchinson Family; 2nd: Callum; 3rd:Anna Greer. Congratulations!

Sun 3 Aug, 3pm 35th Anniversary BBQ. All Welcome!

JOIN IN TO celebrate 35 years since Carnbo Hall became a community hall! It's a chance to come together for an afternoon of friendship, fun, food, local performers, outdoor games, and a raffle. BBQs will be provided—just bring your own food to grill, cutlery, crockery, and (if you'd like) a salad or sweet to share. If anyone in the Fossoway area requires a lift, please contact Claire at carnbohall@gmail.com. Let's make it a great afternoon, rain or shine!

Sun 7 Sept, 3pm
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STARTS AT 3pm, BBQ follows at 5pm.



Thank You to St Serf's Choir

THE CARNBO & District Community Hall Association Committee & Members would like to express their sincere thanks to St Serf's Choir for their generous donation of their electric piano to the Carnbo Hall. It's a truly meaningful gift; both for its practical value and the spirit of community it represents. They're honoured to carry forward the music and memories associated with it, and look forward to the piano being enjoyed by many for years to come, just as St Serf's Choir has enriched the community for the past 30 years.

Kinross Summer Market: 23 August



opposite the Green Hotel) with a great variety of stall holders. You will be able to buy high quality, fresh

food from local producers and traders. The producers run their own stalls so

you can come and speak directly with them, asking them questions about their produce.

Don't miss this great local event which has something for everyone!

COME ALONG TO the Market Park between 10am & 3pm on Saturday 23 August. There will be a fabulous big market and community event to celebrate summer with a great variety of food, drink and craft stalls. There will also be some great entertainment from local musicians and dancers!

The August market is bigger market than the usual Farmers' market and is held at the Market Park (the grassy field

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FAIRER COMMUNITIES is a new process for Community Groups to access PKC funding such as the Community Investment Fund. They are looking for communities to have their say on what they see the priorities to be in their area. This survey will ultimately steer what funding criteria looks like later on in the year.

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ARTS @ St Paul's

ARTS@STPAUL'S are delighted to be once again showcasing the exceptional and varied talents of artists and makers from Fife and Perth and Kinross in their new series of exhibitions. Exhibitions run over a weekend starting on Saturday 23 and Sunday 24 August, 10am – 4 pm each day. There will be a different exhibition of paintings and crafts every two weeks.

The August exhibition features the paintings of two artists Greg Drumm and Colin Joyce.

Popular Milnathort artist Greg Drumm's dramatic acrylic and pastel paintings often reflect his passion for mountaineering and love of the wild Scottish landscape. Greg's paintings are often large, impactful and spell binding. They are in contrasting media and style to the paintings of professional artist Colin Joyce who is based in Dunfermline but could be found anywhere across the world! Colin often acts as an Artist in Residence, and he also teaches on courses abroad and onboard cruise ships throughout the year. His travels are reflected in the subject matter of his fine and distinctive Watercolours.

The two makers in this exhibition are both local. Exhibiting for the first time with Art@StPauls and based in Scotlandwell is maker Dani Roberts whose Melt-On-HQ range of beautiful candles and melts will ensure a Spa like ambience throughout the weekend. Len Cumming —



AUGUST EXHIBITIONS ARTS @ ST PAUL'S

Circle Stone Mosaics also lives close to Kinross and will show a selection of his finely crafted Mosaics made in a range of materials and often reflecting his love of owls. Len like most of the creatives also works to commission so if you want something specific, please ask.

Congratulations to Catriona Cairney who was the winner of the Draw last season. The raffle was drawn at Easter after a church service and Catriona came along a few weeks later to be presented with this beautiful painting donated by lain McIntyre Younger in support of the Church funds and Arts @ St Paul's.

Catriona was really delighted with the painting as she loves lain's colourful

and expressive painting style. She also spoke about how the subject matter was significant for her in a number of ways as her grandmother was born in Argyle close to the place the painting is set and she herself grew up on a farm with hens! So, this painting holds good memories for her and will be enjoyed every day in her home.

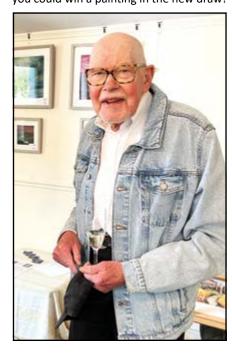
This first draw of this season will be in support of The Ethiopia Medical Project which supports a Clinic in the South of Ethiopia. The Charity is run by Arts @ St Paul's Committee member Jo Middlemiss MBE and supported by St Paul's Church. Accomplished professional Artist Tom Sutton-Smith has donated one of his distinctive landscapes to this cause and you can enter the raffle for it at any one of our exhibitions or by contacting Jo at jomiddlemissdreanzwork@gmail.com.

So, look out for the banner outside St Paul's Church on Muirs at the junction with Springfield Road and pop in to see who is exhibiting this time. There is no compulsion to



IT'S A DRAW! Catriona being presented with the Painting by Rev Elaine Ryder
The Next Draw! Tom Sutton Smith below and left, his painting

buy, so come in to support your local creatives and see what they have been working on. Every exhibition is different, and you could win a painting in the new draw!



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MYStrO: Making Music Accessible To All Children

FOR JUST £9 PER session, the *Milnathort Youth* String Orchestra, known as MYStrO, is breaking down the traditional barriers to music education and proving that musical excellence doesn't need to cost the earth.

Founded in 2019 by local musician and educator Adelaide Carlow, MYStrO offers a fresh approach to learning music that's grounded in fun, movement and connection. The orchestra meets weekly in Milnathort, with sessions currently running on Thursdays from 5.15pm to 6.30pm. Around 16 young musicians aged 5-15 now take part, and they are looking to welcome new members in the 2025 / 26 school year.

Adelaide is the founder and director of Priory Farm Music Camp, Cantie Choir and Milnathort Youth String Orchestra. With a degree in music and psychology at Glasgow University and a masters in ethnomusicology at SOAS, Adelaide is now based near Kinross, where she teaches string playing to people of all ages. When she is not teaching violin or cello, or leading choirs, Adelaide composes and arranges music, and she finds amazing human connection and inspiration through the playfulness of young people, the natural voice we are all blessed with, and the joy of community music-making.

Across the UK, access to music education is increasingly shaped by affordability. According to the Musicians' Union, just 19% of state school pupils receive sustained music tuition, compared to 50% in independent schools. MYStrO is trying to improve access to quality music teaching by welcoming beginners and experienced players into a vibrant, inclusive community

'Music is one of the happiest human behaviours," says Carlow. "It should be second nature to us all. MYStrO makes music feel like part of life rather than just a subject to be studied, it's an experience to be shared."

Each term brings new music to young ears: currently the group are playing Beethoven, Chappell Roan, trad Scottish tunes and a Caribbean calypso. The kids respond well to the musical variety as well as the teching methods.

Lessons are playful and immersive, with kids learning rhythm using drumsticks on the floor or bouncing a melody using a giant elastic scrunchie. The orchestra also performs at local events around Fife and Perthshire, including Wildhood Festival,



which builds confidence and performance experience in real-world settings.

Beyond the notes, MYStrO is helping young people build lasting friendships, develop teamwork skills and community. "What Adelaide manages to achieve with this mixed age and stage group of young musicians is nothing short of incredible" says Milnathort mum Joan Cotsford , "and they have so much fun doing it!"

Carlow is now working to expand MYS-trO's reach and is always exploring new ways to collaborate with schools, festivals, and local councils."When kids play together, listen to each other, and support one another in music, they're learning how to do the same in life," says Carlow.



IT'S KINROSS SHOWTIME!

SARAH RANKIN IS thrilled to be returning to the Kinross Show for the third consecutive year, bringing her passion for local produce and Scottish flavours back to the spotlight. This year, she's espe-



cially delighted to be teaming up with two local foodie legends. Cooking pork with local farmer lan Buchanan of 'Rootin and Roamin', whose commitment to ethical, high-quality farming perfectly complements her cooking

style. She'll also be joined by Ewan Paterson, a skilled butcher who runs his own



shop in Auchterarder and brings expert knowledge and craftsmanship to the table. Together, they promise a celebration of local food and talent that visitors won't want to miss.

ENTERTAINMENT STAGE

10:00: Fab Folk From Portmoak 13:30: Leveneers

10:45: Ravaged Hearts 14:00: Dance Connect

11:30: Perthshire Ukuleles 14:30: FIANDER

12:00: The Raytones 15:00: Delphinium 12:30: Nikki Matthews Dance 15:30: Dunc + Zoe

13:10: Pipe Band (to be confirmed) 16:00: Burleigh Blues Band

SHOW ORGANISERS ARE excited to present a full day of fantastic live performances on the Kinross Show Entertainment Stage, convened by much-loved local musician Nigel Patrick.

A spokesperson said, 'We're incredibly grateful for Nigel's ongoing support and dedication in bringing together a vibrant mix of local talent, music, and dance. From the toe-tapping folk tunes of Fab Folk from Portmoak kicking things off at 10am, to the electric sounds of the Burleigh Blues Band closing the show at 4pm, there's something for everyone to enjoy. With performances from dancers, bands, and solo acts throughout the day, the stage promises a lively soundtrack to your Kinross Show experience.'

The Memories of Kinross Show team continue their fantastic work, preserving and sharing the rich history of the show for all to enjoy, in conjunction with Kinross Museum. This year, they'll unveil ten more Presidents Posters, adding to their growing tribute to those who've shaped the event over the decades. Visitors can also explore new infographic banners highlighting some of the key livestock breeds featured at the show.

A special highlight is the unique horseshoe display, showcasing shoes from the tiniest Shetland to the grandest Clydesdale. Each one has been kindly donated by locals and comes with its own fascinating story—offering a glimpse into the lives of the animals and people that make the Kinross Show so special.

Finally, don't miss the 'Guess the Year' competition! Take a close look at the historic photos on display and see if you can guess when they were taken. It's a fun way to test your knowledge of Kinross Show's rich

past—and maybe learn something new along the way!

The show is full of hands-on fun for children who can milk a cow, churn butter, and grind grain. There will be spinning demonstrations, Shetland lambs, and a lambing simulator, as well as a Children's Treasure Hunt. Kids can get up close to farm animals in the livestock lines, and enjoy old-fashioned fun in the sand pit and bale play area.

There's something for everyone!

The memories team with the Past Presidents of KAS, supporters and funders



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VJ DAY- 80 YEARS ON AND A PERSONAL STORY

'After all, the end of the war wasn't really the end of the war, until after VJ Day. And then one realised it was over, but on VE Day you still had the feeling that there was the fight against Japan still going on, and it wasn't really over for everybody by a long way.'

Frances Jefferson, Perth

'You suddenly thought that everything was going to be beautiful tomorrow. However, it took an awfully long time for tomorrow to come actually, but there was definitely a feeling of a lifting you know, you could start to live again.'

Patricia Fitzgerald, Crieff



READERS WILL KNOW that 15 August 2025 marks the 80th anniversary of VJ Day (Victory Over Japan Day), marking the moment that the Japanese surrendered and the Second World War finally ended. To honour the sacrifices and to celebrate peace, on Friday 15 August 2025 the nation is asked to join in remembering those who fought in the Far East and helped bring about the end of the Second World War. In this article, we aim to remind you of the basic facts first, and then tell a remarkable personal story from Jackie Sutherland, of Kinross.

TENS OF THOUSANDS of Armed Forces personnel from across the British Empire fought and died in the war against Japan, whilst thousands more suffered inhumane treatment as prisoners of war, including more than 12,000 Allied POWs, who lost their lives building the infamous Burma 'Death Railway', a 400km railway track from Thailand to Myanmar (then Burma).



The 'Death Railway' was built by conscripted civilians and several thousand Allied Prisoners of War. Alongside the 12,000 Allied servicemen who died, there were also an estimated 100,000 civilians from China. Thailand and Burma.

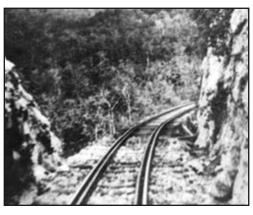


British, Indian and Burmese soldiers prepare for combat in the Burmese jungle. Over 28,000 British Imperial troops died in the jungle – with over a third perishing from disease.

The war with Japan began in December 1941, two years after the war against Hitler and the Nazis' regime had been declared. The Japanese attack on the American naval base of Pearl Harbour, on the 7 December 1941, drew the United States fully into the Second World War, whilst Japan's attack on British territories in Hong Kong, Malaya (now Malaysia), Singapore and Burma in the following days committed British and Commonwealth troops

into a jungle war for which they were ill prepared.

After almost four vears fightingof the Far in East, which brought devastating losses through both combat and disease, war came to



an end with Emperor Hirohito announcing Japan's surrender on 14 August 1945. The surrender followed the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagaski, the first and only time in the history of warfare such a destructive weapon has been used. The bomb

that landed on Hiroshima flattened everything within a mile of the centre of its blast, immediately killing over 70,000 people, with tens of thousands more dying of radiation exposure in the months that followed.

Whilst Japan's surrender, and the announcement of world peace, was welcomed joyfully, the celebration was a somewhat sober one in the wake of the unprecedented atomic bombings. In addition, the uncertainty over the fate many of the British and Allied forces still in the Far East caused huge concern. In the UK, the 15 August, the day Allied forces accepted the Japanese surrender, is officially known as VJ Day - Victory over Japan Day.

After the surrender of Singapore, thousands of Allied servicemen became prisoners of the Japanese. They were subjected to a brutal regime of violence, callous neglect and forced



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Elizabeth Petrie (later Ennis) 1941

labour. From 1942 prisoners were forced to build the Burma-Thailand railway, which became known as the 'Death Railway' for its high mortality rate, among both military prisoners of war, and civilian forced labourers.

Now read on hear Jackie's remarkable story, and the famous Changi Gaol Quilt.

Not everyone is machine-gunned

on the way to their wedding – but my parents were. Twice!

Dodging bullets fired from the attacking fighter plane, Jack and Elizabeth took refuge in the deep storm drains at the side of the road. The location - Singapore- the date - 11 February 1942 – just four days before Singapore was surrendered to the Japanese.

With other nurses, Elizabeth Petrie had been offered a place on a ship leaving Singapore but instead chose to work on as streams of injured soldiers arrived at the hospitals. After only a few days, Captain Jack Ennis – an army doctor – and Elizabeth, by then, Mrs. Ennis were interned. Jack would be sent to Roberts Barracks with military personnel, whilst Elizabeth, along with some 3000 civilians, would be 'housed' in Changi Gaol, originally

built for fewer than 600 prison-

For the children, in particular, the Gaol was a most sinister place with high concrete walls. To keep some of the young girls occupied and entertained, Elizabeth set up a Girl Guide company under the strict scrutiny of the guards - with many restrictions, including no saluting, and no National Anthem allowed.



Elizabeth's square on the quilt

Begging threads and small pieces of cloth from worn out dresses, sleeves and hems, Elizabeth taught the girls patchwork. She was very surprised - and extremely touched – when, on her birthday, a couple of months later, the guides presented her with a patchwork quilt to use in her cell. Each guide had embroidered her name in the centre of their 'rosette'.

This guilt became the inspiration for the 'Changi Quilts', three more patchwork quilts. Each 6" square was cut from a rice sack, and then embroidered by a woman in Changi. The first completed quilt was presented to the Japanese guards, dedicated to the 'wounded Nipponese soldiers with our sympathy for their suffering'. When the quilt was accepted, the other two quilts were

sent to the Men's camp.

Here, the quilts took on a much more important role, both as a way of getting messages to loved ones in the other camps, and as a show of spirited defiance; the signature on each embroidered patch identified a woman who was alive and well.

For some men, recognizing the signature or design was the first confirmation they had had



the first ship back to Liverpool on October 8, 1945. (Liverpool Daily Post, October 9, 1945, front page)

that their wife, sister, mother, relative or friend was alive and interned in the Gaol.

In post-war years, many visitors to our home were also former internees (FEPOW - Far East Prisoners of War). So many in fact, that my younger sister thought everyone's parents had been imprisoned, just part of growing up. They were a close community, even more so as the Government of the time discouraged talk of the war in the Far East. In May 1945, Britain had come through the highs of VE Day and did not want to be reminded the war had continued until Japan surrendered on 15th August 1945.

As a post-war child, I am exceptionally fortunate that my parents survived captivity. The quilts are now in Museums-Imperial War Museum (IWM), Australian War Memorial and Red Cross Headquarters. For my family, we have other precious mementos amongst them, my father's wartime diaries, ID cards issued by the Japanese, smuggled notes, original sketches and cartoons, a pair of wooden sandals, and, most touchingly domestic, a pair of bamboo knitting needles from Changi Gaol. These diaries and many of the mementos my parents brought home are now in the Surgeons' Hall Museums, (RCSEd) Edinburgh. They will be put on display there, opening event 14 August. This will be followed by a lunchtime talk on Thursday 25 September.

Jack and Elizabeth returned home on the SS Monowai in October 1945.

I am so pleased that interest in FEPOW continues to rise. For relatives, students and researchers, there are now many online resources including CWGC, COFEPOW, IWM, Legion Scotland and Forces War Records. As the Scottish coordinator for COFEPOW (Children of Far East Prisoners of War), I am happy to help where possible for it is 'by sharing information and giving it away, that we honour these men and women and they will never be forgotten'. I can be contacted on: skyscape96@gmail.com

> COMPILED BY Andy Middlemiss BEM DL and Jackie Sutherland (nee Ennis)

LIBRARY TALK

Loch Leven Community Campus THURS 4 SEPT, 7pm

VJ DAY 80 & 1945 – A REFLECTION

RETIRED SOLDIER ANDY MIDDLEMISS will be talking about 1945, the run up to the end of WW2 and VJ Day 80. Find out how Victory over Japan was achieved, how the war ended, and reflections on the long six years of global war. Andy will be joined by Jackie Sutherland, who will talk about the coming home and repatriation of POWs.

Book a place by contacting Loch Leven Community Library staff, in person, or by phone on 01577 867205, or by email to lochlevenlibrary@culturepk.org.uk

UPDATE ON THE RAINGARDENS TRAIL



THE KINROSS RAINGARDENS Trail now runs from the Kinross Park and Ride down to Koronka (across the road from Todd and Duncan) so now it just about links up with the Loch Leven Heritage Trail. There's a lot to report on how the Trail has developed, and the results of some biodiversity enhancement work undertaken this spring and early summer too. But for now I just want to share some of the photos from the mid-summer period, as indicators of the developing interest of the sights to enjoy along the Raingardens Trail. The interest is often in the details; the small flowers are often lost from view in the meadow foliage from a distance, but close inspection reveals the variety, and the bees, hoverflies and other pollinators which thrive in the swathes of native vegetation. My amateurish photos

don't do the Trail justice, so I suggest take a stroll and enjoy peering into the swathes of vegetation and noticing the different bees and hoverflies at first hand!

The Kinross Park and Ride is the head of the Kinross Raingardens Trail, where tall stems of pale yellow and orange blooms of toadflax and bobbing mauve composite flowers of devil's bit scabi-

ous as well as com-



The large flowers of the common mallow stand out from the other plants there in the summer and are also present in the deeper soil of the swales which pass through Kipper Hire and the new premises beyond, down into the wetland with the church view.

Kidney vetch, which favours more calcareous soils than our sandy gravels, has established at the concrete edges at the P&R. Yellow vetches in patches are popular with the red tailed bumblebees and especially evident in the swales along the





edge of Junction Road. [Incidentally, it has been great to see how those landscape features keep the water off the road surface when everywhere else the roads were awash in the heavy rain we've had in July].

At least three species of bumblebees frequent the Trail. The black head and body and orange 'tail' identifies the red tailed bumblebee. That contrasts with the white tailed bumblebees which look more familiar with multiple bands of light and dark colour, whereas the carder bee is a paler bee by comparison, and looks very hairy.

Knapweed in bloom is popular with all three species and has become increasingly dominant along Junction Road in recent years. It seems to be gradually replacing the ox-eye daisies along the Junction Road swales where the formerly very impressive broad strip of their white blooms inspired the idea of having a Raingardens Trail.

In the Park and Ride, as well as a few places along Junction Road where the swales had been damaged, the Kinross-shire Civic Trust (please join us) have been re-seeding to try and get some new summer plants, maybe late season blooms. Sadly, although the worn trampled areas inside the raingarden strips in the Park and Ride may look like nice footpaths, consequent compaction impairs drainage and prevents establishment of the plants whose roots keep it open for infiltration.

The vegetation in the swales is not random, but varies across the profile, with knapweed on the highest & drier margin by the path and the more wet ground tolerant

Musk-mallow

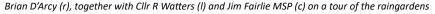
species in the deeper part of the swale in the centre and at the road edge.

The church view wetland, which is fed by the swale network on Junction Road, as well as the Kipper Hire swale, looked great in spring and early summer, with marsh marigolds followed by yellow flag (Iris). In August look out for the tall stems of purple loosestrife adding to the colour here. There are two species of reedmace established there (greater and lesser); in my usual layman terms they are easily identified by their cigar-like seed heads; the Greater Reedmace is the one with the Havanas while the

Lesser Reedmace has the cigarillos.

The latest raingarden features along the Trail have been installed at Koronka, demonstrating that even an old (but very resilient and successful) industrial site can still have some greenery and use the rainfall runoff to grow plants. Thanks to the Perth and Kinross Countryside Trust (funded by the UK Levelling Up Fund) and especially Tayside Biodiversity Partnership, for making the most recent phase of our work possible.

Brian J. D'Arcy, for Kinross-shire Civic Trust













Councillor Willie Robertson

Loch Leven

I reported in last month's *Newsletter* that I had asked Perth & Kinross Council to formally write to the Scottish government requesting a review of the Scottish Outdoor Access Code. This was a result of



a meeting I organised involving ward councillors, Perth & Kinross Council, Nature Scot and the Police to discuss the problems we were encountering at the public access points around Loch Leven caused by 'wild camping'. Perth & Kinross Council have now received the reply below which I have set out in full.

Given this response I am not sure where to go from here. The evidence of what is happening on the ground is that the current Scottish Outdoor Access Code is not providing the protections for our important sites like Loch Leven that it should.

Thank you for contacting us on behalf of Perth and Kinross Council and regarding Scotland's rights of responsible access and the Scotlish Outdoor Access Code.

The Scottish Outdoor Access Code (SOAC) provides guidance for the public on how to exercise their access rights responsibly. Access rights apply to most land and water in Scotland for non-motorised activities such as walking, riding, and paddling as long as those rights are exercised responsibly. These legal rights and the SOAC are legislated for in the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003.

We recognise the challenges that some locations face with non-compliant wild camping. In terms of the legal right to wild camp this is only permitted if the camping is undertaken in a responsible manner. The SOAC is very clear that access rights only apply to lightweight camping in a tent, in small numbers and for no more than 2 or 3 nights in one place. If camping is not being done as guided by the SOAC then access rights do not apply. Public understanding and acceptance of these guidelines is critical, and there is key role for signage, ranger services and where necessary the police in ensuring responsible behaviour where it is not happening on the ground.

The National Access Forum and NatureScot has published guidance on managing wild camping (revised in 2021) which can be found on www.outdooraccess-scotland.scot - managing-camping . We also deliver a national campaign

raising awareness of the SOAC including seasonal topics, use of influencers, social and digital media as well as radio advertising and working with partner organisations.

The Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003 also provides byelaw making powers for access authorities which, if approved by Ministers, can be used to help manage recreational pressures. Byelaws are one option, often a last resort and should be used alongside other visitor management activity such as education and engagement with visitors, managed sites and provision and area-based visitor management planning. Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park Authority manage camping in this way around their most popular and

accessible loch sides. www.lochlomond-trossachs.org/camping There are currently no plans to review the Scottish Outdoor Access Code. Nevertheless, NatureScot will continue to keep it under review in conjunction with the National Access Forum and alongside the local authorities, national park authorities and public bodies who manage access rights on the ground across Scotland.

We would welcome more detailed discussion on any specific aspects of the SOAC that are causing concern, my contact details are below.

Kind regards, Bridget Jones, Recreation and Paths Manager, People and Places Activity, Nature Scot, Stirling

The Traffic Lights That Nobody Wants

By the time you read this, work is likely to have begun to install traffic lights at the Muirs/Lethangie Road junction.

When Phase 2 of the Persimmon Homes application at Lathro Farm was refused by Perth & Kinross Council in 2020, they appealed to the Scottish government reporter. The reporter overturned the refusal and granted planning consent in early 2021. Unknown to the residents on the Muirs, the Perth & Kinross councillors for Kinross-shire and Kinross Community Council one of the conditions set by the reporter was for traffic lights to be installed at the Lethangie Road/Muirs junction.

Had I been consulted, which I certainly wasn't, I would have strongly objected and would have asked for a roundabout instead. This would have allowed the smooth movement of traffic without causing the delays that we know traffic lights cause. I feel really sorry for the residents of this part of the Muirs. Traffic lights will do nothing to help traffic flows and will have traffic stopping for no reason at all hours of the day and night. Imagine the delays if we had installed traffic lights at the Springfield Road/Station Road junction instead of the roundabout.

Myself and my ward councillor colleagues have done everything we can to get this decision reconsidered but Persimmon Homes have refused to ask for their planning consent to be amended. We are powerless to make them change their minds.

So in the years to come when you are stuck at these traffic lights please remember Persimmon Homes. This is their unwanted parting gift for the residents of Milnathort and Kinross.

Councillor Willie Robertson





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Councillor Neil Freshwater

Hedge Cutting Plea

At this time of year, ward councillors receive a high number of complaints about overgrown hedges and other foliage encroaching onto pavements and public paths. This can make it difficult, especially



for those with prams, mobility aids, or visual impairments, to get around safely. In most cases, these hedges are privately owned, and the Council has limited powers to take direct action. However, PKC officers will visit the most problematic areas and speak to property owners where necessary. Ultimately, though, it is the responsibility of the owner to ensure their hedge or foliage does not obstruct public access. If you have a hedge or tree that borders a public pavement or path, please take a moment to check it and, if needed, trim it back. A little maintenance goes a long way in keeping our community safe and accessible for everyone.

Bittersweet Delay to Kinross-shire Broadband Tender

In April, I reported that a live tender was underway to expand broadband coverage in rural parts of P&K. While many areas have seen significant progress, some pockets of Kinrossshire remain without access to reliable broadband. I've now been advised that a contract has been awarded to GoFibre a company with a strong track record of rolling out fibre broadband across the UK. However, this particular contract does not cover Kinross-shire. The project is funded by the UK Government and delivered by the Scottish Government. The area covering Kinross-shire, known as Lot 4, has been delayed largely because commercial providers have already filled many of the gaps. That's a bittersweet outcome: while the contract for our area is on hold, it's also a sign of progress, with fewer homes now lacking decent broadband. I'll continue to monitor developments and will share updates as soon as more information becomes available.

New Pilot Bus Services Approved

Continuing the theme of connectivity, I'm pleased to share some good news following last month's update in the Newsletter. Glenfarg Community Transport (GCT) - who do fantastic work in our area – have secured approval from PKC to launch a pilot of new bus services aimed at reaching currently unserved rural communities. The new 203 DDRT (Digital Demand Responsive Transport) service will operate around Loch Leven, with request stops available via an app or phone call. It will cover rural areas including Scotlandwell, Carnbo, Cleish, and Muckhart. The pilot will run until November. I'm a big supporter of using smart technology to address rural transport challenges, and the DDRT model is already working well in other areas. GCT have been actively engaging with local CCs to promote the service and demonstrate its reliability. In addition, a new 55b DDRT service will operate Fridays and Saturdays, linking Kinross and Perth with multiple request stops in between. This is a positive step forward for rural mobility in Kinross-shire, and I encourage residents to make use of these services during the pilot period.

Councillor Neil Freshwater

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Councillor Richard Watters

Driving Community Connections

PKC is delivering when it comes to empowering communities—this time by putting wheels in motion for real change. In early July, I had the pleasure of handing over the keys of a donated minibus to



Tony Lamb of the Fossoway Community Development Trust, under the Council's Community Minibus Transfer Scheme.

This programme is a testament to resourceful thinking: instead of retiring service vehicles to obscurity, we're repurposing them to serve the people who need them most. Six minibuses have now been donated to community organisations, offering safe, reliable transport for people often overlooked by mainstream infrastructure.

It's not just about vehicles—it's about community resilience. Thanks to a policy introduced last year, sports clubs and local groups can now apply to receive one of these retired minibuses, complete with a six-month MOT and full inspection report. Credit goes to my SNP colleagues, Councillors Grant Laing and Steven Carr, who championed this initiative from concept to reality.

At the Council's Friarton depot in Perth, I also handed over keys to representatives from North Muirton and Coupar Angus Community Transport Group. Each recipient group brings a unique vision of how these vehicles will enrich lives—from attending medical appointments and social gatherings, to bringing residents together across rural distances.

With more minibuses set to be released, I encourage community groups to apply and seize this opportunity to strengthen local bonds.



The Fossoway Community Development Trust has already laid out inspiring plans to use their minibus to improve rural mobility and access essential to services.

Here's to a journey that

goes far beyond the road—one that connects people, builds inclusion, and inspires community-led transformation.

Giving Mattresses a Second Life

Every month, over 700 mattresses are discarded in Perth and Kinross—that's around 8,400 a year. But thanks to a new reuse service, that waste is being transformed into opportunity.

PUSH, a local Perth based charity supporting young people facing employment barriers, now collects unwanted mattresses at Friarton Recycling Centre. Each mattress is professionally cleaned and sanitised before being sold at affordable prices in the PUSH Reuse Shop on South Street, Perth.

This reuse scheme supports our net-zero goals and keeps valuable resources out of incineration, while providing training and opportunities for our young people.

With support from Zero Waste Scotland's Recycling Improvement Fund, this initiative is making a real difference—one mattress at a time.

To donate a mattress please call Call 01738 270615, please note that mattresses must have a visible fire safety label, be free from rips or tears, be structurally sound and be completely dry.

Councillor Richard Watters

Councillor Dave Cuthbert

Road Safety

I have mentioned the efforts I have been putting in to get road safety work done in Kinross-shire a few times over the last couple of months and I am pleased to say that my efforts are beginning to bear fruit.



I have been told that the School Keep Clear Markings on Station Road outside Kinross Primary School will be installed during the school holiday.

The two signalised crossings on Stirling Road and South Street in Milnathort have been scheduled for the autumn.

New speed limits are now being rolled out in Kinross-shire. I have been told that the 30mph zone entering Glenfarg has been extended back to the bottom of Calford Brae and Duncrievie and Drunzie are now 20mph zones.

Traffic Lights on the Muirs at the junction with Lethangie Road (Campus Junction)

One of the planning conditions put on the housing development next to Lathro Farm was for Persimmon to signalise the Campus junction, IE traffic lights here. This condition was put in place by the Scottish Government Reporter at the DPEA, when they overturned the decision of Perth and Kinross Council's planning committee to refuse the application.

The Council's planning department are stating that proper consultation has been carried out on these traffic lights, however, I can find no evidence that a public notice was published in local newspapers and on-site, informing the public about the proposed TRO and the opportunity to object. I can also find no evidence that consultation has been carried out on the proposal.

Residents of properties within the signalised junction are objecting to the proposal now that they have heard about it. So, I have asked the Council's legal and governance service to investigate this matter.

Oh, and for the avoidance of doubt, I do not like traffic lights at junctions and would much prefer a roundabout at this location.

Housing and Social Wellbeing meeting of 11 June

I attended this meeting as a substitute for my fellow Independent Councillor, Rhona Brock. Paper 10 was about 'Fairer Communities for All', which basically dealt with the £300,000 put in place for the Community Investment Fund (CIF) and Participatory Budgeting (PB) by the Council at their February budget setting meeting.

What can I say, but that the debate became a farce (you can

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watch it on YouTube), with the elected office bearers saying one thing and the officers saying another. The conclusion was that the process for these two funds was to be combined, but the funds themselves were to be kept separate.

I raised this with the Council's Deputy Chief Executive at a later meeting and whilst there was general agreement with what I was saying, we concluded that the money was important for local groups so the process will go ahead.

Applications for funding will close on 8 August, so, if you or a group you are a member of is interested in applying, see the poster and QR code on p53. Needless to say, I am disappointed with this process and will be seeking changes in the future.

Council Planning destroying Kinross-shire Businesses

Over the last two months, I have been approached by three separate businesses who are struggling with planning consent to allow them to keep trading.

These businesses were a children's nursery, a dog training business and a nail bar business.

I will not go into the specifics of these cases as they are all going through the planning process.

The introduction to the Council's Local Development Plan by the Council Leader states: 'The Plan identifies a positive Strategic Vision for the future development of Perth and Kinross which seeks to promote sustainable economic growth and sustainable development by building upon the special qualities of our area that make it an attractive place to live and do business...'

The evidence I am seeing with these three businesses contradicts this. I am of course doing what I can to support the three businesses mentioned above.

Intensive Service Provision (ISP) at Kinross High School

I have mentioned the introduction of an ISP in previous updates to this *Newsletter*, suffice it to say that I am delighted that this provision will be starting in August.

What it means is that local young people can access services without long trips and more skilled staff will be available to support our teachers to ensure that all the children requiring Additional Support Needs will get the provision that they need.

The work required to pressure for this has been significant. I was provided with a lot of information by willing but unfortunately let down parents and families who, I believe did not receive adequate support. It is often hard to prove to an Education Service who insists it is working well that in fact there is lots of evidence that this is not the case.

I gathered this evidence, which extended way beyond additional support delivery. I took it to senior staff and political members across the Council, and as many know I do not give up! Fortunately, we seem to now have an Education Department which is willing to think about working in a more collaborative way. Young people should not be in a tug of war between Staff and parents which can end up like children in an acrimonious divorce. Collaboration should be paramount.

Recess, a time to catch up and review

As I write this article, we are in the middle of July and two weeks into the Council recess, which does not necessarily mean holiday for Councillors as the work keeps coming in, however, committees are suspended for the seven weeks of recess, so there is a bit more time to think about where things are at.

In essence, my partner is concerned that the lack of good transparent data means that I am spending too much time doing council work.

I am not a 'normal' Councillor in that I am Independent and totally apolitical.

I believe in taking a position based on facts, not a party line.

Unfortunately, to get to the real facts of a matter is proving to be very time consuming.

I spent the first days of the recess, taking my therapy where I could get it, which turned out to be crunching and analysing data. The most recent issue I have been doing a deep dive into, is about the delivery of Road Safety Projects across Perth and Kinross. I have been mystified why Kinross-shire has the highest number of outstanding jobs, some of them in the top ten high risk category, but delivery seems to be higher in other wards and of lower-risk jobs. I have been trying to ascertain a pattern of decision making which seems to leave Kinross-shire at the bottom of the pile and I am now at the point of presenting this data to senior officers.

I think what I am trying to relay is that to make significant things happen, takes a lot of work. I remain disappointed at the lack of good data and information using IT at the council. I am not talking about AI, just decent Data gathering, analysis and use for decision making, without du-plication, prone to error and repeated changing of the goal posts which don't serve anyone and waste taxpayer money.

I ponder if the Council is in good shape. I have to say I have my doubts. Issues in the Governance of meetings keeps arising. This is often in the form of last-minute changes to papers, which are confused with those published for the meeting, confused and contradictory points of view between council Staff and Convenors and the result is that the clarity that the meeting ends with is below par. Which can mean what is discussed does not actually happen. Definitely some room for improvement.

Do I expect high standards? Yes, I expect professional standards. I believe my role as a councillor means that I should have oversight of the effectiveness of how taxpayers money is being used and whether there are blocks to the delivery of policy.

There are many things our Councillors are responsible for that have a very significant impact on lives. We need to take oversight seriously rather than trying to score political points.

Finishing on a couple of positive notes: Firstly, I find the vast majority of Perth and Kinross staff to be hard working, dedicated, nice people. Secondly, I am pleased to say that the work I do, is producing good outcomes. I would ask that other elected members acknowledge this work. As an independent councillor, I won't be standing for election in the Holyrood election next year.

Overgrown Vegetation

My thanks to those who have cut back their hedges following my request in last month's *Newsletter*. However, I continue to receive complaints about overgrown vegetation. If you live next to a path or road, please keep your vegetation cut back to the edge of your property.

Councillor Dave Cuthbert



Jim Fairlie, MSP

Over the summer months I have enjoyed getting out and about across Kinross-shire. The Scottish Parliament summer recess gives me much greater flexibility to visit communities, organisations and businesses in every corner of my constituency. Recently I visited Arngask Home Farm, where I met owners Eilidh



and Lloyd Verstage, who are infectiously passionate about the work that they do. They have an absolutely brilliant passion for their rare breed pigs and their chemical free veg. It was great to be out and about on their farm and find out more about the excellent work that they are doing locally. If locals haven't already had a visit to their honesty horsebox, they should definitely consider making the journey to the beautiful Arngask, just outside Glenfarg.

Whilst in Kinross-shire I took the time to have a catch up with local councillor Richard Watters to discuss a number of local issues, including drainage issues parallel to Clashburn Road and the lack of provision of a banking hub for Kinross-shire residents. These are just two of the issues that I look forward to cooperating with Richard to progress. I took the opportunity to pop into The Kind Pantry at 153 High Street, Kinross, and speak with Moira (pictured) who runs the fantastic shop which has sustainability at the heart of everything they do. They post regular updates on their social media about how much new plastic they have managed to save from being required, as a result of their reuse ethos.



With dry summer conditions becoming more common, the risk of wildfires across rural Scotland is increasing — and Kinrossshire is no exception. These fires can spread rapidly, putting lives, livestock, and our beautiful countryside in danger. I urge everyone to take extreme care when outdoors: avoid lighting fires, never discard cigarettes, and be cautious with disposable barbecues. Our emergency services do an incredible job, but prevention is our best defence. Let's protect our land, our wildlife, and our communities. Remember that if you see signs of a fire, call 999 immediately. If you are not sure of your exact location, the mobile phone app what3words, is an excellent tool which can geolocate you to an exact 3 metre square — potentially lifesaving in an emergency situation.

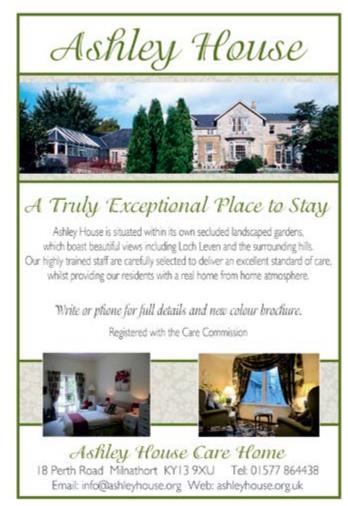
I look forward to visiting Kinross-shire later in August as part of my summer surgery tour. If you or someone you know would like to meet me in a more formal setting to discuss any issues you wish to raise with me, please do get in touch with my office.

As always, if you need to contact me, please email *Jim.Fairlie. MSP@Parliament.Scot*, call 01738 620540 or write to me at 63 Glasgow Road, Perth, PH2 0PE.

Jim Fairlie, MSP





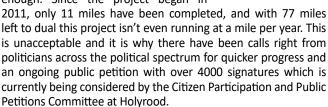




Liz Smith, MSP

A RECENT FREEDOM of information request has revealed the appalling casualty toll on the A9; over the last four years, there were 321 injury collisions and 28 fatalities.

The revised completion date of 2035 for dualling the A9 simply isn't urgent enough. Since the project began in



Meanwhile, economic growth and tourism is hampered, and individuals and businesses located in rural Scotland are forced to use a road infrastructure network which is totally inadequate for the modern era. But worst of all, this dangerous road continues to take lives and inflict life-changing injuries on victims, devastating families, all while people in Perth and Kinross and the Highlands have to use this lethal road on a daily basis.

Alternative proposals to address the number of accidents on the road, such as the consultation on reducing the speed limit on single carriageways to 50mph, will not work. It will only exacerbate the frustration and reckless manoeuvres that cause the accidents in the first place.

The number of accidents on this road, used often by readers in Kinross-shire, is a tragedy and it is crucial that progress on improving its safety is not stalled any further.

Liz Smith, MSP





Pete Wishart MP

WITH SUMMER NOW settled over Kinross-shire, it's been fantastic to see so many local events taking place and bringing communities together.

By the time you read this, the muchloved Kinross Show will be just around



the corner. It's always a highlight of the local calendar, celebrating everything that makes rural Scotland so special while giving us the chance to support our brilliant local producers and businesses. Doing so has never felt so important following the hugely challenging economic conditions they have been faced with over recent years.

I hope many of you will be able to get along and I'm sure it will prove to be yet another fantastic day out.

Recently, I had the pleasure of attending the Kinross-shire Volunteer Awards, where I helped present certificates to some incredibly deserving winners. Since becoming the MP for this area just over a year ago, I've seen first-hand the rich community spirit that makes Kinross-shire such a dynamic place.

It was inspiring to hear about the extraordinary work so many local people are doing to support their community and improve the lives of others. It's a welcome reminder, particularly given the many gloomy world events taking place just now, that there is still far more good than bad in the world, despite what it seems.

With Parliament now in recess, I'm looking forward to spending more time out and about in Kinross-shire over the summer, meeting more residents, businesses, and local groups and to listen to the issues that are most impacting you.

My office remains busy helping constituents with a range of issues, from navigating cost-of-living pressures to immigration issues, to energy bill support. If there is anything you think I may be able to assist with, please do not hesitate to get in touch on 01738 639 598 or by email at pete.wishart.mp@parliament.uk.

Lastly, wishing you all a safe and enjoyable summer.

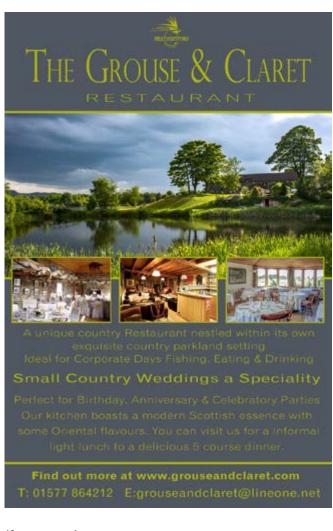
Pete Wishart, MP













Kinross Hub Aug Calendar



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Wed 6	1pm-3.30pm	CATH will support with form filling – PIP, Universal Credit etc 07955 333163 or 07739 858987
Thu 7	10am-12noon	Broke not Broken – to offer advice, connections for support and also for foodbank referrals. 07518 913107
Thu 14	10am to 12.30pm	PKC Skills & Employment offers support & advice re CVs, Job search, support after redundancy etc. 07867 351268
	1.30-3.30pm	PKC Employment Support Team – Job advice and help for those who have learning disability, acquired brain injury, mental health issues, autistic spectrum, sensory loss and physical disabilities. 07788 389659
Wed 20	1pm-3.30pm	CATH will support with form filling – PIP, Universal Credit etc 07955 333163 or 07739 858987
Thu 21	10am-12noon	HEAT PROJECT Craig will be here providing free energy advice to households, helping them become more energy efficient and reducing energy bills. 07868 864418
	2pm–4pm	Camille Vickers, Social Prescriber – Community Connecting / Signposting 07775 701630
Wed 27	1pm-3.30pm	Alison Tanner Support Choices, provides free, independent information and advice about getting social care and support in Perth and Kinross 01350 729130
Thu 28	10am-12noon	PKC Trading Standards, SCAM AWARENESS Melanie will give advice & information on avoiding scams and dealing with cold callers. 07557 214420
	2pm – 4pm	PKC Housing Team for housing advice and signposting to their service. 07917 552231

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STORE CUPBOARD essentials make busy weeknights so much easier. I always have a tin or two of green lentils and pouches of various grains, so I can add them to whatever

protein I might have, to make something healthy, quick and full of nutrition.

This is so quick and easy and will work really well with cod or halibut too.



SALMON AND GRAINS

Serves 4

INGREDIENTS

1 pouch of ready to eat grains of your choice.

I like spelt, but choose whatever you like.

1 tin green lentils

100ml veg stock

1 small carrot, peeled and finely diced

2 garlic cloves, finely chopped

4 high welfare Scottish salmon fillets

5 spring onions

2 lemons

1 bunch fresh dill

Olive oil

Salt and pepper



Preheat the oven to 175°C fan.

SLICE ONE of the lemons and lay the slices on a large sheet of foil and scatter over some dill. Lay the salmon fillets on top, drizzle with olive oil and season with salt and pepper. Zest the other lemon and sprinkle half the zest and a good squeeze of lemon juice over the top. Fold over the foil to make a parcel with lots of space for air to circulate.

Cook for 12 – 17 minutes depending on the size of the salmon fillets.

While they cook, chop and rinse the spring onions (reserve one for garnish) and add to a pan with the carrot and garlic and fry very gently with a little oil until softened.

Rinse the lentils and add those and the pouch of grains to the pan with the veg. Add the veg stock, turn down to a simmer and cover with a lid. Cook for 5 – 7 minutes. Stir through 1 tbsp chopped dill once cooked.

Serve a bed of the grains with a salmon fillet on top. Sprinkle over the reserved zest, spring onion and add another squeeze of lemon juice and drizzle more of olive oil.

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Community Council News

The Community Council News is based on draft minutes of local CC meetings. Full draft minutes are posted on local websites and notice boards. Please note, the Community Council News is not a verbatim reproduction of CC minutes. Where there are two months' worth of reports, there will be a considerable amount of editing.

Kinross Community Council News from the July Meeting

Present at the meeting on 14 July were: Cllrs R Watters and D Cuthbert, CCllrs D West, C Collins, A Vaughan, M West, E Gilmour, S Sharp, B Freeman, C Willsher, L McKay, Minutetaker H Collins and 2 MoP

Apologies: D Mackenzie, Cllrs W Robertson and N Freshwater, Police Scotland

Actions outstanding from previous meeting: BF still to circulate CAP update.

KCCNL (Kinross Community Council Newsletter Ltd)

BF provided a report about the history of KKCNL which was circulated. DW explained the responsibility involved in becoming a charity trustee. OSCR website has helpful information. It was noted that OSCR recommend moving all SCO charities to SCIO status. This is not an easy process but ensures that trustees are not legally liable for charity debt. No monies to be transferred to KCCNL this year.

DW/BF to arrange August date for KCCNL and KNL AGM. DW to circulate list of organisations.

Community Action Plan (BF)

Action Day on Saturday 30 August in Millbridge Hall from 11-3. At the day the public will be able to vote on their priorities. They will also be able to do this online.

Plans for day require management help. There is to be food and drink provided, entertainment and stalls for community groups. Ideas and offers can be sent to the CAP email address. Promotion also required (posters, social media). There are funds for this. Lesley (STAR) emailed a presentation which MW will share.

Finance – meeting to be held to progress status of claim forms and award letters. KLEO expenditure. BF to send Green Hotel invoice paperwork to MW.

Green Issues (CC)

- Sewage Sludge fertiliser. Discussion on impact for loch. CC advised by RW to contact Loch Leven Catchment Management Group. LENS scheme providing quarter of a million pounds to encourage farmers to do the right thing.
- Current heatwave. Cold Spaces instead of Warm spaces? We are not geared up for this weather and it is going to get warmer.
- 3. Raingardens Update: CC to attend walk with Brian D'Arcy, Jim Fairlie and R Watters and will report back
- 4. Grow Wild mapping exercise allows residents to indicate

- where it is working, or not. Alistair Macleod. Suggested he should be invited to CC meeting.
- Water Safety Day at loch in July with emergency services present. Should we have appropriate boards up at loch about this.

Business, Travel and Tourism (SS)

High street traders have a committed group who are trying to promote the High St. Circular economy keeps money in local area. Please shop local and support local traders. They have a meeting coming up. Previous discussions included ideas like advertising on Ember bus.

There was a discussion on the PKC visitor Levy and tourism in general. Could any funds raised from this go towards community groups who support tourism? DW suggested potholes could be part of this list!

SS is organising a meeting with Jeremy from NatureScot and a representative from RSPB to discuss tourism going forward.

Sports, Recreation and Parks (EG)

EG has been in touch with Nick Riley from Greenspace to request additional play equipment/upgrades. EG attended a useful Teams meeting. WR has been dealing with an issue regarding weeds at Lathro. Grow wild discussed: an online survey has been shared. It was reported that there are two particularly hazardous areas of concern where visibility is poor: the A90 J5 roundabout and the area of grass with the geese statue.

Some reports that residents are using more weedkiller to control spread. Also a rise in respiratory health issues and hay-fever due to pollen. DW suggested contacting health centre to investigate rise in occurrences of this.

Issues at Wimpy/Green Park/Ochil View where children can no longer play outside. RW said children's play areas should be mown, which is why mapping exercise will be useful. Concerns from MOTO staff too. There was a lengthy discussion on the pros and cons of the Grow Wild Initiative. Also PKC budget cuts were a factor.

It was suggested that a large map was taken to the CAP event for people to discuss areas of concern.

Planning (CW)

Weekly and monthly planning updates available from PKC website.

25/00647/FLL 15 Swansacre, Kinross Erection of a workshop/ storage building, awaiting decision

25/00847/FLL Rachel House Children's Hospice Avenue Road Kinross





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Alterations and extension to hospice, alterations to gatehouse and boundary wall, erection of store, garden building and raised walkway, formation of play park and parking area, landscaping and associated works, awaiting decision.

https://planningapps.pkc.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?keyVal=SXFLCMMKK4000&activeTab=summary

Planning applications decided from 16 June to 12 July (KCC area only)

25/00694/FLL 7 Macdonald Avenue Kinross Alterations and extension to dwellinghouse, approved

25/00687/FLL 59 Montgomery Street Kinross Erection of replacement extension, approved

25/00644/FLL 177 High Street Kinross Alterations to roof (in retrospect), approved

CHAS premises. It was agreed to send a letter in support of the application.

Flood scheme improvements. Test pits being dug in South Kinross. CW asked local councillors for an update on timescales. Currently local enquiry thought to be end Aug/Sept.

Reports from Ward Councillors

D Cuthbert: Road safety issues. 104 outstanding active jobs in Kinross (the most in PKC). Concern that only firefighting happening and no priorities being met. DC investigating what resources are required to improve the system, which doesn't seem to be working.

Reported sinkhole: Sinkhole/collapse at Acremoar Drive. DC to check.

Roundabout at Lathro/Muirs: All four local members wanted a roundabout here. Situation complicated due to Persimmon originally being required to put in a signalised junction as part of their planning agreement. Issues with Road Traffic Order system. There does not appear to have been consultation with residents. Currently looking for evidence of consultation. Suggestion that lights could only be operational at school times. Could the road layout be altered to provide better visibility? Expense of roundabout prohibitive.

Correspondence

Masonic Hall have requested a meeting re use of their premises for CC meetings. DW/AV have replied (conditional with new meeting schedule)

Email form LSPIM (BCA site) regarding plans for development. There is widespread interest in this matter and all members wish to be kept updated. Suggest DW invite to future meeting.

Financial Update (MW)

MW and AV now have access to bank account. Currently a 'community' account charged at £4.25 per month. Not possible for a CC to get a real charity account but could be considered as an 'acceptable' charity. MW investigating. Balance £1333. (£1000 ring fenced for park gym equipment).



Secretary Update (AV)

WhatsApp group up and running for CC members.

Newsletter Deadline means that minutes from CCs need to be produced and checked in a timely fashion.

AOCB

DC noted that the Police are no longer recording accidents without casualties. Let DC know of traffic incidents, and he will keep a log.

Fairer Communities meeting: To be attended by LM, SS and DC.

Green Road Road Restrictions to be in place on 14/08/25.

Water Safety Event: Kirkgate Park 25 July.

New noticeboard in place: Map of Kinross with tourist highlights could be created.

Grow Wild – method of amending and reviewing plan to be discussed with Greenspace.

Comments from the floor

MoP had concerns about Grow Wild initiative. Katrine Place/ Morar Place. Grass 2ft long and now full of dog dirt and collecting rubbish. Used to be a nice area for children to play. Can report as a play area. MoP found mapping tool difficult and unwieldy to use.

Shop local: MoP said Kinross was too expensive to shop in.

Reports from CCllrs

CCIIr McKay: Concern over address related to previous dog attack incident – LM was advised to contact Police.

Bowton road water area – dangerous to children. Cllrs are aware and will report.

LM reported that a new barber's shop and a new bike shop were due to open. 'No overnight parking' sign removed, again, from Kirkgate Park.

CCIIr Freeman: Remembrance Event meeting to take place at Swansacre on 7/09/2025. Time TBC

Minute-taker

Role and renumeration to be agreed on with draft advert and job specification circulated. It was agreed to pay HC the £30 fee for this meeting. Proposed by DW and seconded by EG.

News from the June Meeting

Present at the meeting on 24 June were CCIIrs D West, W Freeman, M West, D Mackenzie, A Vaughan, E Gilmour, L McKay, C Collins and S Sharp, CCIIrs W Robertson and D Cuthbert, Mrs C Aird (minutes) and 2 MoP.

Apologies CCllrs C Willsher, Cllrs R Watters and N Freshwater and Police Scotland.

Police Scotland Report

Discussion: Police Scotland were unable to attend the meeting but had provided a report which had been circulated to KCC and those members of the public present.



Matters Arising

By way of an update, Cllr W Robertson advised that PKC were going to extend the opening hours of the recycling centre over the summer and also looking at ways to improve the facilities at the centre. No further update was available.

CCIIr A Vaughan had invited bus bike to a future meeting but they had declined the invitation. However CCIIr C Collins advised that he had also spoken to them, advising that they were looking to extend the system into Milnathort and would be keen to attend a meeting. All other matters arising were complete.

CCIIr L Mckay queried whether the KCC meetings were moving to a Monday evening as she had not received a response to her recent email. CCIIr West confirmed that meetings would be moving to the second Monday of the month with effect from the next meeting. Minutes to be circulated to the Newsletter for inclusion in the next edition.

Community Action Plan Update

749 questionnaires had been returned so far (385 online, 324 paper), 40 of which had been from young people. Closing date for returning questionnaires is 30th June. It was noted that banking facilities had been withdrawn but ClIr D Cuthbert had spoken to KLEO who were happy to help out in this regard. CClIr D West thanked KLEO for their offer of assistance and asked CClIr M West to contact them.

The event at Millbridge Hall on 30 August would be all day and would give residents the opportunity to prioritise the suggestions. CCllr M West advised that the mechanics of the August event would be discussed and agreed at the steering group meeting on 3 July. CCllr W Freeman is to circulate the latest update from Lesley.

Community Council – Portfolio Reports

CCIIr Collins highlighted an email from Surfers Against Sewage, a charity dedicated to ending pollution in UK waters, specifically supporting communities who are campaigning for their local wild waters by giving them designated as safe bathing waters. CCIIr Vaughan agreed to collate responses and send a reply. CCIIr Collins also mentioned an email from SEPA regarding the launch of a consultation on a proposed Environmental Performance Assessment Scheme (EPAS). There was brief discussion on whether to submit a response and it was agreed to do so.

CCIIr D Mackenzie highlighted the Positive Spin 12 week course, which started on 6 June, which combines gentle cycling and mental health programme provided by Mindspace. Anyone interested in the course can register their interest via hKp://www.ktacc.org.uk/

CCIIr Mackenzie was advised that funding for batteries and pads for the defibrillators could be applied for via the Newsletter.

CCllr Mackenzie provided an update on the recent inspection



at the High School, highlighting that 34% of parents had raised bullying as a problem. A lack of leadership had also been highlighted. Despite there being six levels and four quality indicators to review, Inspectors apparently only looked at two quality indicators. Despite not being inspected for around ten years, Inspectors found no major improvements were required. From the discussion, CCIIr D West suggested that KCC write to the inspectors/PKC advising that parents were unhappy with the report's findings and the model being used. It was noted that a new Head Teacher will be in post after the summer. One of the outcomes of the inspection was that no non-PVG'd visitors were to be allowed in the building Monday to Thursday up until 5pm with all visitors having to be escorted at all times. This decision has now been passed to the Minister for ruling.

SEPA consultation – CCIIr C Collins to write to SEPA; CCIIr A Vaughan to collate comments and respond to Surfers Against Sewage; it was agreed that CCIIr D Mackenzie would draft a letter to PKC regarding the recent school inspection.

CCIIr S Sharp had previously circulated his report to CC members but highlighted that he would be meeting Richard Scott on 27 June with regard to tourism. He is also looking into producing a leaflet for the town. CCIIr Mckay advised she had visited Dunkeld and picked up a leaflet whilst there which mapped out all the facilities/shops in the area, and she advised CCIIr Sharp to speak to Charlotte Giocopazzi. CCIIr Sharp is also looking to expand his fortnightly meetings with High Street shops to include wider business opinions outside of the High Street. He will contact CCIIr C Collins with regard ensuring road closure notices are included in the *Newsletter*.

With regard to tourism, CCIIr Mackenzie commented that a large number of cars use the Moto service station and wondered if there was a knock on effect on visitors to the town. He suggested better signage could be helpful in this regard.

CCIIr D West advised that the Kinross-shire Partnership AGM was being held on Wednesday and a volunteer may be required to attend if CCIIr Sharp was unable to do so. It was noted that CCIIr Freeman was attending the meeting. CCIIr West also thanked CCIIr Gilmour for the nametags. It was noted that the trees at Muirs/Station Road needed cut back. CIIr Robertson was asked to take a detour into Lathro Park as there were a lot of weeds which needed removing.

CCIIr Mckay advised that there continued to be issues with regard to wheelchair access throughout the town and suggested another walkround be arranged.

Planningr

CCIIr C Willsher was unable to attend the meeting but had circulated a list of planning applications received and



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determined. There were no questions regarding any of the applications.

Updates from Councillors

Clir Cuthbert advised that the Road Safety Partnership were meeting on Wednesday to discuss the list of repairs (103 at last count) required in the town, including the school exclusion zone which had been promised to be in place before August. He also gave an update on Perth Swimming Pool, commenting that the Bells Centre was to be turned into a 'cold' arena. Funding for Kinross Swimming Pool had been provided and would be used to upgrade the pool.

CCllr McKay enquired about a crossing at Sainsbury's at Junction Road near the Park & Ride. It was advised that this would be discussed at the Road Safety Partnership meeting on Wednesday. Cllr Cuthbert advised he had received a number of complaints with regard to parking at the recycling centre – this had been reported to PKC.

Clir Robertson advised that he had met with a number of organisations with regard to wild camping at Burleigh Sands and Findatie and was advised that it is not possible to safeguard areas of scientific interest. He has asked PKC, along with all political parties, to write to Scottish Government to request a view of the Land Reform Act.

Update from Treasurer

CCIIr M West had issued a report earlier in the day. She advised that despite a short delay, paperwork regarding the additional signatories was now being processed.

Balance is currently £1337.25 which includes a £1000 grant allocation from CIP for outdoor gym equipment in Kirkgate park. It was noted that this money was ringfenced. CCllr West commented that the bank account was subject to a monthly service charge of £4.75 and it was agreed that she would investigate non-fee paying accounts from other providers and circulate suggestions in due course.

With regarding to Kinross-shire Partnership, it was confirmed that KLEO were content to take on the role with regard to banking. CCllr M West was tasked with contacting Sharon and Laura to get the paperwork amended/re-issued.

It was noted that a payment of £100 required to be claimed from PKC and this would be claimed with future expenses.

Update from Secretary

CCIIr A Vaughan updated those present on the following: Surf Awards for Best Practice in Community Regeneration 2025 – now launched. The purpose of the Awards is to highlight, celebrate and share the achievements of initiatives that address physical, social and economic challenges in communities across Scotland. There are five categories: Community Led Regeneration, Creative Regeneration, Improving Scotland's Places, Removing Barriers to Employability and Housing and Regeneration

More information can be found here - hKps://surf.scot/2025-



surf-awards-launch-forapplications/ Deadline for applications is 5 pm on Monday 1 September 2025.

Noticeboards: one at the chippy and one at Baillies. An Allen key is required to open them and they need cleaned. Suggestion made of asking Men's Shed to create a new one.

Craighead Wind Farm: 24/01193/FLM members were advised that the company have submitted an appeal to the Planning and Appeals Division of the Scottish Government (DPEA), on the grounds that it has not been determined by the Council within the requisite timescale.

CCC Elections: a notice will be published on 28 August requesting applications for Community Councillors to be submitted by 28 September from interested parties. The election is due to be held in November 2025.

Comments From The Floor

Discussion: A member of the public advised that they had attended the last meeting where the issue of the meetings moving to LLHC was discussed. At that Hme, they could not confirm the availability of the Masonic Hall but had advised availability aker the meeting. They had received an email advising meetings would be moved to LLHC and stated that this must have been discussed/made outwith the meeting. The meeting was advised that there had been a vote at the May meeting to move the venue if the Masonic Hall was not available on the dates required and CCllr Vaughan would find an alternative venue.

CCIIr L Mckay advised she had not been consulted on changing the date/location of the meeting and moving to the 2nd Monday of the month at LLCC excluded her from attending.

CCIIr S Sharp confirmed that it had previously been agreed that meetings would move to LLCC with a hybrid option and stated that he was not against moving but was happy to consider the alternative options suggested by the Masonic Lodge.

While CCllr Vaughan had said that the move was to ensure that minutes were included in the next edition of the *Newsletter*, CCllr D West confirmed the move was also to help ensure that Ward Councillors could attend meetings. In view of the member of the public's comments, CCllr West proposed the meetings be moved to the second Monday of the month and be held at LLCC. CCllr D MacKenzie said he would second the motion, if there was a hybrid option available. A vote was held with 6 for moving the meeting, 2 against and 1 abstention.

Decision: Motion to move meetings to the second Monday of the month at LLHC was carried. The next meeting would therefore be held on 14 July. It was confirmed that every effort would be made to provide a hybrid option to attend meetings remotely online.

AOCB

Cllr D Cuthbert advised that Aerospace Kinross had been awarded funding for an education centre and a proposal was being taken to the Planning Committee.



CCIIr Mackenzie wished to place on record his thanks to PKC for providing a new bus for Glenfarg Community Transport.

CCIIr Sharp advised that he had had a conversation with a resident about a sewage/drain survey on the former BCA site which was allegedly commissioned by Persimmon and Cala house builders.

The survey had not been completed due to bricks inside the drains. Persimmon is on record for causing sewage issues on another site. Cllr. Sharp asked who could hold these organisations accountable as this is a massive flood risk. Cllr Robertson commented that this should be left to the judgement of LDP3.

CCIIr E Gilmour enquired as to whether it would be possible to get a crossing at the Springfield Road/Katrine Place junction near Davies Park as trying to cross the road was very dangerous or, as an alternative, could a mirror be erected, so that traffic could be seen. Cllr Robertson advised that PKC would not recommend/sanction a mirror, with CCIIr McKay advising that this would need to be erected on private land.

CCllr Collins asked if it would be possible to arrange for a bus to take visitors around the Loch, with CCllr MacKenzie advising that this was being looked in to.

CCIIr D West advised those present that this would be Caron Aird's last meeting as Minute Secretary and thanked her for her support over the last few years, presenting her with a bouquet of flowers. CCIIrs West and Vaughan were tasked with recruiting a replacement.

The next meeting of Kinross Community Council is on Monday 11 August in Loch Leven Community Campus. All are welcome to attend.

Glenfarg Community Council News from the July Meeting

Present at the meeting on Monday 7 July were CCIIrs Ponton, Pilmer, Christie, Murray, Fraser, Macleod and Smart, CIIr Robertson and 8 members of the public.

Apologies: Police Scotland PC Samson, Cllr Cuthbert and Cllr Freshwater

Police Report

One Crime Of Note to report but no details. 24 Calls to Police Scotland regarding our Ward although some of these were duplicated. Police Scotland are to hold a drop-in public meeting on Sunday 27 July 10am to 12pm at the Community Centre.

Correspondence and Action Points

CCIIr Pilmer stated that four letters had been received.

Letter 1: Notification about Tree Felling operations in the Deuglie area. This matter was circulated on media and PKC are still to confirm when the tree felling operations shall commence



Letter 2: Lochelbank Wind Farm Panel recruitment. Two new replacement nominees have been noted for our Glenfarg community to start in position in November.

Letter 3: PKC notification to communities about ensuring that Voters from households in our Ward are correct and registered for the PKC and Government elections. Letters/emails to be issued to PKC households.

Letter 4: PKC notification regarding a timetable for the forthcoming Community Council (CC) elections to commence in August, thereafter the new Community Council body for Glenfarg will be expected to take over for a period of three years in November 2025. The CC Elections will follow advertisement through the Grapevine email, Village Newsletter and Media.

Meetings - Virtual and Public

CCIIr Fraser reported on the Solar Panel exhibition, for the Binn land area, in the Community Centre as held in June. Members of the public were shown visual display boards and an interactive display of what could be viewed from the Balvaird Castle grounds. There is to be another public consultation later this autumn. Details to follow in due course.

CCIIr Fraser reported on Scottish Water topics related to the Water Treatment Works upgrade. Church Brae is to receive a new anti-slip road surface coating.

Two defibrillators have been offered to the village whereby a discussion took place for what type of cabinet facility would be best and their two locations – tennis court and old phone box were suggested as suitable locations. A Defibrillator is now in place at the Scottish Water's Water Treatnent Works entrance.

A thank you was proposed for the two ESD convoy operators who manage/escort the large vehicle movements from the lay-by (south end of Glenfarg) to the WTW and their return. It was noted further that the present lay-by is subject to a proposed enlargement to cater for larger loaded vehicles.

CCllr Smart reported on the Kinross-shire Committee Meeting. Key point discussed related to the multi junction area of the M90/A91/Mawcarse, the road accidents minor or major and how best to alleviate the problems. Road signage and speed restrictions were discussed and Cllr Robertson stated that the matter was being investigated by PKC and that there would be a practical course of action taken to improve the multi junction area. Hopefully by sometime in the autumn. Members of the public were encouraged to report collision/accidents/incidents to the police no matter how minor or major they are. Collation of evidence is paramount to assisting with road improvements.

Planning

25/00552/FLL Installation of pipework, erection of fencing and associated works at Glenfarg Water Treatment Works, The Reservoir, Glenfarg, awaiting decision.

25/00446/FLL Erection of pH correction gallery building,



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installation of pipebridge, formation of replacement access track with layby/passing place and associated engineering works at Glenfarg Water Treatment Works, The Reservoir, Glenfarg, awaiting decision.

24/00435/FLL Erection of dwellinghouse and access (in principle) at land 40 metres north west of the old manse Greenbank Road, Glenfarg, refused.

25/00827/FLL Permanent retention of vehicular access and track land 150 metres south west of Abbots Deuglie House Glenfarg, awaiting decision.

25/00522/FLL Formation of bridge, haul road with turning point, installation of gatehouse and erection of fence hoarding (for a temporary period) at the reservoir, Glenfarg, approved.

Finance Report

Insurance Paid To PKC.

Spoke to Bank of Scotland regarding charges for services provided on all Glenfarg CC accounts. Was told by the bank that all Treasurer Accounts (of which they all were) have been changed to community accounts which now incur charges for services. Asked what services they provided, of which they responded with 'none'. But the bank has made all these types of accounts (business) chargeable if the business/CC is not a registered charity. So therefore, there is no way round these charges, unless we change banks or go to an online one such as Monzo/Revolut. The charges are £4.25 per month so £51 for each account per year, £153 total per year across all accounts. A discussion took place about the account charges, and it was agreed to await further news from Cllr Robertson because these Account charges are affecting all CCS and other groups (if they are not Registered Charities). PKC's Head of Finance is to respond to Cllr Robertson to discuss/offer a solution.

Paid For Use Of The Hall For Meetings.

£500 paid by Foundation Scotland into the Micro-Grant Account. Purpose of award: Unrestricted cost of living increase award from Foundation Scotland. Should this money be used for something different other than Micro-Grants as it is a cost-of-living increase award? Discussion agreed to leave money in the Microgrant account and to publicise the Microgrant topic through Social Media.

Action points to be completed going forward: Produce new Micro-Grant form, to be put online and on Glenfarg Website with associated receipt capability.

Account Movement 5 May 2025 – 7 July 2025: Treasurer Account

 Balance 07/07/25:
 £ 366.60

 Money In:
 £ 0.00

 Money Out:
 £ 114.75

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£3226.02
£ 116.08
£ 418.84

Micro-Grant Account

 Balance 07/07/25:
 £2753.06

 Money In:
 £ 0.00

 Money Out:
 £ 4.25

AOCB

Greenbank Road.

A discussion took place regarding an area that is the subject of public concern and the wellbeing of the community. Cllr Robertson gave a summary of matters as stated to PKC Housing and a brief overview of their reply. Following further discussion it was agreed that the CC contact PKC to highlight a number of concerns.

Bein Inn B996 road junction

Closure in August affecting the Community Transport Group. The alternative road route, via Auchtermuchty, will put a strain on the Community Bus Timetable including the associated extra miles' operational costs. Unless an alternative compromise can be found it means that the operation of the community bus may well be restricted to the Glenfarg and Kinross route for the duration of the roadworks closure. The Wicks o' Baiglie route and M90 (due to ongoing roadworks) are not suitable. The X56 route by Stagecoach will have to accommodate its own amendments.

The Glenfarg Hotel.

No news as to who owns the building. Further deterioration has been noted.

Bike Track in Copperfields Wood.

A member of the public had passed a message onto CCllr Murray who stated that the topic was to be discussed between the Bike Track persons and Stephen's Builders who own the wood. Safety is paramount for all users.

Wallace Park Bench.

CCIIr Pilmer to write to the Greenspace Ranger c/o PKC requesting to carry on with new bench's location.

Litter Pick.

Offered by the Rapid Response Team from Bridge of Earn who offered their services for a joint community action. To cover the Glenfarg B996 to Beinn Inn or thereabouts. The matter is to be dealt with by a member of the public from the Greener Glenfarg group. CCllr Pilmer to send correspondence details accordingly.

Ladeside/Duncrievie Road pavement problems for walkers.

The condition of the pavements for safe access was discussed and it was agreed that Cllr Robertson would photograph the surface problems and report them directly to PKC for investigation and a proposed remedial action plan.

MINDFUL RELAXATION CLASS

Loch Leven Campus – Mondays 7pm to 8pm

Guidehall, Church St, Milnathort – Fridays 10.30am to 11.30am



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Glenfarg.org Maintenance And Domain.

It was noted that the two members of the public who have supported the operation of the website and Domain stated the need for the operational side to be taken over by new people/ or an operator. The Domain is not due for renegotiation until March 2026. However, it was noted that there must be experts within the community that could offer their services. CCllr Ponton to discuss the topic with Glenfeargach Services.

Community Transport Group.

CCIIr Smart notified the meeting that there are two Trials to be piloted shortly. One was an evening link to Kinross Park and Ride to supplement the current evening PKC 56 bus service with the arrival of Edinburgh busses. Second is to offer a Rural Bus service via an App for people who may wish to be collected/returned from a rural location in our area.

GITS Group.

A "thank you" was extended to the GITS group of volunteers for cleaning the local Bus shelters.

The next meeting of Glenfarg Community Council will be held on Monday 1 September 2025.

Portmoak Community Council

News from the May Meeting

Present at the meeting on 13 May were: Cllr A Miller, A Davidson, S McGregor, K Donaldson, A Clark, L Hatch, J Hornal, and two members of the public

Apologies: Cllrs W Robertson, D Cuthbert, N Freshwater, and R Watters

The Chair took the early opportunity to notify that D Paterson had decided to resign from Portmoak CC as a member. The Chair thanked D Paterson for his valuable contribution over the last couple of years on the CC.

Matters Arising

Kinross-shire Committee Update

Most recent meeting was cancelled. L Hatch will now attend KC meetings going forward and the next meeting was rescheduled for 15/05/25.

Kinross-shire Active Travel Master Plan

The Secretary had circulated info received from K Donaldson about the Fife Coast and Country side Trust proposals for Westfield opencast site. It was understood that there is a proposed project to create a path connecting Portmoak to the Fife Coastal Path. Secretary to ask for some additional info.

Portmoak Travel Plan

Communication had been received from Glenfarg Community Transport regarding a digital demand transport service Drew Smart. Glenfarg Community Bus may be extending their network of routes. There were no details at present, but

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such a network connecting Portmoak to Kinross would be welcomed. PCC had been notified that PKC are releasing a number of mini-buses to Communities. The consensus was that at the moment Portmoak was not in a position to take on a bus at present, but this did not preclude the possibility for the future.

Road Safety Action Update

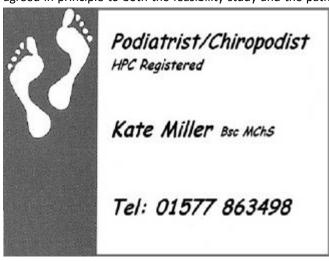
No significant updates at present. Cllrs have been discussing damaged signage at Gliding Club and the bad bends at Lochend and the New Gullet Bridge. PKC are aware of the issue and hopefully the repairs will be actioned soon. On Community Speedwatch: the Chair had received information back from W Robertson on Speedwatch. MOCC had assured that the project is still moving forward, next step was application vetting by Police Scotland. Chair would approach Police Scotland to find out what stage the Speedwatch applications were at. Speeding is always a hot topic in Portmoak and it was felt that the problem was increasing. There was a discussion about observed cases of speeding. Anecdotally locals thought speeding occurred at all times of the day and all the CC members agreed with this. Speed limits are regularly ignored by traffic travelling through Portmoak at all times of day, with drivers making risky overtaking manoeuvres on the road particularly in the morning commuter and school dropoff rush time, noting that during school holidays the traffic on the A911 at those times was significantly reduced. There was a comment that speeding was a perpetual problem over many years with suggestion that the penalty for speeding should be much larger and therefore more effectively deterrent. J Hornal commented on farm vehicles, which are very big but often travelling very fast and exceeding speed limits.

The Chair expressed concern about the increased footfall of children to and from Scotlandwell park since the improvements, and felt that there was a risk of a child being knocked down coming or leaving the park.

Speeding traffic is also a concern for any other person who is less aware of traffic for many reasons of disability or has mobility issues. PCC will try to force the issue and the Chair would raise the item of police vetting for Speedwatch applications with the Liaison Officer.

Scotlandwell To Portmoak Church Path

PCC have been trying to get agreement in principle from all the landowners for both feasibility study and the building of any path in the future. With regard to the upper section of the proposed route the land is part owned by Woodland Trust and the other part by the Church of Scotland. The Woodland Trust own the largest part of the land and are trying to obtain an agreement for a 100yr lease on the Church land as the Church is to be sold. The Woodland Trust and Church have agreed in principle to both the feasibility study and the path



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route across their land. The lower part of path is more difficult. In communication to the Chair and D Stubbs of Community Greenspace, one of the Cllrs had advised that he had asked PKC Planning Officers for details of any consultation on any area of land within the Scotlandwell boundary and any area out with the boundary (which would need to go to the LDP), and at this time all the Officers have stated they have had no consultation about any area of land. This is in contradiction to previous reports as minuted at PCC meetings. The Cllrs have stated to relevant Planning Officers that any proposed development at that the locale (of the piece of land on the South side of the road) must be discussed with the requirement to permit the proposed path and the cemetery extension as a condition of development. Chair will go back to landowner, explain the PCC's position that the path is a longstanding wish of the community for which there is funding available and try again to seek agreement for the feasibility study and path route.

Portmoak Church – The Future For The Church And Car Park

There has been a development this month, CoS have agreed a price for the majority of the car park with some space retained for the church at some future point of sale or other development. This is good news that there is clarity around the move to purchase part of the car park. Hopefully more info. from Kinnesswood Development Trust for next PCC meeting.

Portmoak Gala Update

Gala to be held on Sat 31 May, The Gala are hoping to raise around £4,000 to break even, and £5,000 to £6,000 is the goal to raise funds for the Community. Desperately need more volunteers on Friday night for Set up and Sunday night for Take Down. Also for people to tend bar during the day on Sat evening. Raffle tickets at Kinnesswood shop, Lochend Farm, and Scotlandwell Well Inn.



Adoption Of Road: Wellside Park, Scotlandwell

Chair had put out a further request, WCllr WRobertson has championed this project. There is no confirmation at present, but should be more info at the July meeting.

New Matters

PKC Local Development Plan 3 – Call For Sites

PCC are unaware of any specific sites for development within Portmoak that are being lodged. Consultation process will follow with regard to the LDP3. JHornal also flagged the need for Scotlandwell parking and areas for parking and areas for cemetery and paths. Social housing was mentioned. There was a discussion around calls for sites for cemetery site, the footpath, and parking and if PCC should formalise these requests somehow in LDP3. Chair agreed to approach WCllrs to make it clear that PCC are looking to formalise the need for these areas within LDP3.

Reports

Police Reports (circulated for April 25): One note for Portmoak for an incident of dangerous driving. Incidents of speeding were also reported.

Planning

New Applications:

25/00530/FLL Alterations and extension to dwelling house | Little Arnot, Leslie, no CC comment.

25/00494/FLL Erection of a dwellinghouse and associated work, land 80 metres north west of Kinneston Cottage, Leslie, no CC comment.

Westfield Site Update

Progress with Developments

Westfield Community Liaison Committee

The turbine is off site being repaired and incineration is still taking place but no power generation taking place. Scottish Power are to be changing the overhead cables on pylons to increase the voltage capacity. Large HGVs are travelling along routes that are not designated particularly over Auchmuir Bridge. K Donaldson will continue to attend liaison meetings.

Westfield Paths Feasibility Study

This item had gone fairly quiet recently. However, a communication had been received from Fife Coast and Country side Trust with some proposals for Westfield opencast site and requesting stakeholder feedback. The contact from the Trust had requested to attend the PCC meeting but could not make it but it was hoped they would be able to attend a future meeting. Secretary to maintain contact.

Paths Group update

The Paths Group are still looking for more volunteers. G Smith had provided an update: Work had been done clearing gorse encroaching on the paths around Stephen's fields.

Removing leaves and debris from the new path behind



Gamekeepers to ensure that the drainage system is operating well. Along with Chris, the Ranger, the group have renovated a drainage ditch on the Tetley trail near the top bench to try and prevent this part of the trail becoming a river every time it rains. The next task is to improve the steep path itself, pending availability of Rangers and obtaining and some materials to complete the work. It was hoped this work would take place in May.

Matters Notified To The Secretary:

K Donaldson update of membership: The Secretary had an update from PKC. K Donaldson can remain as an Associate Member, until the 2025 CC Elections in November 25 for which there is a four-week nomination period, and for this Election all the current PCC would also have to submit nomination forms. PCC would welcome new members particularly from Kinnesswood as currently there are no residents from Kinnesswood on the CC.

AOB:

2025 to 2026 Nature Restoration Fund Allocation https://www.pkc.gov.uk/naturefund

Closes 02/06/25 Funding opportunity. Info had been circulated via subscriber lists and on Portmoak Community Facebook.

Fly Tipping on Core Path PTMK123, Lomondville – Dryside Rd: This had been notified to Cllrs: as the flytipping was on private land PKC cannot and will not remove it. The landowner was responsible for the removal of the waste. PCC felt this was very unfortunate situation for the landowner, and noted it is important that that any person who is having work done at their home or business, the minimum they should do is to use an approved contractor, who is licensed to handle the waste and dispose of it correctly.

PCC June Meeting: Decision to cancel 10/06/25 June meeting due to non-availability of members.

The July minutes were not yet available when this newsletter printed. The next meeting of Portmoak CC is on Tuesday 12 August at 7.30pm.

Milnathort and Orwell Community Council

There was no meeting in July. The next meeting of Milnathort and Orwell CC is on Thursday 14 August, 7.30pm at Milnathort Town Hall.

Fossoway Community Council

There was no meeting in July. The next meeting of Fossoway CC is on Tuesday 5 August, 7.30pm, Crook of Devon Hall.

Cleish & Blairadam Community Council

The next meeting of Cleish and Blairadam CC will take place on Monday 4 August at 7:30pm in Cleish Village Hall.





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Crook and Drum Growing Together

Towards the end of the summer term, we completed our biodiversity projects at Fossoway Primary School, and joined with parents to



clear some raised beds, where they will try some 'no dig' growing. The flowers in the pollinator bed, donated by the Re-pollinate project are now blooming and attracting bumble bees and butterflies, behind the protection of a chicken wire fence, against the rabbits which are booming here this



year! A requirement of the project is that the bed should be accessible to the public; please go along and have a look, enter the field by the metal gates, and follow the beech hedge round to the right, next to the nursery area.

There are also two pollinator and sensory trails in the school field, laid out in lines of old tyres, planted by the Eco Group pupils, and a meadow with long grass under the fruit trees. Some volunteers from Penney's Wood helped by putting up bat and bird boxes in the woodland behind the field, and we have more which will be installed in the woodland at Lendrick Muir. We recently had a bat walk in the village with the bat conservation officer, with detectors to hear their high calls. We heard and saw pipistrelles and Daubenton's bats near to the river. We have a detector on loan for our use around other areas of Crook and Drum.

Through the Biodiversity Partnership, we have also had a talk about beavers, and went on a swift walk, and found swifts

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nesting under the roof of a house behind the church.

The summer tubs and other planters are now full, and we would welcome anyone who could water and take off dead flower heads in one near to where you live.

Last year we joined the Beautiful Scotland 'It's your neighbourhood' programme, and were assessed at level 4 out of 5, deemed to be 'thriving'. We will have another visitor to assess our progress and offer any advice on 14 August.

We have also been liaising with the council about their Grow Wild initiative, leaving some areas of long grass, to encourage insects and wildflowers. The grass will be cut and removed at the end of the summer. You can have your say at the link here:

Grow Wild Survey Link: https://survey123.arcgis.com/share/97a9478013b44b43964d7512c0dcce99

The early summer has been busy for us, in several

If you have any suggestions or could help with our activities in any way, please contact Amanda James on 07963 476803. Please follow our Facebook page for latest developments.

Potager Garden



ways. We have been pleased to welcome four new volunteers who are helping us on Monday mornings, and learning a few new skills, maintaining the garden, and potting up plants for sale. We are grateful to Richard Scott at the Kinross laundry on the High Street, for making our plants available for sale outside, and these have proved popular.

Two of our stalwart and skilled women volunteers have been renovating the shed and decking area there. We discovered slabs under the old rotten decking, and decided not to replace this with more, as it is easier to clean. Janet, helped by other volunteers, has efficiently replaced the balustrade around the veranda area, which is now looking very smart. We were also offered a day of volunteering by three younger women from Nationwide Building Society, who willingly repainted the shed with two coats of stain to finish off the project. We are very grateful for their contribution.

Before the school holidays, we had visits from Milnathort Rainbows and Guides, Kinross Beavers, and the Eco group



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from Kinross Primary School. They planted potatoes, hunted for bugs, learned about how plants grow, and planted some seeds to take home. Some of them also helped to build our new habitat for minibeasts and other wildlife, which they named the 'Bug Mania Hotel'. We have also led two holiday sessions for children in the library with seed sowing and crafts.

In June, we held a plant sale and coffee morning on a Monday morning, which is our usual volunteer time. This was very well attended and raised some helpful funds, and it was great to meet new people who had not been to the garden before. We will probably have another coffee morning later in the summer. Other customers have also dropped in at times on Monday mornings to chat, ask questions, and buy some plants. Visitors are always welcome at that time, or please get in touch if you would like to come along another time.

Despite changeable weather and some slug damage, our crops are growing well in the vegetable beds, and we have been harvesting strawberries, peas and broad beans, and borage and marigolds are attracting bees and butterflies to help with their pollination. We are looking forward to more produce towards the end of the summer, and hope that school children will come back for a harvest and tasting session.

The Potager Garden will be 30 years old next year, which is quite significant for a voluntary project. We will be planning some sort of celebration of this landmark and would love to hear from anyone who has been involved in the past, as a volunteer or young visitor with your memories of the garden.

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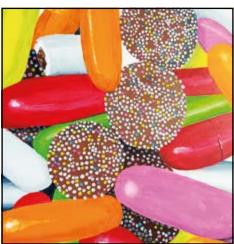
KADAC

We are delighted to confirm that the annual Art Exhibition will be opened by local

professional artist, Barry Allan Scott (https://barryallanscott. art/) at the open evening on Friday 5 September. It will take place at 7-9pm in the lovely Cleish village hall. The exhibition continues on Saturday 6 and Sunday 7 September. Members are looking forward to sharing their art and craftworks with those who come along.

Over recent years, many of our members have been profiled in these reports. This month, it is a delight to introduce one of our newer members, Al Lawrie. Reflecting on his 'art journey', Al recalled:

'I always enjoyed art at school but was encouraged to take school subjects that would get me a "proper job".



I was told that painting pictures was a hobby like stamp collecting, so I studied biochemistry at university and ended up doing many jobs, none remotely 'arty', finally retiring from the NHS in 2020.

'Over the years



Left: One of Al's 'Sweetie paintings' Above: Al with his 'Heelan Coo', which he painted during his art class

I painted occasionally, usually pictures to be given as gifts; even a small painting given as a present is usually less expensive than something bought in a gift shop and always more appreciated!

'I normally paint in acrylics but since becoming a member of Kinross and District Art Club last year and to get out from beneath my wife's feet (her words, not mine!), I have experimented with other media, finding gouache particularly enjoyable.

'I particularly like "photorealism" and "close-up" art, such as the everyday objects painted by Sherry Egger and the botanical close-ups of Robbie Honey, however, my favourite painter has got to be Sarah Graham. I like the nostalgic kitsch of the toys and sweeties from my youth in her paintings; one of my favourites being her painting entitled "Toblerone".

'More recently, I have attended the art classes run by Bridge of Earn based artist Barry Allan Scott and have had the opportunity to paint in oils, which is so enjoyable and relaxing.

'After joining KADAC last September, I have been really encouraged by the support and advice from fellow members, and I now paint regularly.

'If asked, why I paint, then my answer would be 'to make other people happy'. If they smile when they see my work, then 'JOB DONE!'

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

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



Kinross-shire Local Events Organisation



Kinross Summer Market

Come along to the Market Park on Saturday 23 August from 10am to 3pm. There will be a fabulous big market and community event to celebrate summer with a great variety of food, drink and craft stalls and there will also be some great entertainment from local musicians and dancers!

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

Eddi Reader back in Kinross

The headline act for this year's Kinross-shire's Winter Festival is singer and songwriter Eddi Reader. The show will take place on Friday 28 November, 8pm at Loch Leven Community Campus. Tickets are £27.



Anthony Toner: Some of Prine, some of Mine

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

Tickets for both concerts are available at Morgans Estate Agent's in Kinross or Light Up My Heart in Milnathort. Alterntively, you can purchase tickets online through our website.

Kinross Community Folk Group

Dust off your instruments and come along. We meet every Tuesday afternoon at 1-3pm at St Paul's Church Hall on the Muirs. The fee is £3 a session to pay for the hall and coffee/teas. If you have any queries contact Ian Hardie on 07941847657.

Leven Voices and Kacophony Orchestra

Both groups are now on a summer break. Sessions from Leven Voices will start again on 2 September (Kinross Parish Church) and the Kacophony Orchestra will start on 3 September (Loch Leven Community Campus).

For more information about Leven Voices or the Kacopony Orchestra please send an email to info@kleo.org.uk.

Acoustic Open Mic

These evenings are for anyone who would like to play a couple of songs in a live situation. They take place on the third Wednesday of the month from 7.30pm to 9pm in the lounge of the Green Hotel. The next session is on Wednesday 20 August. Text Nigel on 07758 559187. For more information about KLEO events visit our website.

Kinross-shire Climate Cafe

We are taking a break over the summer. Our climate cafés will restart in September. The first autumn meeting will be on Tuesday 9 September. If you have any questions or

would like to present or talk at one of our meetings, please

We would like to thank Loch Leven Community Library for hosting our events last year and providing technical support for the speakers.

Contact Kara Mackay by email at *kinrossshireclimatecafe@gmail.com*. Details of upcoming events are available on Facebook.

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Kinross Centre

The recent weather has been amazing and even a bit too hot for some of us. The sunshine has made our barge trips more enjoyable, allowing us to sunbathe as we cruise the canal. We have had some new entertainers visiting us this month, 'The Shrinking Violets' from the Men's Shed. They are fantastic, playing music from the 1960s right up to the current day. There are 12 members of the band and all of them are amazing musicians and singers. We are very pleased to say they are going to come back and visit us again. We would like to thank 'The Shrinking Violets' for a wonderful afternoon.



With the weather being so nice we decided to take a picnic down to the Loch which was something that many of us had not done for a very long time. We had a great afternoon enjoying the sun, the company and the stunning view.

We continue to serve a three-course meal at the centre. It is made freshly on the premises every day. We can pick you up and take you home so that you can enjoy an afternoon of activities or a coffee and a blether. If you are interested in coming along, please give Nan a call on 01577 863869.

Kinross Handcraft Circle

The Kinross Handcraft Circle is a group of enthusiastic craft people who meet on alternate Tuesday mornings at the Gateside Memorial Hall. A programme of classes and workshops is planned each year, with skills being passed on by members and outside tutors.

The Kinross Handcraft Circle is part of the Scottish Handcraft Circle with other branches in Glasgow, St Andrews and East Lothian. All groups come together for a joint residential craft weekend each year and a biennial exhibition of work is hosted in succession by the four branches.

The Scottish Handcraft Circle first took shape as an idea in the autumn of 1949. Three friends in the Guide movement were saddened by how little needlework was being produced by girl guides and felt some effort must be made to prevent needlecraft skills from dying out. Led by Lady Rachel Younger, the Commissioners set out to help the generation then growing up in Scotland, learn handcraft skills. Over the next few years interest grew and a wider range of crafts was introduced.

The Circle has continued to grow over the years and the spirit has remained the same. Although it started in the Guide movement it now has members from all walks of life. All are keen amateurs who

want to expand their skills and are also happy to pass on their own knowledge to other members.

After a short break through the summer months, the Kinross Handcraft Circle will start meeting again on Tuesday 2 September. Sessions run from 9.30 until 12.15 and there is an annual membership fee of £30 which covers the cost of the hall and mid-morning refreshments.

Classes for the 2025/26 session will include Applique, Embroidered Felt birds, Goldwork and Crafting with Nature. In addition there will be a Knitting Masterclass and members are always welcome to bring along their own projects to work on. There will also be a one-day Willow Weaving workshop.

If you are interested in joining, please contact the secretary, Ann Caudrey, at *ann.jag21@gmail.com*. You will be made very welcome!

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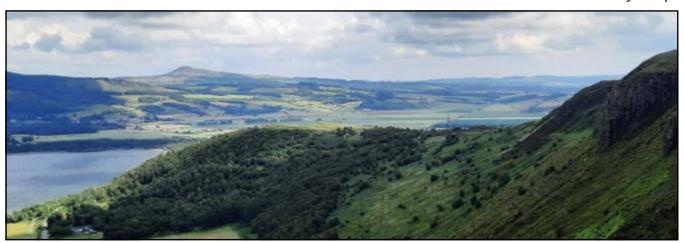
We have all been enjoying the sunshine and, although we have been quiet at

times, we held a successful project lunch in July with an excellent speaker, Peter Cook, talking about Dr Grahams Homes in Kalimpong, India. They care and educate homeless and vulnerable children, supporting them from a young age right up to college or training courses where necessary.

Our chosen charity for the month is Haiti Help, a small charity based in Fife and founded in 2009 by 3 nurses, improving the lives on La Gonave Island. Here there is severe poverty and malnutrition with a small hospital looking after their medical needs. A children's village houses up to 80 children and educates 300, providing not only education but healthy meals as well.

At the end of September we are holding a special day to celebrate 25 years of Common Grounds. We have been very successful in acquiring the CEO of the Ann Gloag Foundation and trustee of the Mercy Ships who will be present at the event. She will be proving a talk with slides informing us all about the work the foundation does. A two-course buffet lunch will be provided as well as photos and information to tell the story of how Common Grounds started and established itself over the years. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible there. Tickets will be on sale this month.

In the meantime we look forward to seeing everyone at our usual coffee mornings which take place every Tuesday and Saturday at 10am-12.30pm.



Benarty View

Kinross & Ochil Walking Group

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

We normally walk in glorious sunshine but our walk up Benarty was particularly wet. The photograph below was taken before the serious rain came in.

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 12 August, Blairadam Forest

An easy walk on forest tracks through beautiful Blairadam forest with its attractive mix of mighty spruces and colourful beech woodland. A leisurely 4.5 miles. Please bring a packed lunch and refreshments, hat and sun cream. Light walking shoes are sufficient.

Tuesday 26 August, Auchtermuchty Common

This is a gentle road walk uphill, then across field tracks and paths following a burn to the common with good views across to the Lomond hills.

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

Weekend Longer Walks

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

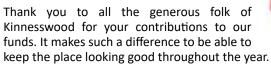
Sunday 18 August, Linlithgow Circular

An easy walk along good paths and tracks around the loch, up to the canal basin and along the towpath as far as the Avon aqueduct.

Thereafter following the river to Linlithgow bridge with road and tracks back to the loch. A leisurely 8 miles.

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

Kinnesswood In Bloom





As a group which regularly works with children, we have joined the PVG scheme. Individual members who work with the schoolchildren will register with the scheme.

Bark has been delivered and distributed through areas of the village which need topping up.

As the school is on holiday, we (mostly John) are keeping the polytunnel watered. This was quite difficult during the recent heatwave. Surplus crops like strawberries, tomatoes and peas are frozen for use by the school later. Other crops which do not keep are put in the village surplus fruit and vegetable box in the picture garden. If anyone else would like to help out with watering let us know.

The wee figures are now going out around the village. Some may be familiar, but others reflect our insect theme. Hopefully you will enjoy searching out the webs around the village. There are a few and don't forget to look up the Cobbles where you will find Ann Dandie's birds with a web behind them and Little Miss Muffet in Matt and Anna's window.

Our judging day is Tuesday 5 August and we are expecting the Beautiful Scotland judges in the afternoon. Let's hope for more of the sunny weather. We really appreciate everyone keeping their own patch tidy and weed free. It would also be lovely to see some of the children at the school to show the judges around.

Please note that, due to the judging our most recent meeting took place on Thursday 24 July. All are welcome at our meetings or Saturday work parties. If you see us weeding the streets near you feel free to join in.





Portmoak Community Woodland Group

If there is one job you would rather avoid in high summer, it is the very hands-on business of pulling out a plant called Himalayan Balsam. It loves damp ditches, which means you have to clamber into them and do battle with brambles, nettles, wasps and cleggs, as well as with the plant itself.

Unfortunately, high summer is when it has to be tacking as this is when it is in bloom and easy to see but

not quite ready to seed. If you leave it too late, it can be disastrous. A single plant can produce as many as 800 seeds and they can be scattered several metres in all directions.

It is easy to see, because it has quite pretty pink blooms and it is fairly easy to pull out, as the roots are shallow. The problem is that it is an invasive species, which means it is one of the plants which, by law, you must not allow to spread onto your neighbours' land, for the very good

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1st No 104 Malcolm Parking, Kinnesswood

2nd No 23 Ian Roberts, Scotlandwell

3rd No 1 Gillian Ross, Kinnesswood

reason that it spreads vigorously and prevents the growth of many of our native plants.

Over recent years Himalayan Balsam has turned up in many of the ditches surrounding Portmoak Moss and so the Portmoak Community Woodland Group has been doing what it can to get the better of it. Every summer we don waders and long gloves and weed out every Himalayan Balsam plant that we can find. The results are very satisfying. In ditches which have been tackled multiple times, there is no sign of the plants now. We made another concerted effort to stop it spreading in mid-July, so fingers crossed that we have got the better of it.

By September, when the birds have finished nesting, we will be back to our usual job of pulling out birch saplings on the raised peat bog in the Moss. If you would like to come along and have a go you would be very welcome. The job is always more fun when we have plenty of company. On 7 September, from 10am-3pm, we shall be there and we look forward to being joined by the Lothian Conservation Volunteers, among others. All tools will be provided and we always have a safety briefing. It is in the very good cause of restoring the peat bog and if you would like to join us, please get in touch through our website.

Kinross Squirrels

On 13 June the Squirrels did not meet as usual as the Scout group held its annual family barbecue and AGM at the hall. The Squirrels had a great time at the barbecue and enjoyed playing games in the garden.

The following week the Squirrels had their final meeting of the term. It was an enjoyable evening which involved building campfires in the garden. Once we got the campfires lit (after





a quick run up to Premier Kinross to get some matches!) the Squirrels got to roast bread on sticks, marshmallows and starbursts on their campfires. It was a fantastic way to end the term. At the end of the meeting we were delighted to invest our new Squirrels into the drey. Congratulations to Ailsa, Cayden, Isla, Noah, Harris and Jamie!

Congratulations also go to Hamish who was awarded the Chief Scout's Acorn award (the highest award in the Squirrel section and Ruaridh who was awarded the Chief Scout's Acorn award during his investiture into Beavers on the same evening.

Thank you to all our parent helpers for your support this term and over the last year, it is much appreciated by the

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 on kinrosssquirrels@outlook.com for more information.

Kinross Beavers

On 13 June our usual meeting

was cancelled as the Scout group held its annual family barbecue and AGM at the hall. It was a great social evening as everyone enjoyed the barbeque in the summer sunshine.

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Whilst the young people enjoyed games in the garden, the grownups got to hear about what has been happening in the Scout group over the last year and also the plans the group has for the Millbridge Hall.

There were also a couple of special presentations. Congratulations to Beavers team member Grant who was presented with the Chief Scout 5 Year length of service award! Congratulations are also due to Beavers team member Stephen who was presented with the King's Scout award which is the top achievement for Explorer Scouts and Scout network members. It comprises a variety of activities which have to be completed and is closely linked to the Duke of Edinburgh's Gold award. Stephen will now be invited to attend a National Day of Celebration and

Achievement at Windsor Castle next April.

The following week on a balmy Friday evening the Beavers hiked up East Lomond. All 26 successfully summited taking in the beautiful views across the Kingdom of Fife before returning back to Craigmead car park. Well done to all. On returning to the car park we were delighted to invest Ffion, Callan, Carter, Ruaridh and Noah into the colony. Congratulations! Also, a new lodge leader and assistant



lodge leaders were appointed. Congratulations to Harry, Brodie and Ben! To finish off the evening Beavers team member Hannah (pictured) was invested into the group. Congratulations, Hannah!

On our final night of term before the summer holidays, the Beavers, Cubs and some Scouts descended on Lochore Meadows for the annual water fight. A great night was had by all who attended. A big thanks to everyone who has supported the Beavers over the year including young leaders, leaders and parents. Without such support we would not be able to put on such a varied programme.

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







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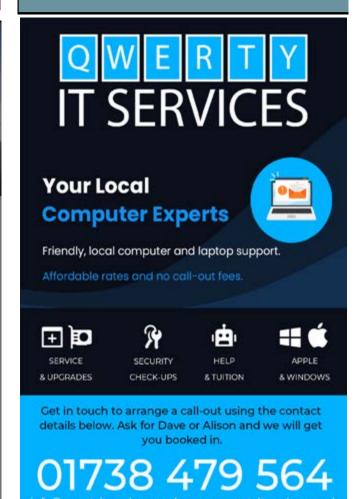
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Kinross Cubs

For our meeting on the 11 June the Cubs met at the Kirkgate Park. They had a fun evening play lots of games in the summer sun, including rounders and relay games organised by our young leaders.

The following week it was the turn of the yellow, white and red sixes to go for a local history walk along Bowton Road and back to the Millbridge Hall for their local knowledge badge. The walk was again led by Dr Kate Kent and the Cubs had a brilliant time learning about the history of Kinross. Just like the first group, they saw the remains of the old school and got to see an area of Kinross that is no longer accessible to the public that was used by the local butcher to keep cows in.



A big thanks to Kate for the engaging talk which supported the Cubs to achieve their badge.

Back at the hall the blue, green and purple sixes started working on their global issues badge. They got involved in two activities which count towards the badge by sorting out items into four options in their groups and designing a poster for World Environment Day focusing on ending plastic pollution.

Before the meeting on 18 June got underway, we enjoyed some special presentations. Congratulations to Robbie, Nico, Arran, Charlie, Innes, Maia and Cammy who were invested into the pack. We were also were delighted to appoint some new sixer and seconders. Congratulations to Logan, Sinclair, Struan, Hudson and Jude!

For our final meeting of the term at the end of June the Cubs had a great time at their annual water fight with the Beavers and Scouts at Lochore Meadows. Thank-you to everyone who has supported Cubs over the last year. Without your support we would not be able to provide the Cubs with all the different activities they enjoy.

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

Inner Wheel Club of Kinross and District



www.innerwheel.co.uk

After the summer break, our meetings will resume in September, when we shall welcome our new president and committee for 2025-26.

Milnathort in Bloom

Hopefully you will agree that the middle of the village looking really good, considering that we are experiencing torrential rain one minute and 32 degrees the next! The plants (and those on watering duty) have no idea what is

Clubs & Community Groups

going on! Regardless, our hardy group of volunteers continue throughout the summer to ensure that everything is well watered and looking tip top.

We would like to thank a ninja-like local group of guerilla gardeners who have been trying to transform the crumbling wall along Burleigh Road. There are now aubretia and nasturtiums growing from the wall, which has really brightened it up along there. On the other side of the road, there are daffodils in the spring and crocosmia later on. Well done, whoever you are, your efforts have not gone unnoticed!

One of our bug bears at the moment is the War Memorial on South Street. It is a fairly large area to keep on top of and we would really appreciate some additional help from local veterans who would be willing to take care of it. Some gardening knowledge would be beneficial as there is a large herbaceous border at the back that could do with some pruning. There is also the usual weeding and general tidying up that needs to be done. If anyone could spare a couple of hours a month, please get in touch via our Facebook page. All equipment and support will be provided.

Something we have been thinking about for the last year or so are the trees in the boxes at the Cross. Unfortunately, we are going to need to remove them as the roots have grown so large that they soak up all the feed and water, leaving very little for the plants in the top. This will be done towards the end of the year. We will, of course, have to replace the trees with something although this cannot be not too big as we do not want to reduce visibility at the roundabout. Something that has a long flowering period and is under about a metre tall would be ideal. If you have any ideas, please do get in touch with us.

If you would like to discuss anything with us or would like to get more involved in what we do, please do not hesitate to pop over to our Facebook page. We are a friendly bunch and would welcome any help you would like to offer.

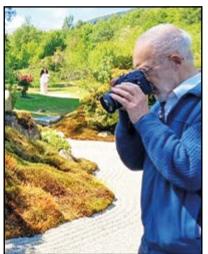
Kinross Camera Club

www.kinrosscameraclub.wordpress.com

Find us on Facebook

Our summer workshops on landscape photography and portraiture continue this month with another landscape photography meet-up scheduled for 10 August (subject to change depending on weather). For further information about these events please contact our secretary by email at <code>secretary@kinrosscameraclub.org.uk</code> or visit our website and Facebook page.

If you have an interest in photography and would like to find out more about our club please get in touch. All abilities



of photographer will be made very welcome. No fancy camera equipment is required, all you need is an interest in taking photographs, learning how to improve your photography and meeting up with likeminded folk. We are a very sociable friendly, group and you will be made very welcome. You can even come

Doug and his Olympus OM1

along to a few meetings before deciding if you would like to become a full member.

To continue our summer feature called 'Members Spotlight' our club member Doug Carrie shares his highlights and memories of being a member for over 20 years below.

"Kinross Camera Club was already well established when I became a member about 20 years ago, just as digital photography was being established within the club, although there was still a slide (film) competition.

'The members were helpful and friendly, which encouraged me to continue my membership, and soon I became more involved. Over the years new friends and acquaintances were established.

'Becoming a committee member provided a deeper awareness and understanding of the functioning of the club. It also, of course, required more commitment, such as gathering all the prints for external competitions and getting them to the judge on time.

'I also organised some of the annual weekend aways during the month of May. One of the best was to a guest house near to the Falls of Lora, at Connel, north of Oban. We had our evening meal in the local Oyster Inn (excellent fresh food) and were we were treated to some spectacular sunset views. Another excellent weekend was to Arran, organised by John St Clair, which again provided lovely sunsets, this time from the ferry on the way over to Arran, and again, open vistas of west Scotland coastal and mountainous landscapes.

'Over the years the club has provided a selection of speakers who introduced us to various aspects of photography from the early daguerreotype to light painting and drone photography. Club members also give talks on

Opposite: Photos of sunsets taken from the ferry across to Arran and A Pink Rose - One of Doug's early 'photoshopped' images. Below: A recent 'composite' image from three photographs and photoshop editing









the techniques they use to produce their final images, the photographic gear/equipment they use, or just show us the pictures they took at some event, or on holiday.

'My photographs are eclectic. My current camera is an Olympus OM1. The main lens is a 'tourist lens' – an Olympus 12-100mm. I also use my iPhone on occasion. Photographs tend to be snapshots, as I use my camera as if it were a sketch pad, using mainly 'auto' functions, with resulting images creatively modified and developed in computer software, such as photoshop.

'Although I have been given guidance and advice by various members, used a variety of cameras, (Dynax 5D, Sigma SA 300, Sony RX 100 etc.) and there was always friendly banter about which was better (Nikon or Canon, neither of which I have ever used), I am still looking for the perfect one for me.

The Olympus gives me good results and meets most of my requirements, leading to some successes in the club' competitions.

To sum up, it is a fun, rewarding, enjoyable way to spend a Thursday evening and occasional outings.



Milnathort Bridge Club

Last month I stated that 'bridge is not *just* a game'. It is my firm belief that the game of bridge should be introduced in schools, and

it was interesting to read that the number of schools participating under the SBU in Scotland, is increasing.

While on holiday, recently, I met a lady who taught bridge to a group of teenagers who had got into trouble with the law as part of their rehabilitation into society. When I raised an eyebrow at this she explained that the game embraces anger management, teaches them to work with a partner, as a team player, to win and lose gracefully, to think logically and to concentrate and reason with changing information and situations. Now, I am not for one moment thinking that any of MBC were introduced to bridge in this manner, but we are very fortunate to have two thriving clubs in the area with such enthusiasm for the game.

Over the past three years Willie Young and Jim Marshall have voluntarily given of their time and expertise in running weekly classes for beginners. As a result, a number of their students enjoy

the game socially and some have even graduated to competitive club level. Great credit goes to them as it can be quite an intimidating experience for new players to find themselves playing against opponents who have years of experience.

Following the summer break the bridge lessons will commence again at the start of October and the list of applicants is growing fast. The cost of these classes is minimal with the only expense being the hire of the premises. Thank you Willie and Jim for your continued support of the game of bridge.

RESULTS

North/South East/West

20 June

Ian & Pat Cook Colin Wilson/Bob Robertson

7 July

Janet Laird Jim and Catriona Marshall

14 July

Willie Young/Jane Smith Cath Ballantyne/Marion Forbes

21 July

Janet Laird/Nicol Tomney Liz Pottie/Jessie Mitchell

Kinross in Bloom

Congratulations are extended to all the recently nominated Community Champions including Susan Mitchell who was recognised for her work as secretary to Kinross in Bloom and trustee and secretary of Broke not Broken. The contribution of volunteers in all areas of life in Kinross needs to be recognised and celebrated regularly.

Our chairperson, Dave, had a discussion with a member of the public about the location of the bloom planters along the main road, and in many cases next to bus stops. It was great to have a positive discussion but it had to be pointed out that the planters would be very heavy to move and, also, to do so would be a major health and safety issue. The planters in the main are thriving and growing and the splashes of colour greatly

appreciated. Kinross in Bloom again planted up the trough at the entry to Causeway Court.

Planning is underway for the autumn/spring season. The pansies provide welcome colour in the run up to spring. Members have been monitoring the sustainable planters around the town with a view to future planning. A lesson learned: while many sustainable plants more or less take care of themselves, most need pruning and cutting back. As the saying goes, 'every day is a school day'. Best wishes for a colourful autumn.

For information contact susan.mitchell50@gmail.com or daviddickson2@hotmail.co.uk.

Kinross Radio Model Flying Club (KRMFC)

krmfc.bmfa.club

Find us on Facebook

The weather has on the whole been very kind over the last month and a lot of flying has taken place at the field and generally without too much drama, although we did have a 3D printed F104 Starfighter stall upon launch and it did not have a happy ending! We also had a little robot plane (featured here previously at the build stage) collide with a fence post, the owner says the post came up at it!

The helicopter pilots have also found plenty time to get flying as well, with a number of them in action at once.

The club had a maintenance day on Saturday 12 July and all of the planned jobs (ranging from moving some of the pilot boxes through to cleaning out the maintenance hut and lots of other jobs in between) were successfully completed. The 27 degree celsius temperature only slightly added to the challenge!

The indoor event went very well and without drama (unlike the previous month!), however the flying was mainly limited to helicopters and drones and we are keen to see more aeroplanes take to the air.

Some club members went down to Weston Park in the middle of June. This was a large model aeroplane display held in the grounds of a 17th century mansion, close to Wolverhampton. The flying was very entertaining and there were some full size planes there as well. There was an aerobatic display by a gyrocopter and a fly past by Spitfire and Hurricane. There were also a great number of trade stands.

If you just want to see what we are up to, checking our Facebook page.



3D printed F104 Starfighter

Kinross Garden Group

Our summer visits continue. In July a large group of members visited Kelso and then went



on to Floors Castle. The actual castle at Floors is really all one could hope for in a Scottish castle, and the gardens were also magnificent. It would be possible to walk for a great length of time through the huge herbaceous borders, with colours produced by massing quite a limited range of plants, but it was incredibly hot, and members had to seek shade in the wooded area or the very nice café! The children in the group had a good time on the zip wire as well!

The next visit will be to Pitmuies House garden north of Arbroath on Thursday 14 August. Members should pay for this trip (£23) as soon as they can by cash, cheque or bank transfer to Caroline Anderson. Bank details are on the information sheet. Anyone who registered for the trip initially has a seat. Non-members are also welcome if we have spare seats.

For more details about membership of the Kinross Garden Group, contact Caroline Anderson on 01577 864589.

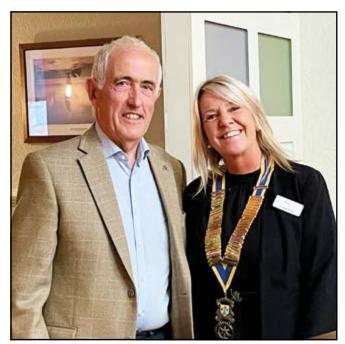
The Rotary Club of Kinross and District

www.ribi.org

Our activities throughout June were varied as always.

On 9 June, we hosted Simon Rennie, Chair of Citizens Advice Scotland (CAS). CAS supports the 59 bureaux of the Citizens Advice Bureau or CAB as it is better known. Simon gave us a most illuminating talk including details of the incredible work done, mostly by volunteers. They give advice on money matters, debts and benefits. They also have a whole department for advocacy. CAB are there for everyone, but the demand is greatest where the need is most acute. Often their clients have run out of options. During 2024/25 they helped and supported 190000 people, while over two million people sought advice and support from their online services. Impressive work! Simon was a terrific advert for the work of CAB.

On 23 June, our president for 2024-25 handed over the chain of office to Yvonne Smith, president for the next 12 months. Yvonne is the third woman president in our club's history, and we have many women members actively working in



Presidential Handover: Bob Mitchell and Yvonne Smith.

our club. Yvonne spoke of her plans for the new Rotary year, emphasising opportunity and diversity.

At every meeting it is our custom to exchange good news with fellow members and make a donation to the 'Happy Tin'. £563 has been raised over the past year, and a donation was made to fellow Rotarian Jo Middlemiss' Ethiopia Medical Project.

It was also an opportunity to reflect on our achievements and note the lengthy service of some of our members, namely 35 years for Neil Maclure and Alistair Smith; 30 years for Simon Byford; 25 years for John Matthew. Congratulations to all for their dedicated service to Rotary and the community.

We aim to assist our community whenever we can, and we recently responded to a request from KYTHE for a donation towards the installation of some garden furniture outside their hub. We approached Willie Nellies of F 4 Fvent Services for an estimate and he provided two picnic tables free of charge! They have been delivered to KYTHE in time for the summer holidays and will provide a much-appreciated enhancement to their facilities. Thanks, Willie, for this generous gesture. We live in a fabulous community!

On 14 June, the Kinross Primary School quiz team travelled to Aberdeen's Beach Ballroom for the district final of the Rotary Primary Schools Quiz. They put up a terrific performance and we are very proud of them. Good luck to the team and all P7s as they move on to high school.

Our final meeting before the summer break was an 'away day'. We enjoyed dinner at the Lomond Hills Hotel in Freuchie and were then welcomed by Ronnie Black at Collessie Mains Farm. Ronnie introduced us to their magnificent Clydesdale horses. These beautiful animals are bred for showing and sale. Ronnie gave us a detailed talk about their work as we walked round the fields and there is no doubting his extraordinary knowledge and dedication.

Look out for us at the Summer Market at the Market Park on Saturday 23 August. This year we are holding our annual 'Winter Warmer' sale there. This is an opportunity to purchase good quality coats and jackets in good condition ready for autumn creeping in. Most items are only £5, possibly a little more for high end brands. Last year we were

told that we were selling certain items far too cheaply! If you have any suitable donations for the stall, please contact our secretary using the details below.

There will be no more formal meetings until September, but members continue to meet informally for coffee and chats about the new Rotary year.

This is an excellent time to join our club. New members and curious people wanting to find out more will be made very welcome. Come and speak to us at the summer market or contact us by email at secretary.kdrc@gmail.com

Loch Leven Library

www.culturepk.org.uk

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Friday 10am-6pm

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Regular Sessions

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

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

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, and surf the internet – topics covered would 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. Anyone who is interested in attending a session can book their time slot by phoning the library.

Did you know you can access our free digital resources with your library card? Visit the AppStore or Google Play and download the BorrowBox, Libby and PressReader apps for free and use your library card to access an extensive range of digital resources.

The apps offer access to a wide selection of eBooks, audiobooks, eMagazines, eComics and eNewspapers. Full details can be found in your local library or on our website.

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

Interested in writing? The next Creative Writing Group sessions will be on Wednesday 6 August from 7-9pm. Please contact the library if you would like more information.





Summer Reading Challenge Activities

Treehouse Tales

Join us at 2-3.30pm on Thursday 7 August. Enjoy treehouse stories, along with a variety of fun activities and crafts. Places are limited and pre-booking is essential for all children. To book a place, please contact the library in person, by phone or email. Suitable for children aged 5-11. Children under the age of 8 must be accompanied by an adult.

A Little World of Ants

In celebration of this year's Summer Reading Challenge, join illustrator and plaything maker, Cara Rooney, for a creative session inspired by her book, 'A Little World of Ants'. Explore the tiny world of ants during an interactive reading of Cara's playful book and discover beasties in the garden. This session will encourage adventures outside in nature, inspiring imagination and curiosity for little creatures found outside. Join us on Tuesday 12 August at 2.30-4pm.

All sessions are suitable for primary-aged children (aged 5-11) and cost £3 per child. Under 8s to be accompanied by an adult. Places are limited so pre-booking is essential for all children. To book a place, please contact the library in person, by calling 01577 867205, or by emailing lochlevenlibrary@culturepk.org.uk.

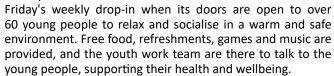
1945 – A Reflection On The End of WW2 80 Years On

Join retired soldier Andy Middlemiss and guest speaker Jackie Sutherland on Thursday 4 September at 7-8pm as they talk through 1945 and the ending of World War 2 and the coming home and repatriation of POWs. Tickets are £10 (under 18s free). To book a place, please contact the library in person. Proceeds are shared between SSAFA and CPK.

KYTHE

www.kythe.org.uk

We applied to the Big Give's Small Charity week to raise funds for



By participating in the Big Give's Small Charity week, every donation made to our campaign page will be doubled. Our aim was to raise £1000, which would be matched to £2000, to support drop-ins over the summer holidays, which can be a quieter time for young people, so company and fun is always appreciated.

We want to say a massive thanks to everyone who supported this, as we surpassed our target in two days, ultimately raising £3026, which is fabulous for the young people of Kinross-shire. We have been delighted with the support so far but if you haven't done so yet and can make a contribution, you can still donate via Big Give. We can claim gift aid on these donations which increases the amount by 20%. Alternatively, you can donate on our website. We look forward to updating you on the final total.

Summer activities are underway, so far with a videography session, movie nights, and the KYTHE container in the car park at the Hub/health centre is looking far more interesting following a spray-painting workshop for the young people. We look forward to sharing snapshots of these activities with you.

We'll be attending the Fossoway Gathering on Saturday 6 September, so we look forward to seeing everyone there. Come and have a chat with us.



Kinross and District Town Twinning Association

In celebration of 50 years since the people of Kinross-shire



The 50th anniversary silver salver this special twinning visit

made their first official twinning journey to Gacé in Normandy, 25 locals (including 1st Kinross Boys Brigade and Girls Association), will be travelling to join our twinning friends in a week-long celebration. The highlight will be the official welcome celebration by the Mayor of Gacé. An official reception will be followed by a parade of dances featuring Normans and Scots, each in which will be presented to the traditional costume. A variety of Mayor of Gacé to commemorate visits to local farm, food and drink businesses for which Normandy is famed is planned along with a visit

to Le Mans. Read all about the special anniversary twinning in the September issue of the Newsletter.

Kinross and District Boys' Brigade and Girls' Association





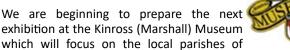
3 August with a full programme of activities and visits planned for their week's stay in Normandy.

The party of 15 will travel by minibus to Folkstone overnight on Saturday 26 July, boarding the 9.30am channel tunnel shuttle to Calais before proceeding to Gacé, arriving mid-afternoon. Trips to the local Camembert cheese factory, the Normandy beaches, Second World War museums, the

Bayeaux Tapestry and a visit to Le Mans will all feature in the week's programme.

The group will leave Gacé on Sunday 3 August for the return journey arriving back in Kinross later that day. On returning members will be involved in erecting the marquee tent locally for end of season bookings before the new session resumes on Friday 5 September.

Kinross (Marshall) Museum



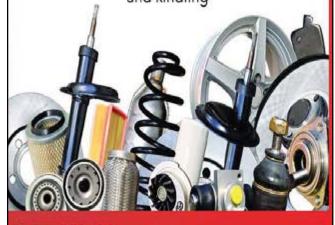


Portmoak, Cleish, Arngask and Blairingone. If readers have any information, stories, photos or artefacts they would like to share or lend to the museum, we would be delighted to hear from you. You can email the museum at information@ kinrossmuseum.org.uk, or call into the museum study room on Thursdays between 10am and 7pm, or Saturdays between 10am and 1pm. The museum is at the library in the Community Campus. Or look out for our stalls at the Kinross Show and the Kinross Summer Market. If you have an interest in local history, or a project you would like to research, our small group of volunteers are always happy to help, and even happier to welcome new volunteers!



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Sports News

Kinross Golf Club

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2 Beeches Park KY13 8EU Tel: 01577 862237

Congratulations are due to our new club champion Andy Jackson who defeated Alan Archibald in a closely fought contest over 36 holes. Tributes are also awarded to Aly McGregor for his victory in the Beveridge Cup over James Marshall also won at the final hole.

These four fine golfers won through to the final day after some excellent golf in the playoffs and eliminating rounds. Once again it proved to be a highly competitive challenge and we are grateful to all who took part and to Dave Whitley and his team for their organisation of these blue riband events

Across the club our golfers are competing successfully in a wide variety of competitions and events. The men's teams are well placed in the Ochil league, the Caledonian league and are still active in the Kyocera classic.

Our ladies have enjoyed successes especially in the Kyocera and also some very close contests, most notably in the Perth and Kinross league.

Robbie Hepburn, one of our leading Juniors, came so close to winning the Junior District match play championship, losing out on the extra holes.

Thank you to all our golfers for their competitive efforts and good luck in the remaining matches of the season. Our social events continue to prove highly popular.

Our ladies night was a huge success both in the glamour





Above: Andy Jackson (left) and Alan Archibald (right) Left: Aly McGregor (left) and James Marshall (right)

of the costumes and outfits and the fabulously fun line dancing. The gents were jealously locked out much to their disappointment.

Rhythm and Booze entertained members and guests at our last monthly social and the hospitality team provided an excellent menu that kept our energy and spirits up all evening long.

Do check our Instagram account and website for upcoming events and social evenings. We remain keen to see new golfers and social members becoming involved and especially any junior boys and girls.

Orwell Bowling Club

Time is marching on and so is the bowling season, with us just over half way now.

That is all Orwell Bowling Clubs Scottish and County matches completed. In the Scottish



Gents competition Tom Reid who skipped the Rinks lost out in the semi final and our Club Champion David Winton lost out 21-20 in a tight county single match that went the full distance. The same can be said for our Triples team who were skipped by Gordon Clark and they also lost by 1 shot. In the Balfour we also lost out in the QF to Alloa East End (who eventually won it) and in the Top 5 we lost 3-2 in the singles to Sauchie (who won the Top 5). Once again though we feel that Orwell is getting closer to the top sides in the county and we will hopefully be stronger next year — and we will look forward to the challenge when it comes.

The ladies have also represented the club well and are through to the May Ross Semi Finals which will be held mid July – so we will update you next month on how they got on. Fingers crossed for you, ladies!



So, it's time now to get on to playing the internal club competitions – singles, pairs, triples and fours – of which there are quite a few. The green will be full from time to time which is great to see and thanks must go to the greenkeeper as the playing surface is absolutely superb to play on.

We have had, as always, our friendly matches and most recent was a trip to Kinross Bowling Club. Both teams had a good turn out on what was a beautiful evening. On completion we caught up with our fellow bowlers over a hot beverage and some fine food!

We will be holding the Orwell Bowling Club Pairs Competition nearer the end of August. Anyone can enter so please feel free to contact us should you wish to participate.

We also held a defibrillator course, due to the recent installation of one at the back of the clubhouse. St Johns carried out the course which was very informative. We hope the device is never used and just gathers dust in the box.

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

We will be sharing our events on Facebook so please check us out. We appreciate your feedback and if interested please do not hesitate to contact us on 01577 863739 or at *orwellbowlingclub.weebly.com*. As the year progresses, we will update you all of events both on and off the green!

Volleyball

The mixed summer weather continues with a number of the outdoor grass sessions having to be cancelled due to the rain. When dry, we have greatly enjoyed the outdoor play.

The free outdoor sessions will continue until Monday 1



September when indoor training will resume in the large games hall of the Campus from 8-9.45 pm. Please note that no confirmation has yet been received regarding this despite the closing date for applications being 29 June.

Scottish Volleyball is due to announce a revised 'Tartan Talent' programme. This will be for senior secondary pupils hoping to follow local lass Christine Mitchell's path to representing Scotland at under 19 international level. There will be three centres (East, West and North) where youngsters can meet for specialised coaching sessions before squad selections of boys and girls are confirmed.

Adult club members are looking forward to the annual De Haan tournament in mid-August. Three teams from Perth & Kinross are competing this year. It will be 20 years since Kinross first attended the De Haan tournament and 42 years since their first international venture to Roeselare, also in Belgium, in 1983.

Kinross Tennis Club

https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/KinrossTennisClub Email: kinrosstennis@gmail.com/ kinrosstenniscoaching@gmail.com Find us on Facebook @kinrosstennisclub and @ siobhanmacleodtennis

There has been a lot of action on court over the past few weeks, and we were fortunate to have wonderful warm sunny weather for a 'Wimbledon Whites' event, where members were invited to come to the club for an evening of fun tennis with a Wimbledon theme. Many short matches were played and a few jugs of Pimm's and a lot of strawberries were consumed in the sun. A fun evening was had by all, so many thanks to the club coach Siobhan for organising and hosting the evening.

The courts in Kinross have also hosted visiting teams from various towns across Tayside over the past couple of months, as league play has been getting underway. Teams from St Andrews, Montrose, Perth, Dundee, Anstruther and Arbroath have all visited this year and all the matches have provided to be a really nice opportunity for our club members to experience some organised tennis, participate in friendly competition and meet like-minded people from other clubs. The season continues with doubles, men's and ladies matches due to conclude in towards the end of August. It's been great to see so many of our members representing the club throughout the summer.

Our popular junior summer camps are underway and will continue into August. We have run one already and we have two more running on 27 July – 1 August and 11-15 August.



New players are very welcome and all equipment is provided. Single session booking is also available if you cannot make the whole week.

The session times are:- 9.30-11am Red ball (4-6 years), 11-1pm Orange/Green ball (7-9 years), 1-3pm Yellow ball (10-16 years). Places can be booked online by visiting:

https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/SiobhanMacLeodTennis/Coaching/Camps

If you have any questions, just get in touch with coach Siobhan by text/WhatsApp on 07443223408 or by email at kinrosstenniscoaching@gmail.com.

At the time of writing the club is awaiting a fresh coat of paint on the courts which we hope will be in place by the time this article is published. That will offer another few years of protection for the courts and will look splendid for our members and guests at the club.

We hope to be able to include photos in the next issue of the *Newsletter*!

We are always keen to welcome new members and, through our activities from beginners coaching to the options of representing Kinross in league play, we have something for everyone.

Please visit our website or get in touch with us by email at kinrosstennis@gmail.com if you are interested in learning more about the tennis club here in Kinross.

Kinross Road Runners

https://kinrossroadrunners.weebly.com

There has been a mixed bag of weather this month for our KRR members to contend with.
Glorious sunshine, heavy downpours of rain and everything in between! However, it didn't stop the racing though as we have 12 races to update on.

First up was a very warm Glenrothes 10k with 11 KRR in the race results. First of them back was Matt Newton 1st M50/ 10th overall in a 10K PB time of 37:28, followed in by Andy Laycock 2nd M50 in 40:04, David Mudie 43:12, Louise Dryburgh 4th FSen in 48:22, Jim Reilly 48:30, Connor Finlay 50:02, Laura Reilly 3rd F50 in 53:08, Wendy Grieve 55:36, Linda MacEachen 64:20, Catherine McAdams 64:42 and Tamsin Kinnaird in 69:53.

No less than four club members were running at the West Highland Way race at the weekend. With a 25% DNF rate this year statistically one of them shouldn't have finished but they all did and duly collected their crystal goblet on the Sunday. What an achievement in the face of some tough, hot conditions! Karen Ritchie completed the

course in 32 hours 35 mins 1 sec, Allan Kemp posted 25 hours 0 mins 57 secs, Willie Bell clocked in at 23 hours 40 mins 29 secs and Alison McGill finished 3rd female in 21 hours 59mins 4 secs. One of the unique features of the race is the requirement to have a support crew to help your runner at checkpoints and several other KRR were involved in this capacity on the day including Alex Reilly, Caroline Jones, Hannah Lopez, Gill Lopez, Scott Strachan, Billy Webster and Janice Webster. WHW

veterans Gavin Orr and Andy Johns (never ones to miss out on the weekend) were on Loch Lomond boat evacuation volunteer duty on Saturday.

Karen Birnie was the sole KRR representative taking part in the Loch Lomond 10k, finishing in a time of 1:02:54.

Next up were two mid-week runs. First up was a small, but hardy, team of four KRR who attended the Lawbreaker hill race, our 7th off-road champs counter. Fiona Horsfield took home the 1st F40 prize and was 3rd female overall in 52:28, followed in by Billy Webster 4th M50 in 54:23, Stephanie Johnson 4th F in 55:17 and Pauline McAdam 2nd F60 in 79:56.

The following evening, we held our own event, the Milnathort Dash. Congratulations to David Scott who was 1st KRR male and Karen Birnie who was 1st KRR female. Alex Reilly finished in 33:13, Harry MacLeod 34:45 and Michael Keen 42:00.

Next up we had Stephen Freeland taking part in the Moray Way 100 mile Ultra on Saturday. The course was cut short due to a wildfire, but Stephen still ran over 75 miles! Impressive!

Another mid-week race and there was a great turnout of 28 KRR at the Brig Bash, our 5th club championship counter. Despite the heavy rain, which began while standing on the start line, everyone finished well. Congratulations to age catagory podium placers Matt Newton (2nd M50) 29:28, Caroline Jones (3rd F40) 32:54 and Megan Turnbull (2nd u20) 41:35.

In the female category Claire Gibson was 35:59, Angela 6S 37:17, Brigid Wallen 39:10, Christine Myerscough 40:18, Louise McGill 40:31, Laura Reilly 43:00, Val Findlay 43:08, Linda Palmer 46:09, Ann Malcolm 46:52, Michelle Murray 48:14, Isla Craig 48:27, Hannah Lopez 48:38, Karen Birnie 48:50, Catherine McAdams 50:15, Linda MacEachen 50:31, Sarah Eaton 52:35 and Anne Wilson 56:21. For the males it was Alex Reily 30:08, Martin Hill 33:26, Billy Webster 36:21, Tony Wallen 36:48, Jim Reilly 37:56, Andy Johns 38:40, Connor Finlay 38:50 and Gordon Donnachie 69:46.

Michelle Murray was back in action at the Blast events Sunset running festival on Saturday, completing the marathon course in 5:28:11.

At the Benarty Trail race on Sunday there were three KRR in the results. Steven Blair finished 4th M40 in 40:46 and Sarah Eaton and Karen Birnie finished together in 60:37/38.

Midweek again for off road championship action for four intrepid KRR and one in Fife colours at the Maddy Moss Mash in the Ochils. Matt Newton first back (2nd



The Brig Bash in Bridge of Earn

M50) in 64:15, followed by Alison McGill (1st F40) 72:00, Alex Reilly 72:22, Stephanie Johnson 77:45 and Pauline McAdam (1st F70) 1:55:59.

There were four more KRR at the Crieff 10km on Sunday. David Scott finished in 39:04, followed by Lynne Zabek 64:12, Janice Webster 66:36 and Len Zabek 66:54.

Michelle Murray was in long distance action again as she completed the 30 mile Eight Stations Ultra from Whitby to Pickering on Sunday in 10 hours 1min 13 secs.

Well done KRR, it was another impressive month of running!

Milnathort Golf Club

37 South Street Milnathort, KY13 9XA 01577 864069

Results from 6 July Mixed Greensomes.

Handicap

1st: Catriona Marshall & Jim Marshall - (63)
2nd: Hazel Deerness & William Deerness - (65)
3rd: Colin Payne & Helen Payne - (66)



Scratch

1st: Steve McMahon & Jennifer Ure- (75)
2nd: Jacqueline Sneddon & Fraser Sneddon – (76)

Saturday 12 July at the Ladies Open could be the day it was said it was too hot to play golf as it was played in one of the hottest days so far this year. Congratulations to the winners and to everyone who entered.

Handicap

1st: Lenore Kyle (71)

2nd: Margaret Mackenzie (73 BIH)

3rd: Jean Hillis (73)

Scratch

1st: Lorna McKinlay (75) 2nd: Laura Bissett (78)

The Finals of the Junior Scratch and Handicap Championship for Perth and Kinross County Golf Union were held at Milnathort Golf Club.

Congratulations to Lucy Moran who after 18 holes played Lucy Moran (Milnathort Golf Club) and Robbie Hepburn (Kinross Golf Club) were tied all square and had to play sudden death on extra holes. Lucy almost drove the 2nd extra hole to set up a birdie for the win.

The Handicap Championship was exciting where Lucy Robertson (Crieff Golf Club) fought back



Handicap and Scratch champions Lenore Kyle (I) and Lorna McKinlay (r)

from 4 down but was thwarted by Lachlan Dodds-Mikloski (North Inch Junior Golf Club)who put on a superb display and ended up winning 2 up against Lucy.

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

Left: Mixed Greensome Handicap champions Jim and Catriona Marshall





A bit about me...

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

experience.



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JULY HAS BEEN VERY busy around the Reserve with a variety of ducks, hordes of geese and some swans with very sweet cygnets. The wetland trail is alive with colourful wildflowers which are attracting lots of butterflies. There will be a newly cut path though the bumblebee meadow by the end of July so as to give a close-up view of a huge diversity of flowers. Ospreys have been seen fishing in the loch and on the Reserve and can be seen enjoying their catch perched on the fence posts at the back of the Reserve. Marsh harrier, peregrine and kestrel are also regularly seen.



SUMMERTIME

There are red squirrels all over the place! If you can't come and see them in person you can watch them on our YouTube channel. Search for Live red squirrel feeder RSPB Scotland Loch Leven.

We have a busy August ahead with our events programme. On Monday 4 August we are hosting a family event from 9pm-10.30pm, join us to explore the Loch Leven Reserve in the dark with our torches, do some pond dipping and listen out for bats using our bat detectors.

During the summer holidays we are running Discovering Pond sessions (on 9 and 16 August) which are a great opportunity for kids to learn all about the creatures that can be found in our ponds. Suitable for ages 4+ and accompanying adults go free!

Our Bumblebee trail is still running till the end of August if you are looking for something to do to fill the long summer days. Bring a picnic and enjoy the stunning views of Loch

Leven from our picnic benches that are dotted around the Reserve. Don't forget you can also hire pond dipping kits and Nature Quest backpacks every day between 10-4pm. You don't need to prebook these.

On Sunday 17 August we are hosting a Landscape Sketching Workshop. This will run from 10.30am- 1pm and is suitable for beginners or those looking for a refresher! We only have a handful of spaces left on this workshop, so if you're interested do book your space quickly.

To find out more about our events programme head to our website *events.rspb.org.uk/lochleven* or get in touch using our contact information above.

Did you know you can hire a mobility scooter at RSPB Loch Leven to access our wetland trail and leafy loop? We have two scooters that are kindly provided by the Kinross-shire partnership. They are free to hire but we do ask for donations for the Kinross-Shire partnership to help with the upkeep of the scooters. To hire the scooter for the day please give us a call.

We are delighted to say our café and shop are now back open 7 days a week. Thank you for bearing with us as we recruited more staff and implemented the changes. As always, our car park, trails, hides and toilets are open all the time. We hope to see you soon!

Elinor Craig

Pottery Classes

Join us at our studio in Crosshill, Lochgelly Beginners and all skill levels are welcome We provide everything, including 2 wheels Just bring your ideas, we will guide you!

WhatsApp for more information & to book:

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MARVELLOUS MOTHS

THANKS TO ALL THIS lovely weather the insects have been thriving! There's lots of ladybirds aroun and we've been having successful moth trap catches with the most interesting species being a Pebble Prominent.

Our insect survey volunteers who are out twice a week covering our two transects have had some of the highest counts of Ringlet butterflies they've ever had!

Ringlets are very common around our meadows and verges and are small brown butterflies that when you get a look at closer, you can spot small, yellow ringed eyespots on the wings, giving it its name.

Our volunteers and staff have been very busy recently battling the Himalayan Balsam across the reserve. This invasive plant can be found all around the loch and is now flowering. Once it passes this stage its seed pods explode, which is how it is so good at spreading. If you do see any around the reserve, please pull it out or break off the top.

This year we will again be attending the Kinross show on 9 August. We'll have plenty of information of the reserve and it's wildlife on hand, as well as some activities, so if your there and see us stop to say hello.

In July we were able to catch a small group of greylag geese, which were then ringed with a metal ring and a collar ring around their necks to allow for identification. These birds also had small





Pebble Prominent moth by Sally Reay

blood samples taken, to determine whether they have previously been affected by avian flu. If you do happen to spot on of these birds and can read the neck collar, please get in touch with us, or you can go to the BTO website to report your sightings.

Burleigh Sands is a very popular part of the reserve, especially for wild camping, and unfortunately, we are continuously dealing with people not following SOAC and ignoring our signage on responsible access. We have recently had an incident of a fire site with a disposable BBQ thrown in being left alight overnight causing the surrounding ground to stop burning.

Thankfully, our staff were able to deal with it, but this fire was among the Scots pine trees and could have been a lot worse. Loch Leven is a National Nature Reserve, and is a SPA (Special Protected Area) and SSSI (Site of Special Scientific Interest) for a wide range of breeding and overwintering birds, as well as plants and insects, and the general loch itself, and because of these we take extra precautions to ensure the loch is looked after. If you are planning on visiting Loch Leven please follow our signage and check both SOAC and our own local guidance. No open fires, BBQs or fire bowls, please use a camping stove.

To keep updated with whats going on the reserve have a look at our social media (Facebook and Instagram), and feel free to get in touch with us at <code>lochleven_nnr@nature.scot</code>.

Sally Reay

Loch Leven Castle Castle Island, Kinross

Tel 07836 313769



LOCATED ON AN ISLAND in beautiful Loch Leven, this is one of Scotland's oldest castles, probably built in the early 1300s.

Mary, Queen of Scots spent a traumatic year in captivity here, when she miscarried twins and was forced to abdicate. She dramatically escaped in 1568.

The property is reached by boat, operated by Historic Scotland and departing from the fishery pier (Pier Road, KY13 8UF).

Due to limited capacity, it is recommended that all visits are booked online at www.historicenvironment.scot/lochleven-castle.

OPENING TIMES

1 April – 30 Sept: Daily, 10am – 4.30pm (last outward sailing 3.30pm) 1 to 31 Oct: Daily, 10am – 3.00pm (last outward sailing 2pm)

PRICES

Adult (16-64yrs)	£10
Concession (65yrs+ and unemployed)	£8
Child (7-15yrs)	£6
Family (1 adult, 2 children)	£20
Family (2 adults, 2 children)	£29
Family (2 adults, 3 children)	£34

Historic Scotland members travel free.

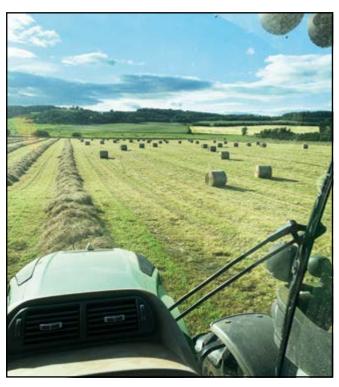
The Pier: Hannah Collins



SILAGE, SHEARING AND SHOWS

AFTER QUITE A LENGTHY dry spell of weather back in the spring, many farmers were concerned about the slow growth of grass, poor germination of spring sown crops and autumn sown crops like wheat and barley struggling to find enough moisture to form their seed heads and fill their grains. While it will certainly be the case that some cereal crops growing on the most freely draining soils will have had their yield potential adversely affected, the weather conditions returned to a more normal 'changeable' pattern in time to at least reduce the effect of the lack of rain (I hesitate to use the word 'drought' when you see droughts reported around the world) earlier in the season.

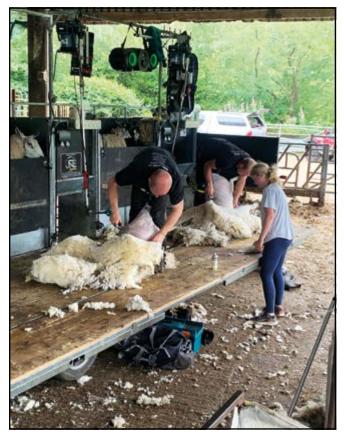
Grass growth recovered well after a slow start and patches dying off in areas where the soil is thinner, have returned to a lush green once more. Here, at Backward Farm we have made steady progress with the summer task of gathering in winter feed supplies for the animals. I managed to bale some (hopefully) quite nice hay and haylage which is mostly sold to customers for feeding to horses, although we also use some to feed our cattle and sheep. We have made some silage for feeding mainly to the



Weather

Recent Weather Reports From Kinross June 2025

Total Rainfall Heaviest Fall	96.8mm/3.87 20.7mm/0.8	
Total Sunshine Sunniest Day	159.9 hrs 10.6 hrs	(11 Jun)
Max Temp Average Highest Temp	17.69°C 26.6°C	(20 Jun)
Min Temp Average Lowest Temp	4.53°C -4.2°C	(8 Jun)



cattle and we will make more as the season progresses. We make all our silage in round bales, which is a method which suits our farm size and system.

Silage is basically grass which has been gathered from the fields and stored in an airtight package. It can be done, as we do, in bales which are wrapped individually, or it can be stared in bulk, in what is known as a pit or a clamp, which is basically a big pile, contained within walls on least two but usually three sides which is consolidated by driving over the top of the grass with a tractor to squeeze as much air out of the grass as possible, then sealed with plastic sheets over the top, held in place by tyres gravel bags or bales of straw. This clamp style of storing silage tends to be favoured by larger farms with more mouths to feed. The bale method suits smaller farms like us at it is easier to store and feed out the silage on a field by field basis, so a particular field can be fed to a particular class of animal.

Besides making hay and silage, we have just sheared our ewes, which will be a relief to them, as it has been really mild lately although, ironically, this morning, it was cooler than it has been for wee while but it was still a relief to get that job ticked off. Near neighbour and champion competition sheep shearer Calum and his team came in and did an excellent job once again.

We have also weaned the lambs which is a wee bit early but it suited us to get that job done while everything needed gathering in for shearing anyway and the lambs have grown well.

Of course, coming up is the big social event of the district which, of course is Kinross Show on Saturday 9 August at Vane farm. It's a great event for the whole community with lots to see and do and just a grand social get together which the whole family can enjoy. Hopefully it will be a nice day to reward the efforts of the large team of volunteers who work hard together to make it all happen.

John.



WEATHER WATCHING

I REALLY HAVE NO idea what's happening with the weather! Looking out of the window at the moment, it's a glorious blue sky, but five minutes ago there was a torrential shower. I'll tell you who likes this weather. Weeds. But I'm not going to moan about the 'painting the Forth Bridge-ness' of keeping the weeds down... nope.

Remember last month I mentioned that it doesn't matter how much space you have, you can still have flowers? There's a not very attractive wall along the side of my house and after holidaying in Spain a few years ago, I decided that pots of Geraniums attached to the wall would be the answer. I bought some terracotta pots and painted them with enamel paint and sealed them (the Scottish winters do terracotta pots no favours). This is year three and I think I've finally got the watering and feeding frequency just about right... for those of you interested, it's four litres of water and feed per 10 pots every three or four days. This is the first year I've been pleased enough to share them with you. Insert pic of wall pots.

Still on the subject of walls. I had a couple of those woven coneshaped basket thingies on the wall above my wheelie bins for years. They were dreadful. The water just poured out of them and they really weren't very successful. I decided to replace them



with two half-moon baskets. Looking at the reviews, there was a picture of one planted with about nine Begonias (the baskets have holes in the side too) and they looked marvellous. Well, I don't know what the guy did, but it really didn't work for me, every time I watered, the water poured out of the holes in the side, the wind damaged the Begonias and it was a bit of a disaster. Not to be deterred, this year I lined the baskets, forgot about the holes in the side and just planted the top. They now retain water and are looking rather nice. It just shows that not everyone has the same successes and failures, all gardens are different. We just need to try new ways of doing things sometimes.

Standard hanging baskets are also doing well this year. They didn't do much for a while, then quite suddenly (or so it felt), everything flowered and was looking gorgeous. They're now at the stage where more dead heading is required to keep them looking nice. I usually water every couple of days and add in a bit of feed to keep them going for as long as I can.

The rest of the garden, as always, is a work in progress while dodging the showers. The plans for the border at the back of the garden are progressing. I have just severely pruned a very large Philadelphus shrub... from 10 ft high and about 8 ft wide to two by two. Hopefully, I haven't killed it but according to the interweb, they're nigh on impossible to kill. The other two large



shrubs, after a conversation with a garden guru friend, will not be removed. I'm going to also prune them right back and try to keep them in some sort of shape going forward. Which is quite a relief as the bees love the teeny flowers they produce. I will of course keep you updated as to my progress.

Anyway, it looks like the latest shower has passed by, so I'll don my outdoor shoes and go and do some weeding – wish me luck! Have a great month folks and enjoy whatever outdoor space you have.

Teresa



Kinross-shire Churches Together



Kinross-shire Parish Church

Church of Scotland (Charity no SC015523)

Worshipping God – Following Christ – Serving the Community

At the start of 2025 the local Church of Scotland congregations united to become 'Kinross-shire Parish Church'.

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

Ministry Team

Charge A, based in Kinross: Rev Alan D. Reid MA, BD

Tel: (01577) 862952

Charge B, currently vacant, to be based in Crook of Devon. Interim Moderator for the Charge B vacancy: Rev. Marc Prowse Associate Minister (Orwell): Rev Dr Robert Calvert Locum Minister (Cleish and Fossoway): Rev Christine Sime;

Probationer Minister: Alex Johnson

Kinross Church

Part of Kinross-shire Parish Church

Kinross Church: 10 Station Road, Kinross KY13 8TG Kinross Church Centre, 64 High St, Kinross, KY13 8AJ

Website: www.kinrossparishchurch.org **Facebook: Kinross Parish Church of Scotland**

YouTube: Kinross Parish Worship; Instagram: kpcscotland

E-mail: office@kinrossparishchurch.org

Office Tel: (01577) 862570

The Kinross Church Office is open 10am-12noon, Mon & Fri. Otherwise operating remotely. Leave a phone message or email. Contact the Kinross Church Office for the weekly email of

Kinross Church events and Zoom details.

REGULAR SERVICES AND EVENTS IN KINROSS

NOTE: Many regular events restart during August – see below Events are in Kinross Church unless otherwise indicated.

Sundays

9.15am **Choir Practice**

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

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

6.00pm: Sunday Evening Prayer, on Zoom 6.00pm: Crossfire, church centre. Age P7 & up

Mondays

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

House Group Bible study & fellowship, restarts 25 Aug 7.30pm:

Tuesdays

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

2.30pm: **House Group Guild** fortnightly 7.00pm:

Wednesdays

11.15am Midweek Service, at the church centre.

1.30pm: **Craft Group**

7.45pm: Men's House Group 8pm: Women's House Group

Thursdays

10.30am: **House Group**

11am-12pm: Table Talk – chat on Zoom 8.00pm: Young Mum's House Group on Zoom. **Fridays**

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

Boys' Brigade and Girls' Association,

(Church Centre)

6pm-7.15pm Anchor Section (P1-P3) **7pm-9.00pm** Junior Section (P4-P6) 7pm-9.30pm Company Section (P7-S3) 7pm-9.30pm Senior Section (S4-S6)

OTHER SERVICES AND EVENTS

In Kinross Church unless otherwise indicated.

AUGUST

Sun 3 10.30am: Morning Service, followed by informal

Communion at 11.45am.

6pm: Sunday Evening Prayer on Zoom restarts

Mon 4 - Fri 8 **FAMILY WEEK**

9.45am - 12pm: Deep Sea Divers Holiday Club!

plus events in afternoons and evenings

See Church Facebook/website

Mon 4 8am: No Guided Meditation this month

Wed 6 1.30pm: No Craft Group, because of Family Week

2.30pm: No Let's Sing this month Sun 10

Mon 11 2- 4pm: Bridge and Board Games Afternoon restarts

Tue 12 2.30pm: Tuesday House Group restarts Wed 13 10.30am: Wednesday House Group restarts Sat 16 11am: No All Friends Together this month. Next

meeting 20 Sept

Sun 17 9.15: Choir Practice restarts

Wed 20 7.45pm: Men's House Group restarts 8pm: Women's House Group restarts

11am-12noon: Table Talk - chat on Zoom restarts Thu 21

9pm: Evening service of Compline

Fri 22 Boys' Brigade and Girls' Association restarts. See details

above under 'Fridays'

Sun 24 6pm: Crossfire restarts, in Church Centre Mon 25 7.30pm: Adult Dungeons & Dragons restarts Tue 26

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

7pm: Guild restarts, in Church Centre: 'lona'.

Thu 28 **8pm: Young Mum's House Group** restarts, on Zoom 5.30pm: Youth Dungeons & Dragons restarts Fri 29 Sun 31 7pm: Sunday@7: Informal service of contemporary

worship restarts

Cleish and Fossoway

Part of Kinross-shire Parish Church

Cleish Church: Cleish, Kinross-shire, KY13 OLR Fossoway Church: Church Road, Crook of Devon,

Kinross-shire, KY13 0PQ

Our churches are very warm and welcoming places. Fossoway Church is situated in Crook of Devon and services are held here



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weekly. Cleish Church is situated in Cleish, services are held monthly. Come and join us – we would love to meet you. All are welcome at any of our meetings and services.

If you would like any more information, please contact:

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

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

AUGUST

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

10 Aug: 9.45am, Sunday Morning Worship Refreshments will be available after the service

17 Aug: 9.45am, Sunday Morning Worship Refreshments will be available after the service

24 Aug: 9.45am, Sunday Morning Worship Refreshments will be available after the service

31 Aug: 9.45am, Sunday Morning Worship and Celebration of Holy Communion Refreshments will be available after the service

WORSHIP IN THE OUTDOORS

Keep an eye on our Facebook page for details of some special services coming up in August/September.

REFRESH THURSDAY

Thursdays 2.00pm - 4.00pm in Fossoway Church Hall Refresh is currently taking its summer break and will return on Thursday 4 Sept 2025.

CLEISH AND FOSSOWAY CHURCH CHOIR

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

FILM NIGHT

Fri 5 Sept 7.30pm: THE PENGUIN LESSONS (12)

Steve Coogan stars as a disillusioned Englishman who goes to work in a school in a divided Argentina in 1976 and finds his life transformed when he rescues an orphaned penguin from the beach. Donations of £5 appreciated, which include tea/coffee and biscuits. Please join us for the film, some refreshments and a blether.

All are welcome.

FOSSOWAY BABIES AND TODDLERS

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

FOSSOWAY CREATIVE CRAFTERS GROUP

Meets on Monday evenings from 6.30pm at Fossoway. Please bring your own craft and join us.



CROOK YOUTH CLUB

The term-time Drop In is back this month.

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

FOSSOWAY HOUSE GROUP

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

HALL BOOKINGS

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

Orwell and Portmoak Churches

Part of Kinross-shire Parish Church

Sunday Worship, and Junior Church:

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

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

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

Messy Church will not meet in July.

JULY

3 July Ashley House Service at 2pm.6 July Family Service with the Praise Band

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

Office email: orwellandportmoakchurch@gmail.com

Website: orwellportmoakchurch.org.uk

St. James' RC Church

Catholic Diocese of Dunkeld

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Te: 01577 863329 Mob: 07540 534480
E-mail: stjames@dunkelddiocese.org.uk
Website: www.catholickinross.com
Weekly newsletter available online

Parish Priest: Fr. Martin Pletts

Permanent Deacon: Rev. Des Conners

TIMES OF HOLY MASS

Sat: Vigil Mass at 7pm Sun: Holy Mass at 9am Confessions after Vigil Mass

St Paul's Scottish Episcopal Church

(Part of the Worldwide Anglican Communion)

Muirs, Kinross, KY13 8AY

Website: www.stpauls-kinross.co.uk
Find us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/
stpaulsepiscopalchurchkinross

Rector: We are currently without a Rector.

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

Interim Pastor Rev Elaine Ryder *e-mail* revelaine212@gmail.com

07977 101742 (texts preferred) Not Tuesdays

Chair of Vestry Malcolm Strang Steel

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Associate Priest: Rev Fliss Shaw

e-mail rev.fmshaw@btinternet.com 07546 219938

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

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

Our services are broadcast from the church as livestreams via Zoom (please email us for links). The Liturgy outline can be followed on the

Acknowledgements

CAMPBELL

MRS ANN CAMPBELL and family would like to thank all relatives and friends for their flowers and visits, the Reverend Aileen Reid and Stewarts Funeral Directors for their support during the recent and sudden passing of John, a loving Husband, Dad and Grandad. It is greatly appreciated.

Thanks to all for the donations received at the service which was passed on to Kinross Day Centre and CHAS.

MACCALMAN

THE FAMILY WERE very touched by the large attendance at the Thanksgiving Service for Ruth MacCalman on 25 June. Thank you for your love and support, and generous donations made for Alzheimer's Scotland.

website via the seasonal Sung Eucharist e-booklets and the weekly pewsheet. Apologies this information is in obeyance at present We look forward to seeing you in person or online. All are Welcome! Our Meeting Room is available for hire at competitive rates.

AUGUST EVENTS AND SERVICES

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

Pentecost 8 Sun 3

10am: Sung Eucharist.

Sun 10 Pentecost 9

10am: Sung Eucharist

Sun 17 Pentecost 10

10am: Sung Eucharist.



Sun 24 Pentecost 11

10am: Sung Eucharist.

Sun 31 Pentecost 12

10am: Sung Eucharist.

SEPTEMBER

Sun 7 Creation 1

10am: Sung Eucharist.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

There is a summer break from the Fairtrade stall in August. We will resume on September 14th, 11.15am - 12.00pm.

Art @ St Paul's has started up again. The autumn series of exhibitions begins on August 23rd-24th and fortnightly after that until the beginning of December.

Loch Leven Church

(Charity No: SC049050) info@lochlevenchurch.com



Loch Leven Church meets at Loch Leven

Community Campus, at 10:30am each Sunday. Our sermon series at the beginning of June is from 2 Timothy, Famous Last Words, followed by a new series called 'In Step' from mid-June. We'll be hosting the following services:

2 Timothy 3: Famous Last Words - The Last Days (David Wylie, Greenview Evangelical Church)

2 Timothy 3: Famous Last Words - The Final Bend

8 June: (David Wylie, Greenview Evangelical Church)

15 June: Ross Simmons (Tayside Christian Fellowship)

1 John 1:1-4: Walking With The Father 22 June:

(Michael Ford-Hyde, Hope City Church) 1 John 1:5-2:2: Walking In The Light 29 June:

(Michael Ford-Hyde, Hope City Church)

Everyone, of all ages, is very welcome to join any of these. To know more about us, please visit our Facebook page 'We Love Loch Leven', our website www.lochlevenchurch.com, or email us at info@lochlevenchurch.com

Kinross Gospel Hall

8 Montgomery Street, Kinross www.kinrossgospelhall.info

Tel 07818 050785

Gospel Meeting: Sundays 4pm Toddlers' Group: Thurs 9.30-11am Explorers (Primary School): Thurs 6-7pm

We look forward to seeing old friends and welcoming new

ones. All are welcome.

Discover Loch Leven Website

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

www.visitlochleven.org



Kinross-shire Centre Scottish Charity SC004968

64 High Street **Kinross KY13 8AJ**

Weekly Programme For August

Monday	Hearing Aid Clinic (4 Aug ONLY) Exercise Class Games: Indoor Curling, Quizzes, Scrabble, Domin 'Stride for Life' Walking Group	10am-12pm 11.30am oes 1.30pm 2.00pm
Tuesday	Vision PK (5 & 19 Aug ONLY) Barge Trip (31 Aug ONLY) Exercise Class Trishaws (weather permitting) Singing Group (12 Aug ONLY) Games: Curling, Quizzes etc	10-11.45am 10am-4pm 11.30am 1.30pm 1.30pm 1.30pm
Wednesday	Church Service Chiropody Service (20 Aug – appts only) Reminiscence Group (6 Aug ONLY) Fun Quiz Craft Group (13, 27 Aug ONLY) Games: Indoor Curling, Quizzes Men's Sheds (Shrinking Violets) Music, Dancing (13 Aug of	11.15am 12am-2pm 1.30pm 1.30pm 1.30pm 1.30pm
Thursday	Chiropody Service (7 Aug – appts only) Interactive Games Exercise Class with Kenny from Live Active Indoor Curling, Quizzes, Scrabble Art Group	10am-1pm 11.30am 11.30am 1.15pm 1.30pm
Friday	Exercise Group Trishaws (weather permitting) Bingo Life Story Books Board Games	11.30am 1.30pm 1.30pm 1.30pm



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

All Activities Subject To Change. Activities May Be Added.

We would like to thank all our service users, Committee, volunteers and the whole community of Kinross and surrounding areas, for your continued support of Kinross Centre.

KINROSS CENTRE



64 HIGH STREET KINROSS KY13 8AJ



TEL/FAX: 01577 863869; Email: kinrossdaycentre@outlook.com

COFFEE BAR OPEN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC from 8.30am - 3.30pm Dominoes; Exercises; Lunches Daily

The Newsletter on Facebook



We use our Facebook page to announce:

- · Our deadline and publication dates
- · What's in the next issue
- · Reminders of some local events
- · Occasional breaking news

'Like' our page to be kept informed.

Search for Kinross Newsletter or go to:

www.facebook.com/kinrossnewsletter

Here if you need us Talk to us, we'll listen Call free day or night on SAMARITANS

LOCAL VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Milnathort Filmhouse

Come join our brilliant community cinema group. We do screenings every couple of months in the wonderful Milnathort Town Hall. Help choose the films and dish out the popcorn! Email us *milnathortfilmhouse@gmail.com* or contact Janieann McCracken on 077450 12315

Could You Mentor A Young Person?

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

The Kinross-shire Partnership

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

The Potager Garden

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

Broke not Broken

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

KLEO

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

RSPB Loch Leven

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

Kinross (Marshall) Museum

The museum, based at the Community Campus, depends on a small group of volunteers who undertake local history research, and who answer queries sent to the museum from around the world. If you would like to join them, or find out more, email <code>information@kinrossmuseum.org.uk</code> or call into the museum when the study room is open (Saturday 10am-1pm or Thursdays 10am-7pm).

Swansacre Playgroup

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

Kinross Heart Start

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

Common Grounds

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

Volunteering with Aberlour!

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

Seamab

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

SSAFA

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

Kinross-shire Day Centre

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

Milnathort Town Hall Committee

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

SPARKS

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

Duke of Edinburgh

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

Interested in Guiding?

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

Friends of CHAS Kinross

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

Kinross-shire Volunteer Drivers

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

Guide Dogs Kinross

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

1st Kinross Cubs

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

Kinross in Bloom

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

Light Up Kinross

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

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







MOBILE LIBRARY 20 AUGUST

www.culturepk.org.uk/library/mobile-library

Kinnesswood (Opposite Shop)	09.30 - 10:00	
Portmoak Hall	10:05 - 10:20	
Scotlandwell (Leslie Road)	10:25 - 10:50	
Levenmouth Farm	11:00 - 11:20	
Causeway Court	11:40 - 12:00	
Powmill (Mill Gardens)	13:20 - 13:40	
Crook of Devon (Village Inn)	13:45 - 14:30	
Carnbo (Pitcairnie Lane)	14:45 – 15:15	
Whyte Court (Kinross)	15:30 - 16:00	
Contact us by phone on 01577 867205		

NEWSLETTER DEADLINES		
Issue	Deadline	Publication Date
September	Friday 15 August	Saturday 27 August

or by email at lochlevenlibrary@culturepk.org.uk.

P&K SCHOOL TERM DATES

IN-SERVICE DAY: Monday 18 August 2025

TERM STARTS: Tuesday 19 August 2025

MOBILE POST VAN AT BUCHAN AVENUE, KINNESSWOOD

MONDAYS 13.45 till 14.45 WEDNESDAYS 12.45 till 13.45

Homes For Cats Wanted

Fife Cat Shelter, a Scottish Registered Charity, is always looking for homes for rescued cats.

Cats can be visited, by appointment, at Causeway Cattery, Scotlandwell.

Contact Rhona on 01383 830286.



KINROSS DELIVERY OFFICE ROYAL MAIL

87 High St, Kinross KY13 8AR

MONDAY 8-10am
TUESDAY 8-10am
WEDNESDAY 8-10am
THURSDAY 8-10am
FRIDAY 8-10am

SUNDAY CLOSED

Baby & Toddler Groups

MONDAY

Milnathort Babies and Toddlers
Orwell Church Hall 9.30 -11am

TUESDAY

Portmoak Babies and Toddlers Portmoak Church Hall 9.45-11.30am

Stepping Stones

Kinross Parish Church 10-11.30am

WEDNESDAY

Breast Buddies

Health Centre 10-12pm

Glenfarg Babies and Toddlers Village Hall 9.30am

Muckhart Babies and Toddlers Church Hall 9.30-11am

THURSDAY

Montgomery Toddlers

Kinross Gospel Hall 9.30 -11am

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

Portmoak Babies and ToddlersPortmoak Church Hall 9.45-11.30am

8-12pm

Fossoway Babies and Toddlers
Crook of Devon Church Hall

9.30-11.30am

Please let us know if you have any info to add to this list.

EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS

Medical		Perth & Kinross Council (PKC)	
Loch Leven Health Centre	01577 862112	Customer Service Centre (Mon- Fri, 8am-6pm)	
Loch Leven Health Centre Out of Hours	01577 865252		01738 475000
NHS 24	111	Reporting non-emergency Road and Lighting faults (CLARENCE)	0800 232323
Perth Royal Infirmary main switchboard	01382 660111	PKC Out of Hours emergency numbers	
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(Admissions and Enquiries Desk)	01738 473734	Adult care services	0345 301 11 20
Ninewells Hospital, Dundee	01382 660111	Anti-social behaviour helpline (voicemail)	01738 476173
Victoria Hospital, Kirkcaldy	01592 643355	Child protection	01738 476768
Queen Margaret Hospital, Dunfermline	01383 623623	Council housing emergency repairs	01738 476000
Rowlands Pharmacy, Kinross	01577 862422	Dangerous buildings	01738 476476
Davidson's Chemist, Milnathort	01577 862219	Environmental Health	01738 476476
Police non-emergency	101	Flooding	01738 476476
Police, non-emergency 101		Homelessness	0800 917 0708
Police, Fire, Ambulance & Coastguard Emerge	encies 999	Mental health services	0345 301 11 20
Gas (worried about gas safety)	0800 111 999	Roads (e.g. reporting blockage)	01738 476476
Gus (Worried about gus suicty)	0000 111 555	Traveline Scotland	0141 465 1878
Water (loss of supply, foul water emergency)	0800 0778 778	Loch Leven Community Campus	01577 867200
Floods SEPA Floodline recorded messages	0345 988 1188	Kinross High School	01577 867100

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Have a look at our website www.kinrosscommunitycouncil.com

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KINROSS GARDEN GROUP

2024/25 Season Summer Garden Visit

Pitmuies House Garden, Arbroath Thursday 14 August

Coach departs Thistle Hotel, Milnathort at 10am

Caroline Anderson 01577 864589 for information

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31 March and 30 September

More information at kinrosscommunitycouncil.com

Diary

August

3	Carnbo BBQ
4	Cleish and Blairadam Community Council meets
4	RSPB late Family Event 9pm
5	Fossoway Community Council meets
6	Creative Writing Group, library
7	Treehouse Tales, library
8	Ladies Night for Josceyne's Journey - see Notices
9	Family Flower Insect Count, Crook of Devon Village Hall
9	Kinross Show
11	Kinross Community Council meets
12	A Little World of Ants, library
12	Portmoak Community Council meets
14	Garden Group Outing to Pitmuies House
14	Milnathort and Orwell Community Council meets
15	Newsletter Deadline for September Issue
16	Fossoway Flower Show
17	Landscape Sketching Workshop, RSPB
17	Kinross and Ochil Walking Group Meet – see clubs entry
23	Kinross Summer Market, Market Park
23/24	Arts@StPaul's Exhibitions
28	Kinross-shire Community Transport Forum meets, campus 5pm
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September

Mon	1	Glenfarg Community Council meets
Tues	2	Kinross Handcraft Circle meets, Gateside Hall
Thur	4	Library Talk: A Reflection On The End of WW2 80 Years On
Sat	6	Fossoway Gathering
Sat/Sun	6/7	KADAC Art Exhibition, Cleish Village Hall
Sat	20	CAP Event, Millbridge Hall

The Kinross	Newsletter	' is available from:
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Glenfarg Village Shop Glenfarg