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Letter From The Editor

IT'S A RATHER DREICH Saturday morning in the Shire. However, I really enjoyed meeting some new faces at the Fairtrade Coffee Morning in the Day Centre (and of course, sampling some tasty Fairtrade baking).

I don't often have a free weekend in Kinross that doesn't require some kind of chaffering from one or more of our three teenage girls, despite the free bus passes. While none of them live here full-time, they all seem to manage to leave little reminders of their presence behind for me – a basket of unwashed clothes, detritus from a make-up session or a half-eaten bag of sweets, for example.

I am enjoying a quiet weekend (in-between bouts of *Newslettering*, which has become a verb in our household). You will notice (or maybe you didn't) that we have increased our cover price a little to £1.55 which I am sure you will agree is still great value for money. We don't take price increases lightly, but

the *Newsletter* in all its technicolour glory is more expensive to produce and print than ever, so we are sure you will understand why we have to ask for a little more occasionally.

When you consider that every time you buy one, you are helping to put funds back into your local community, it seems even less problematic. We support good causes through the Newsletter Fund which groups can apply to twice yearly. See the details in our Notices Section for when the next round of funding is and how to apply.

We are very grateful to our loyal, and our new, advertisers. Advertising is the life-blood of any magazine, and we rely on their support in order to produce the *Newsletter* every month.

It's hard to contemplate, but there are now over a million copies of the *Newsletter* in print.

If you are the lucky reader who has found the 1,000,000th copy you will win a year's supply! You will see a sticker inside like the one on the cover if it's you – if this is the lucky issue, take it back to the shop where you bought it and show the shopkeeper. I am still getting my head around the fact that over a million copies have now been printed and in circulation around Kinross-shire over the years.

I know I will not be the only person who is delighted to see we are going to have a book shop on the High Street very soon. Books and coffee are certainly two of my very favourite things, (along with the missing teenagers) and I hope it will be well-supported.

Hannah Phillips, Editor

About The Kinross Newsletter

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

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

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This is an ongoing appeal so stamps can be sent at any time. We are desperate for overseas support so please ask all your friends and family around the world to support us as well!

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Terri Bush

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Craighead Windfarm

Slightly abridged copy of a letter sent to: Alex Gudgeon, Case Officer, Planning & Placemaking, PKC

DEAR SIR,

Erection of 8 turbine windfarm & associated works/land 1.5Km north east of Earnieside Farmhouse, Dunning Glen, DOLLAR FK14 7LB (Ref 11)

I write in the strongest terms to object to the above application (reduced from 12) in the Ochil Hills. The application address is slightly misleading as the site is commonly called the Craighead Windfarm in the developer's newsletters and is on the site of the previously refused Mellock Hill windfarm, objected to by PKC and refused by a Reporter on appeal when the turbines were smaller than those proposed here. The developer's newsletter of January 2024 was also misleading containing the comment 'no environmental designations for the site' which is inaccurate because it is within the Ochil Hills Local Landscape Area. Unlike the neighbouring Brunt Hill windfarm application before the ECU on mainly forested ground, Mellock hill is open shapely hillside, like the Greenknowes windfarm north of Castlehill Reservoir in Glendevon, regrettably approved by a Government Reporter despite PKC objection and which the Green MSP, Mark Ruskell said was in the 'in the right place'. I begged to differ and it is highly visible from the south, as will this application be, especially given the increased height of the turbines.

Locational Guidance & Landscape Capacity

In the earlier of days of on-shore windfarms when they were smaller in size than today's generation, SNH (now Nature Scot) produced strategic locational guidance in November 2000 for them and recognised the 'short-term' nature of onshore technology, stating that in the 'longer-term' offshore wind (more reliable), wave and water power generation has less overall impact on the environment and landscape! The Guidance re-inforced the need for care in location of windfarms because of their effect on landscape, habitat and species. It recognised the valuable role of landscape designations in protecting areas of important local natural heritage i.e. LLAs (which replaced AGLV's) SSSIs and wild land.

In June 2004, PKC's revised Wind Energy Policy & Guidelines referred to a Landscape Capacity Study commissioned by PKC, Clackmannan Council and SNH that looked in detail at the Ochil Hills west of the M90. It concluded that all the areas of higher potential for windfarms were the most sensitive from a visual landscape point of view and that commercial scale turbines were inappropriate and

only one should be permitted, if necessary, to avoid dwarfing the hills themselves.

In May 2005 the Ochil Hills west of the M90 were mapped as a sensitive area for windfarms. The above Landscape Capacity Study was updated in 2010 by David Tyldesley and is referenced in draft PKC guidance to support Policy 33 of LDP2. PKC established a Local Landscape Area in LDP2 and guidance therein suggests there is little capacity for further windfarms in the Ochils.

The turbines proposed run completely counter to the above.

As an aside, I thought I would mention that Scotland's Landscape Charter published in 2010 is the subject of a current review and I attended a spring '24 workshop on this. This review has the support of the Scottish Government and is due to be completed this autumn, which unfortunately is too late for this submission; unless PKC object to the application, which I understand could lead to a public local inquiry.

Cumulative, Environmental, Landscape & Visual Impact

Due to the size of the turbines proposed, which at around 200 metres are almost as high as the Queensferry Crossing's supporting towers (high tide level to uppermost point). I submit that the proposal should be refused because of the above impacts and I don't accept it is possible to appropriately mitigate those impacts in the location proposed.

We already have three large windfarms sited in the Ochils contrary to PKC policy and landscape guidance and three more potentially proposed, including Craighead, so the cumulative impact must be taken into account to prevent a windfarm landscape covering our hills between Glendevon and the M90, contrary to guidance already existing.

I note that some of the turbines will have perimeter aviation lighting in a currently 'dark sky' area.

This will impact on the Loch Leven Basin SSSI and the hugely popular Loch Leven Trail may be affected. There are also real concerns about potential risks to air sports (ballooning and gliding) operating from two nearby small airfields.

It is worth noting geese migration routes to Loch Leven pass over the Ochil Hills.

Conjoined Decisions Via Pli's

There is history of these in relation to windfarm proposals in the Ochils and I earlier noted that Craighead is on the site of the previously refused Mellock Hill (479 metres) application after a Reporter's decision. The application is relatively close to Brunt Hill proposal being considered by the ECU. In these circumstances, I strongly favour, if at all possible, a conjoined decision via a PLI when all issues can be discussed in public forum.

Regional Park Aspirations

Prior to 2012, in my submission to the Main Issues Report for PKC's Local Plan, I called for a Regional Park Status for the Ochil Hills, like the Lomonds of Fife. This was reinforced in April 2021 and January 2022 through the Shared Policy Programme of the Scottish Government and Green Party of August 2021 and at the first historic meeting of the Kinross-shire Local Committee of PKC which I chaired in January 2022 when all of the CCs in Kinross-shire unanimously supported work towards such status. It is my contention that further windfarms in the Ochils would weaken that aspiration.

Industrialisation Of Our Hill Landscape

The modern generation of on-shore turbines require significant infrastructure because of their size, involving the construction of access roads and additional pylons for transferring power to the national grid. These additional requirements affect the environment and landscaping, multiplying the impact of the turbines themselves. They are usually promoted by large companies, investors and landowners to the disadvantage of more localised schemes for smaller turbines, that I would sometimes support, which are placed at a disadvantage for grid connection.

Policy Framework

I note that NPF4 takes precedence where it is incompatible with PKC's LDP2. Also, that Policy 11 of NPF4 provides strong support for renewables and referred to in the Craighead application. I also note

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that NPF4 contains no standalone policy on landscape, something I have made representation on at parliamentary level. However, policy 4 (Natural Places) references landscape impact on LLAs from inappropriate development. An LLA already exists for the Ochils and I suggest that Policy 4(d) is clear that Craighead breaches this on account of significant adverse impacts on our hill landscape, with mitigation not adequate to satisfy Policy 11(e). PKC LDP2 Policies 33 & 39 are of particular relevance where supplementary guidance specifically seeks to avoid proposals for turbines having an adverse impact on the special qualities of this sensitive environment. Cumulative impacts are highlighted and must be considered by PKC as statutory consultees.

Local Resident Concerns

I have noted concerns around loss of amenity and biodiversity, along with shadow 'flicker' and the possible effect on private water supplies, TV and telecom interference from local resident submissions that require to be addressed.

On-Shore Wind Claims & Alternatives

On-shore windfarms are an intermittent source of energy, especially on windless days and there is scepticism about some of the claims for such wind energy generation. I note that in the first four days of December '23 during a period of cold windless weather, wind energy provided about 3% of energy per day to the national grid, whilst oil and gas provided at least 60%.

Britain possesses significant reserves of coal, gas, hydro, oil, waste timber, wave and wind resource; we should not have currently an energy crisis if successive governments had followed a mixed-use energy policy with a gradual move to renewables, coupled with a greater focus on making existing and planned buildings more energy efficient, etc.

It is suggested that by February 2024 the proposed supply from renewable sources already in the queue for GB grid connection had already reached predicted maximum demand by 2050 and in fact exceeded it, which effectively means that all proposals for large scale windfarms in the Ochils can be rejected without any impact on government net zero targets.

Survey

Fossoway CC carried out a Windfarm Survey between November 2023 and January 2024 but I cautioned against reading too much into it or basing a planning stance on it on the basis of % responses and failure to mention some key facts when questions were devised. I understand Fossoway & Portmoak CCs have decided to object to the application and the former has been given a short extension to the deadline for comment. I note that both Dunning and Blackford CCs support the application because they would hardly see it, the greatest visual effect is to the south in Kinross-shire.

Planning Conditions

If, despite representation, you are minded to approve the Craighead application, without recourse to a PLI (dependent on PKC's position?), I seek clarity on conditions relating to de-commissioning the site (how green are turbines when they end up in landfill at the end of their life?); peat destruction (UK has around 80% of world's peat resource) that should be avoided; noise (current guidelines on measurement are outdated and called into question by the UK government, so how practical would a condition be on this, as suggested in the applicant's report). Should PKC not object to this application or the neighbouring Brunt Hill proposal, thereby preventing the PLI I seek, an opportunity may exist to enforce native woodland planting as a condition.

Community Benefit

Much has been made of this by Kinross-shire's CCs rather than concentrating on the planning issues around windfarm proposals and what appears to be offered sounds inviting to hard-pressed communities but as I understand it, this feature is not a condition of planning but subject to negotiation if a windfarm is given approval?

I apologise for the length of this submission but such a 'major' application has to be seen in the broader context of the protection of our local hill landscapes that surround Loch Leven basin and its multiple environmental designations balanced against the transition to renewable energy sources and the debate is complex. I would hope to be afforded the opportunity to address the Planning & Placemaking Committee should sufficient valid objections be lodged, which I expect.

Michael A Barnacle

Congratulations!



GARRY BREWER of Glenfarg received an award in London in September for 'Outstanding Leader in Human Resources', made by Reward Strategy, sponsored by PwC.

The award was presented at the Hilton in London.

Thanks!



Kinross-shire Volunteer Drivers

THE COMMITTEE OF the Kinross-shire Volunteer Drivers (KVD) want to say a huge thank you to everyone who visited our stall at the Kinross Farmers Market on 24 August. It was a great opportunity to raise awareness about our service and we are very grateful to everyone who so generously donated prizes for the Tombola which raised a tremendous £420 for the charity! We were delighted to see so many people there and thank you to everyone who stopped by to support us on the day.



On the following Saturday 31 August, the sun was shining as a special buffet lunch was held for the volunteer drivers and those who help the group to run so successfully. David Aird, KVD Chairman spoke about the service and thanked everyone for their support especially on behalf of the service users who are so grateful for the service. Our sincere thanks also go to Age Scotland and Alan Pinkerton, a local businessman from Catering Supplies & Repairs, Falkirk who kindly sponsored the lunch.

ANN FOTHERINGHAM

I WOULD LIKE to convey my thanks to all you wonderful people that gave so warmly the many cards, gifts, flowers and best wishes on my retirement. I will miss our chats, sharing stories, but most of all, I will miss you. Thank you again.

Carnbo Hall

THANK YOU TO everyone who helped with setting up and manning our stall, promoting Carnbo Hall Association, at the Kinross Summer Market. It was great to chat with everyone who visited our stall. Congratulations to those who won wine and to our Treasure Map winner.

Thank you to everyone who came to the last BBQ of the season, which included three birthday celebrations! It was a shame the sun didn't make an appearance but at least it stayed dry until afterwards! Thanks to everyone who has helped to make our BBQ season such a successful event for all ages to enjoy.

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- Our deadline and publication dates
- Reminders of some local events
- Occasional breaking news



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KINNESSWOOD DOES IT AGAIN!

IT'S ALL SMILES IN Kinnesswood in Bloom, who have once again scooped the awards at the Keep Scotland Beautiful competition.

The Beautiful Scotland Celebration and Awards were held in Duthie Park, Aberdeen on 9 September. Groups from around the country were piped in to the marquee and welcomed by Barry Fisher, CEO of Keep Scotland Beautiful.

He was followed by the Lord Provost of Aberdeen and The Environmental Manager, Steven Shaw who told them about the history of Aberdeen parks and how the city has developed to include more community groups in their projects.

Five people represented Kinnesswood: Jan, Pat, Shelagh, Norma and John. They had also been asked to bring along 11-year-old Robert Tulloch who had impressed the judges at the school with his bee-keeping knowledge. He was given the day off school and came with his mum.

Robert is a pupil of Portmoak Primary who has been attending bee-keeping classes with his dad. He has been mentored by Enid Brown who has encouraged him to write articles for the Bee Keepers Magazine. He recently won a competition to design a front cover for the magazine.

With his winning vouchers he bought a smoker for his hive, a couple of other tools and a lot of wax and moulds. His lovely wax candles are now being sold in local shops. The Beautiful Scotland Discretionary Award selection panel were so impressed by Robert and his achievements that they awarded him a Special Certificate, presented by panel member Lewis Normand, who is also President of The Caley. Robert was also given many congratulations by the Keep Scotland Beautiful staff. At the end the Provost of East Lothian came over and put his chain of office round Robert's neck.

Tom Brock, Chair of Keep Scotland Beautiful then presented the certificates and Kinnesswood in Bloom were delighted to get a Gold once again.

Barry Fisher, CEO Keep Scotland Beautiful; Lord Provost of Aberdeen; Tom Brock OBE, Chair, Keep Scotland Beautiful



L-R: Barry Fisher, CEO Keep Scotland Beautiful; Lewis Normand, panel member and President of The Caley; Tom Brock OBE, Chair, Keep Scotland Beautiful. Front: Robert Tulloch of Portmoak Primary

Norma Smith told the *Newsletter*, 'There were presentations by several groups in very different situations with the most entertaining being the lady from Glitter up Grangemouth. She certainly glittered up the afternoon.

'We were very happy to get 'Best Small Village' again. We were certainly celebrating. It was wonderful to hear about some of the amazing work taking place across the country from coastal villages to cities, hospital gardens and inner city community groups. The icing on the cake was definitely getting the hotly contested 'Community Involvement Award'. We were even runners up for the celebration and cake theme for 2024.

'Aberdeen deservedly won the Rosebowl for the overall award.

'Anyone who wants to see our award certificates and trophies can see them in the garage window, courtesy of David Buchan. It was a very happy day and we went home loaded up with certificates and trophies. We would like to thank all the community for their contributions to our community.

'Portmoak Primary are always happy to support and work with us in the polytunnel and raised beds, the shop who displayed our cakes all summer, the crafters who made the cakes and dressed the figures and all the residents who in different ways have encouraged us over the years. 'The Community Involvement Award is testament to the community spirit in the area.'



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Our programme for next session begins on Monday 9 September. Would you like to try before committing? Although we are a Members' only Society, we offer a complimentary lecture to anyone who would like to try one before joining us. Membership is £65 per year to include 10 lectures.

Please contact us for a complimentary lecture or to join our Membership:

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'SPECIAL' CHAS VISIT FROM EWAN MCGREGOR

CHAS HAS THANKED EWAN McGregor after he paid a special visit to Rachel House with his wife. Ewan was given a tour of the hospice before meeting five children with life-shortening conditions. He spent time chatting to their parents to learn more about their illnesses and later treated families, staff and volunteers to an impromptu sing-song in the lounge area.

Giving thanks to Ewan, Mr Okasha said: 'We were delighted to welcome Ewan back to Rachel House. Ewan is a long-time friend of CHAS, having first established a relationship with us in the 90s when Rachel House first opened. We are truly grateful to him for his continued support and for making the time for this special visit this week.'

'Demand for our services is growing. Over the course of the last year CHAS directly supported 419 babies, children and young people across the country, and hundreds more in hospital palliative care teams funded by CHAS. We provide support for the whole family – parents and siblings – and have supported nearly 2000 family members of seriously ill children this year.'

Speaking after the visit, Ewan said: 'I was delighted to return to Rachel House in

Kinross to meet some of the children and families supported by the charity and hear first-hand about the amazing work CHAS does to help families of children with life-shortening conditions. It was also a privilege to meet the wonderful staff and volunteers at the hospice.'

CHAS has just launched a new fundraising campaign entitled 'The Way We Care Appeal' which celebrates the dedication of CHAS nurses who have contributed over 80,000 hours of specialist care over the last year (April 1 2023 to 31 March 2024).

During the same period, bed night provision at the charity's two hospices, Rachel House in Kinross and Robin House in Balloch has increased by 43% while the number of hours of outreach nursing care, which is provided in the homes of families, also rose by 45% during the same period.

These trends highlight CHAS hospices' growing capacity to provide essential care



Ewan McGregor and his wife Mary meet Freya Hunter from Tillycultry and her mum Carolynne and sister Poppy

and support to more children and their families across Scotland and reflect the need for the charity to significantly grow its fundraising income to meet the demand for services.

MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTANT



ASSET (a Community Benefit Society with charitable status) has been steadily growing its STEM educational outreach programme while planning for the creation of a family-oriented aerospace discovery centre in Kinross-shire ("Aero Space Kinross"). www.aerospacekinross.com

In addition to its own income generation and fundraising for both day-to-day STEM outreach activities, the society has been allocated UK Government funding within the context of the Tay Cities Region Economic Deal and a capital project grant award from the Gannochy Trust for the creation of a venue.

The society employs a bookkeeper with day-to-day financial administration practices in routine operation through Xero accounting software and its intrmissions are subject to independent audit.

Our management accountant is changing career direction at this time, and we seek a replacement. The role involves primary oversight responsibility for the maintenance, updating and reporting of our financial records through Xero, plus preparation of budgets, business case projections and subsequent reporting to the ASSET board and our funders.

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

If you think you might be interested, please contact:

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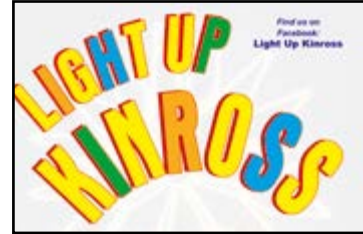
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TOY SALE FOR LIGHT UP KINROSS

THIS YEAR THE KINROSS Christmas lights will be switched on on Saturday 30 November at 6pm in Greens' Car Park on the High Street.

Light up Kinross are a small local charity who fundraise for and organise the switch on of the Christmas lights in Kinross.

Help them raise funds by attending their Kids Toys, Books and Board Games Sale on Saturday 26 October 2024 in Kinross Centre's Garden Room from 10am to 1pm.



They would welcome donations of kids toys/books/board games in advance of the sale. These can be handed in to either 21 Ross Street, Kinross, or Greens' shop – please say they are for the Light Up Kinross Sale. It would also be helpful if you could let them know that you have donated goods, if you are handing them in to Greens (email mbs21@btinternet.com).

All the funds raised will help with the costs involved in displaying the Christmas lights this year. There will also be a sale by another group collecting for MS in the lower room at the same time.

Light Up Kinross will also be hosting their annual quiz in March. Please help Light Up Kinross by emptying your toy chests to make room for Santa's gifts at Christmas.

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LIGHT UP KINROSS

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LIGHT UP KINROSS are holding a FUND-RAISING SALE of childrens' toys, books & games. WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE. Donations of these items can be made to the addresses listed below. WE RECEIVE NO FINANCIAL SUPPORT from Perth & Kinross Council. Each year we need to raise around £5000 to create the display and maintain the lights up to PAT safety standards. PLEASE DONATE to this appeal so we can maintain a festive display in the town. THANKS TO ALL those who have supported us in the past – please continue to do so.

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AROUND 60 OLDER people enjoyed a presentation and afternoon tea in Milnathort Town Hall on Saturday 31 August.

Organised by Orwell 70 Plus, those who came along were treated to a talk by Kevin Heneghan from the village, followed by tea and home baking.

Kevin kindly offered to present 'All Change! A Time-Travelling Photo-Journey of Kinross-shire', his fascinating travel back in time to see Milnathort as it once was, including images of a bustling railway station and the arrival and departure of passengers, livestock and goods. Kevin uses the National Library of Scotland's digital maps collection to superimpose the current satellite view of the map area over what was once there and by simply sliding a button, it is possible to see how



things looked back when Milnathort railway station was in its heyday.

The committee is very grateful to Kevin for coming along and making the afternoon such an interesting and enjoyable one for all concerned.

Our next event will be the annual Christmas Afternoon Tea, being held this year on Saturday 30 November. If you someone you know is over 70, lives in the parish of Orwell (more or less Milnathort village and immediate area) and would like to be added to our member list, please get in touch with Carole Anderson on 86315, or Susan Britton on 07737 461 293.

PORTMOAK APPLE DAY

WE WERE DELIGHTED to hear that the first person who went to last year's Portmoak Apple Day found out about it by reading the *Newsletter*!

This year's Apple Day take place on Sunday 29 September from 2-4pm – so if you're reading this after being quick off the mark buying this edition, you'll still have time to go. And don't forget to mention where you read about it! **See p58 for more details.**

Some who are relatively new to Milnathort commented that they very much enjoyed learning so much about the village's past life and long-time residents appreciated the opportunity to reminisce and identify places and people.



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AS THE YEAR TURNS, and the days shorten you will be guaranteed an uplifting splash of colour and light in the October exhibitions at **Arts @ St Paul's**. The wealth of artistic talent and experience on display in the ever-changing exhibitions never ceases to amaze.

On 19 and 20 October, there are a trio of accomplished artists with a vivid range of work on display complemented by two of our Kinross makers who create beautiful mosaics and jewellery. Leading the way are two well-known and experienced Kinross artists.



GLENYS ANDREWS was awarded a B.E.M. for her leadership and development of Perth Open Studios over a period of 11 years during which she was for half of that time, Chair and later Secretary of Kinross and District Art Club, a role she currently has as well as being our Artist Liaison for Arts @ St Paul's. Her

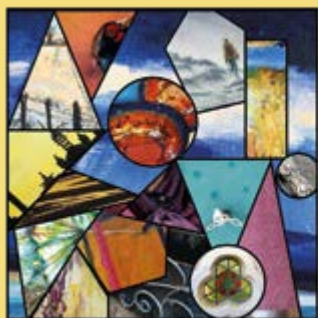
summy work will transport you to the coast with her colourful acrylic paintings of boats, iconic buildings and landscapes inspired by her affinity with the East Neuk of Fife and travels in France.

TOM SUTTON SMITH is a well-established experienced artist creating widely exhibited distinctive and vibrantly coloured semi-abstract landscapes in oils. Tom grew up in Scotland and

attended Edinburgh College of Art. He worked in advertising with Scotland's leading agencies before moving to Canada in 1981 to find new challenges. After a successful career as an art director and creative director in Montreal, Toronto and Winnipeg, Tom returned home to Scotland to fulfill a lifelong ambition by painting full-time. His work is exhibited in galleries throughout Scotland and across Canada and he still finds time to support KADAC as their Professional Adviser.

BARRY ALLAN SCOTT

from Perth studied Fine Art at Duncan of Jordanstone College of Art & Design in Dundee and continued his studies in drawing, painting and sculpture for a Masters Degree in Fine Art from the University of Maryland, USA. Barry was awarded the Mitchell Prize at Duncan of Jordanstone and the David Driskell Award for excellence in teaching and studio practice at Maryland. He undertook Residencies in Vermont and Florida, taught Art near Washington DC and worked with a range of established artists and a sculptor in the USA before returning to Scotland to be near his family. Barry's exquisitely executed drawings and his paintings in oils and acrylics bear testament to his talent and skill. He often works en plein air and produces portraits on commission in a range of media. Barry paints in his studio at Bridge of Earn where he has also begun a picture framing business.



ARTS
@ St Paul's

Featured artists & makers this month:

19 & 20 October

Glenys Andrews - painting
Barry Allan Scott - painting
Tom Sutton Smith - painting
Circle Stone Mosaics
Gillian Skene Jewellery

26 & 27 October

Nicola Rae - painting
Jane Craig Walker - photography
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Want to help at a local collection or event near you? We have added new dates to our website so there may be a slot available.

We have bucket collections at Loch Leven's Larder on 4, 5, 11 and 12 October, so we need more volunteers to show their support and help collect donations on the



day. We would love to see you for an hour at this local event. We're a friendly bunch and look forward to seeing you.

By supporting your local group, you can make our pups' journey to becoming a qualified guide dog possible.

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LEN CUMMING (Circle Stone Mosaics) creates unique mosaics in ceramics, stone and vinyl. Len's work is strongly inspired by early cave paintings, Pictish symbols and Celtic design. He also often portrays owls, and his decorative work can be used in interiors or in the garden.

GILLIAN SKENE (Gillian Skene Jewellery) from Cleish is a great favourite with all our visitors. Her wide range of exquisite handmade jewellery using freshwater pearls and semi-precious stones often combined with a unique design twist of knitted wire is irresistible and very affordable too. Should you be searching for a gift you might well be tempted to treat yourself as well. You have been warned!



On 26&27 October there will be another exhibition with a very different mix of talent on show. This could transport you to all corners of the world, fuel your imagination, encourage you to upcycle,

or purchase something to keep you and your toes cosy this autumn! It includes a wonderful mix of photography, painting, beautifully made items in wood and resin, wool and vintage upcycled items.

Artist **NICOLA RAE** from Strathmiglo, is a regular exhibitor with North Fife Open Studios and has also exhibited widely in England. Her current work is intriguing, evocative, semi-abstracted landscapes in oils, acrylics, inks and pastel. She also produces collages and assemblages using a variety of found materials. Her influence comes from what she sees in her garden and the surrounding countryside and by memory and imagination which also play a part.

JANE CRAIG WALKER (Jane Craig Walker Photography) is based near Kelty and is an internationally recognised prize-winning Fine Art Photographer who has lived all over the world. As a multi-cultural global nomad, immersing herself in different cultures has given her a unique perspective and understanding of the importance of diversity in our multifaceted world. Through her photography Jane captures the beautiful, and unusual whilst documenting the culture and spirit of where she is. The images she captures reflect her nomadic global lifestyle. Back home in

Scotland Jane has had a piece of her work selected for the Scotland Portrait Award 2024 and exhibited at the Scottish Arts Club in Edinburgh in September with the exhibition then moving on to Banff and Glasgow.

DAVE RAE (Crafty-thistle) from Strathmiglo, is husband to Nicola and has been a regular exhibitor with us in Kinross. Dave produces a wide range of beautifully designed and crafted items combining wood and resin. It will be hard to resist one of his unique lamps, a beautifully turned item in wood or even a piece of furniture where the beauty of the wood is enhanced by the making.



On Saturday 26 October **FRANKIE NEWLANDS** (Moth Haus) from Kinnesswood, will charm you with her enthusiasm and her beautifully upcycled upholstered and reimagined individual distinctive vintage items. Ranging from the quirky to the practical there will certainly be something to interest you.

On Sunday 27 October only **DEBBIE STUART** (Wooly Wonders) from Auchtermuchty will have on show and for sale her ever popular seamless handmade custom fit socks and Fair Isle woolly hats created on two of her vintage knitting machines.

There really is a wealth of talent to be seen in October at **Arts @ St Paul's** – don't miss it!

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FOSSOWAY TENNIS CLUB'S under-9s team recently won the North of Scotland 9u National League. They were up against some much bigger clubs from the North in the earlier group stage and had wins against Rubislaw, West End Dundee and St Andrews tennis clubs. Finishing top of their group, they then went on to play the final against Bridge of Allan which resulted in a 5-1 win for Fossoway.

The team consisted of Noah, Ruaridh, Jorja and Sandy (pictured above, left to right).

Coach Alessia Palmieri told us, 'I'm really proud of these four for all their hard work and effort this year. We were the only one-court club taking part – a massive achievement!'

POLICE UPDATES

STOLEN SHEEP



POLICE ARE APPEALING for information after 40 sheep were stolen from a farm in Fossoway.

At some point between Monday 8 July, and Wednesday 31 July, 20 ewes and 20 lambs were taken from the area.

After making local enquiries to ensure they had not gone missing or wandered off, the theft was reported to police on Monday, 26 August, 2024. The sheep are believed to be worth an estimated £5400.

Constable Ben Samson said: 'Enquiries are ongoing to establish what happened to the sheep and we are appealing for anyone with information which could assist our investigation to get in touch. If members of the public saw or heard any suspicious activity in the area between the dates the sheep were taken we would urge you to come forward.

'Anyone with information can contact Police Scotland on 101, quoting reference CR/0329442/24. Alternatively you can call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.'

A 63-year-old male has been reported for dangerous driving following a collision in the Kinross area on 2 September.

MEET THE POLICE!

THE COMMUNITY POLICE Team have planned a community drop-in session at the Loch Leven Community Campus for Saturday 12 October.

They are going to be in their community van at the campus between 10am and 2pm.

The purpose is for people to drop in for a chat about any issues in the local area, what they wish from local police or just a general chat.

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A YEAR FOR THE TARTAN KIPPER!

ONE OF KINROSS-SHIRE'S favourite shops is about to celebrate its first year in business – and you're invited to help mark the occasion!

Since opening its doors on 1 November last year, Tartan Kipper in Kinross High Street has gone from strength to strength, with a loyal customer base and a reputation for friendly, helpful service.

Run by designer Charlotte Giacomazzi, Tartan Kipper is a veritable Aladdin's cave of beautiful things, including clothes for both men and women, gifts, cards, homewares, jewellery, toys, babywear, toiletries and much more.

It has become so popular that Charlotte has been nominated for a prestigious business award, and at the time of going to press she was waiting to hear the results.

To coincide with Tartan Kipper's first anniversary, Charlotte will be holding her Christmas launch on 1 November and getting into the festive spirit with treats and giveaways for shoppers.

The following evening, 2 November, she's holding a fashion show in the Millbridge Hall followed by a shopping event in the shop itself, when customers can enjoy a 10% discount on their purchases. All proceeds

from the show will go to charity.

Centrally situated at 125 High Street, Tartan Kipper Lifestyle has been transformed by Charlotte from what was a run-down betting office.

'When the premises became available I jumped at the chance to take them over,' said Charlotte.

'It took a lot of hard work to transform the shop into what it is now, but the effort was well worth it and I'd like to thank my valued customers for helping to make it such a success.'

Located directly next door to Unorthodox Roasters, Tartan Kipper Lifestyle has become quite a social hub – and because of this you cannot buy from the shop online, although you can see the other services Charlotte offers at www.tartankipper.co.uk.

Said Charlotte: 'I'm passionate about keeping the high street alive and supporting the local community, and the shop has become as well-known for its friendly



and welcoming atmosphere as it has for the things we sell.

'Everybody is made welcome and I go out of my way to listen to what customers want.

'The event on 2 November will be our third fashion show; the others were held in the shop itself but proved so popular that I had to find a bigger venue. The Millbridge Hall is almost directly opposite our back door and because it is so much larger I can promise the show will be even bigger and better!

'We've already raised hundreds of pounds for local charities and this time it's for a cause that's close to everyone's heart here in Kinross. I'm even hoping that a very special guest will join us on the night ... watch this space!'



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KADAC ON SHOW!

IN SPITE OF LAST-MINUTE information about road closures and hasty calls to the AA, the KADAC Annual Exhibition was a well attended and supported event, held in the Cleish Village Hall from the opening on the evening of Friday 6 September to Sunday 8

September. Visitors enjoyed an outstanding display of a variety of works of art and crafts.

Some 176 paintings were on display, of which 56 were sold as well as crafts and cards and a raffle. The auction of an oil painting by the Club's Professional Adviser, Artist Tom Sutton Smith raised £400 which has been donated to CHAS at Rachel House. Also raised for CHAS was a further amount of £230 from cash donations and from art materials donated by the recently closed business of the Kelty Art Centre.



Top: Artist Barry Allan Scott gifting a delicate pencil sketch of snowdrops to CHAS Chair, Rami Okasha, with KADAC Chair Angela Walter.
Above: A beaming Glenys Andrews.

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Right: Rami with the auctioned painting by Tom Sutton Smith. Above: Job Done! Stewart Milne, one of the 'hanging' team.

providing not only a delightful array of home baking but the opportunity to meet members of the club and to learn about its role in the community. More information was also given in a computer slideshow of the work of the club throughout the year including artists working with the Day Centre and the Primary School.

As usual there was an opportunity to vote for the best painting and this was won by Shirley Scott with her painting 'Our Tree' with second prize going to Stewart Niven for 'Puffin with Catch' and third prize going jointly to 'Sunrise on the Great Herdsman' (Buachaille Etive Mòr) by Greg Drum and 'Spotty Dotty' by Shirley Scott.



KADAC Chair Angela Walter opened the proceedings on the opening evening before handing over to guest CHAS Chair Mr Rami Okasha who outlined the activities of CHAS and in particular Rachel House in its support for families in need of it. He was presented with some gardening items for use in Rachel House gardens and a framed drawing of snowdrops donated by Artist Barry Scott.

Over the weekend around 200 visitors came to view and to buy works of art. The refreshments area was a popular feature,



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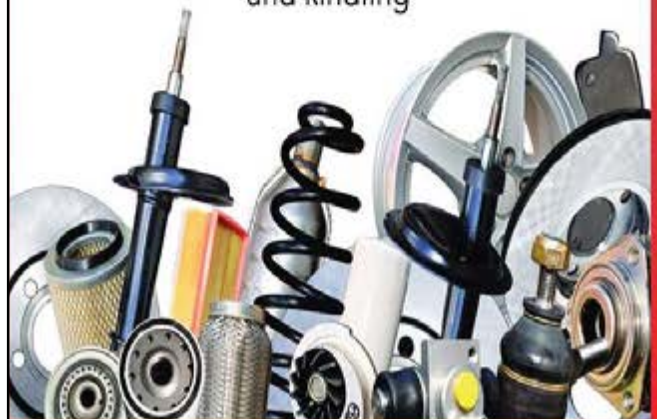


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Whether you can spare a few minutes, an hour or a day, the playgroup would absolutely love your help. Here are a few fun ways you can lend a hand: join the committee, be a storytime sorcerer, a crafty creator or even a guardian of the garden at Playgroup. A spokesperson told the *Newsletter*, 'We are always so grateful for any time that families and friends of Swansacre Playgroup can spare.'

'We wish to extend sincere thanks to the St Andrew's Ball 2024 for donating money that will contribute to our arts, crafts and STEM experiments. It is such a delight to be recognised and awarded this fund.'

Play is a huge part of learning and the benefits are far-reaching. It fosters creativity, inspires, and encourages creative thinking (essential for problem-solving). Social skills are developed through interactions, collaboration and conflict resolution. Active play helps children develop motor skills, coordination and health and well-being. We support the emotional growth of our children so they can gain confidence and learn resilience.

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Kinross-shire Amateur Theatrical Society Looking For New Members

WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD to another get-together on Monday 21 October at the Green Hotel. Please pass this on to anyone you know who might be interested in being part of a friendly local drama group, whether your interest is being on the stage or being part of a vital behind-the-scenes team. Please get in touch at kinrosskats@gmail.com if you are interested in joining us.

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A CLAN-TASTIC DAY!

AFTER ONE OF THE coldest and wettest summers on record, the sun finally took its hat off for this year's Fossoway Gathering, shining brightly on record visitor numbers. Many turned out to see the headline arena

of Perth and Kinross, who expressed delight at the scale of the community event and the range and level of community participation it generates. Designed as a celebration of community activity and engagement across the Fossoway communities of Blairingone, Carnbo, Crook of Devon, Drum, Powmill and Rumbling Bridge, it seems to grow year on year.

Large numbers of community groups and local enterprises filled the marquees surrounding the main arena with all kinds of displays, crafts, games, goodies and information about volunteering and participation opportunities available in the locality.

A packed arena programme kicked off with the piper-led Children's Fancy Dress Parade organised by the Fossoway PTA on the theme of The Olympics. In addition to The Clan, an amazing display of speed and agility provided by the Carnegie Canines Flyball team, an incredible display of chainsaw carving by Gary Pearson, and our second Annual Pet Parade, proved hugely popular.

Young people had the opportunity to shine in traditional sports races, the Kinross Road Runners organised a one mile race and in dance displays from the Dillon-Bray School of Highland Dancing and Dance Connect.

A full programme of music was provided throughout the day by the young people of KYTHE, Windchill jazz band and, appearing for the first time, but surely not the last, the Perthshire Ukuleles.

Organisers told the *Newsletter*, 'We were once again overwhelmed by the gen-



erosity of individuals and businesses who boosted our funds through advertising, supplies and the donation of so many incredible prizes for the Gathering Raffle and the Big Prize Draw. Thanks to the many other individuals who came forward to help with site set-up and take-down and other vital services on the day, including the 2nd Dunfermline Scouts who looked after traffic and car parking and Roy Gilmour and Luc Wilson Media for creating a pictorial record of the event. And not forgetting the *Newsletter* whose coverage in advance of the Gathering we're sure con-

Photos: Roy Gilmour



act, The Clan – Scotland's Cycle Stunt Team, and they were certainly not disappointed. The Clan's stunning displays of jumps, flips and other daredevil tricks on their Big Air ramp had the crowds whooping, cheering and hollering for more. The organisers of the Gathering were delighted with the response and declared it a Clan-tastic day!

The event was officially opened by Steven Leckie Esq., His Majesty's Lord Lieutenant





tributed greatly to the increased turnout on the day.

'Thanks also to the Fossoway Community Benefit 'Hydro' Fund for grant support towards the costs of bringing The Clan to this year's event. The organisers had hoped that this addition to the programme would help draw more visitors, which in turn would gen-



erate more interest and support for participating local groups. Initial feedback from community organisations happily evidences higher levels of funds generated and more volunteers recruited. The Fossoway Community Development Trust were also delighted at the huge number of survey questionnaires completed on the day.

'Special thanks to the incredible team of Fossoway Gathering Committee volunteers who made it all possible. Their planning and hard work over many months was rewarded by a hugely successful fun-filled day in the sun! Anyone interested in volunteering with us will find a warm welcome and fun and friendship along the way.

'We strive to make the Gathering stronger every year. We'd love to have feedback on this year's event and ideas for next year's programme. Do get in touch with us on Facebook or by email to: fossowaygathering@gmail.com.



There is still one of the star Programme Prizes unclaimed. If you have programme number 157, please get in touch with us.





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HAPPY 150th TO ST PAUL'S!

WHERE IN KINROSS CAN you find two illuminated saints standing side by side, memorials to the fallen and a daughter who drowned saving the life of another girl guide?

In need of another clue?

It has a bell named Lydia which hangs in a tower and rings loud and clear close to the hour, to hasten folks' footsteps to worship.

By now some may guess this refers to St Paul's on Muirs at its junction with Springfield Road. This wee Scottish Episcopal Church has all this and a great deal more to discover and explore inside. On weekends when Arts @ St Paul's exhibitions take place, and its doors stand open with an invitation to enter the response from so many who wander that way is 'I've lived in Kinross a long time, but I have never been in this little church before, and it is really beautiful'.

Well, despite its peeling paintwork caused by relentless ingress of water we also think it is beautiful!

A little about its history. The earliest Minutes of the Episcopal congregation in Kinross date from 1869 when services had begun to be held in the Town Hall. The congregation was then encouraged by their

Bishop to build a church. A plot of land on Muirs feued by Sir Graham Montgomery of Kinross House became the site for a simple church designed by the architect John Lessels. Since it was built and opened in 1874 it has become a local landmark as the town of Kinross has grown over the years.

The church building is grade B listed and contains some stunning stained glass from the 19th and 20th centuries. It also has a rich variety of Vestments and Altar Fronts designed to mark the different seasons of the church year. These were often bequests and memorials to past generations and families who founded it and were major contributors to its life.

Today it still contains a small congregation of people who do their best to care for each other and for others.

The 150th anniversary of the first service held in the church will be celebrated with two services in the church, both to be held on Sunday 6 October.

At 10am there will be a Sung Eucharist at which the Bishop of St Andrews, Dunkeld and Dunblane, the Rt. Rev. Ian Paton, will preach.



Later that day, at 6.30pm, there will be Songs of Praise with readings accompanied by The Tullis Russell Community Brass Band and the music of the bagpipes.

On this special occasion the church will be filled with singing,

after which there will be light refreshments and an opportunity to view a small display in the meeting room.

Please come and have a good sing and join with us in our celebrations.

All are welcome!

Coffee & Crafts

THE CRAFT GROUP of Kinross Parish Church has been working hard preparing crafts for sale at its Coffee and Crafts morning, on Saturday 2 November to be held from 10 am - 12 noon at the Kinross Church Centre in the High Street.

Margaret Clark, one of the organisers, says: 'Why not combine the chance to buy some unique hand-made gifts for Christmas with a

sociable get-together over coffee and good home baking? All money raised will go to supporting the work of the church. We'll also have a Fairtrade Stall, marking 30 years of the Fairtrade mark.

The Craft Group meets at the church every Wednesday at 1.30pm. If you think this might be for you, come along or talk to us at the Coffee and Crafts morning'.

LIGHT PARTY

KINROSS PARISH CHURCH is the location for a 'Light Party' for children on Thursday 31 October from 5.30pm -7pm in the Church on Station Road. There will be party food and juice, seasonal party games, crafts, challenges, a story from the Bible and songs. Everyone is very welcome to just turn up on the day. Wear fancy dress or your own clothes - the theme is 'Light and Bright'. Parents and carers are welcome to stay with their child or leave them at the party (with a contact number).



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HELP KINROSS BE A BIODIVERSITY TOWN!

OVER THE PAST 25 years the Tayside Biodiversity Partnership has set up many small-scale projects, working with myriad different communities and organisations. Now, with funding from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund, the Partnership is setting up the very first series of Biodiversity Villages and Towns in Scotland so that these projects and many new ones can be community-led.



Focusing a suite of projects in one place also has a much greater impact on the environment itself.

There is a very real urgency to all this – there is a twin global emergency of climate change and biodiversity loss. We can't leave either of these issues for others to solve. We can all make a difference – individually, in a group, or in a community. And that's where the mapping session comes in. Everyone is welcome to come along on **Saturday 5 October** at the Millbridge Hall, Kinross, to find out more. Bring a friend or your family to enjoy a cup of tea and explore the maps and questionnaires which will highlight what wildlife we have in Kinross and how we can go about safeguarding it!

Beyond this first get-together, you can help to decide which core projects can be brought to the fore – and of course which organ-



isations to involve. The funding will cover not just the projects themselves, but also help raise awareness of existing local and national citizen science surveys that everyone, whatever their scale of knowledge, can get involved in.

Some of the projects will include:

- Pollinator Stepping Stones – creating colourful plantings across town to help our bumblebees, butterflies and other pollinators thrive
- Save our Swifts – ensuring these endangered Scottish-born birds still have places to breed.
- Mind the Gap – creating Hedgehog Highways across gardens and greenspace - and raising awareness about gardening with wildlife in mind
- BeeWild – creating simple Action Plans for encouraging our pollinators into school grounds, care home grounds and sheltered housing gardens

KINROSS COMMUNITY BIODIVERSITY MAPPING

Saturday 5 October

2pm-5.30pm (drop-in session)

Millbridge Hall, Old Causeway, Kinross

- Homes for Wildlife – helping the nature around us find a home: tree sparrows, bats, barn owls and others
- A review of trees, hedges and orchards so that we can care for what we have and help plant more for us (and the wildlife) to enjoy!

There is only funding available until the end of March 2025 so it is urgent to begin the process. However, it is hoped further funding will be found so that the project can run for at least 3-5 years.

No expert on wildlife? Well, no previous skills are necessary. If you can't plant trees then baking biscuits for an event would be very welcome! Want to do something on your own? There are bumblebees, butterflies and birds to count, there are plants to grow on to share. Storytellers and artists, clearing out a pond, planting wildflowers, nurturing a fruit tree, learning a new skill such as pruning or scything – or sharing your knitting or sewing expertise to make pennants or woolly wildlife characters to display! There's room for everyone, whatever age, whatever ability, whatever interest.

More information is available from Catherine Lloyd and Nick McKinlay (Catherine – caglloyd@pkc.gov.uk) or search www.taysidebiodiversity.co.uk



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A typical mapping session. Photo C A G Lloyd





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THE BIGGEST TANK BATTLE IN HISTORY

Terrible Casualties In Kursk Region

UKRAINE'S INCURSION – or whatever you want to call it – into the Kursk region of Russia, prompts me to remind *Newsletter* readers what an enormous battle was once fought there, with huge losses of tanks and thousands of men on both sides. Now, 80 years later, the region has again become a focal point following the Ukrainian surprise offensive catching Russian forces off-guard.

The WWII battle of Kursk is still regarded as the biggest tank battle in history. It took place between 5 July – 23 August 1943, lasting one month, two weeks and four days.

It was seen as Germany's last chance to regain any dominance on the Eastern Front during the Second World War but, despite a huge planned assault on Soviet troops, using heavy tanks, artillery and air power, delays by German dictator Adolf Hitler presented the Soviets with ample time to prepare.

The Soviets became aware of the German plans after the British at Bletchley Park cracked the Lorenz cipher, allowing them to read secret high-level German communications. Overhead the Luftwaffe and the Soviet Air Force battled for control of the skies – it is believed that between 5 and 8 July, the Soviet Air Force lost more than 500 aircraft.



It is believed that Ukraine exploited a weakness in Russia's electronic warfare coverage along this section of the border, deploying interceptor drones to knock out Russian reconnaissance capabilities, and using short-range jammers to cover the attack.

This in turn prevented Russian artillery from targeting approaching Ukrainian forces, who used a variety of fast vehicles. It is understood that British-donated Challenger 2 main battle tanks have been used by the Ukrainian armed forces inside Russia's border. The use of such weapons has helped the Ukrainian Armed Forces seize areas, including the town of Sudzha, six miles from the border.

The former Commander of US Army Europe says he is confident Ukraine can continue retaking territory in its counter-offensive. Retired Lieutenant General Ben Hodges said has been 'impressed' by the 'underestimated Ukrainians'.

He added: 'The Russians underestimated the Ukrainians. Their ability to marshal forces to protect the information, I can only guess, is part of the reason they were so successful in surprising the Russians. Where, when and how they launched this counter-offensive shows the level of discipline is very good.'

KURSK is, once again, an area of massive conflict, loss of life and material on both sides. Military history repeats itself, time and again.

Andy Middlemiss BEM DL



On the ground, fighting took place at close range with opposing tanks manoeuvring amongst each other. The German plan to wipe out the Red Army, once and for all, failed – but not before both sides experienced appalling casualties. Look at these numbers and be amazed and horrified in equal measure.

Overall during the various phases of the six-week battle of Kursk, the Germans are believed to have lost 165,000 men, between 760 to 1,200 tanks, and 680 aircraft. The Red Army lost in the region of 600,000 troops and between 6,000 to 7,000 tanks. Specific numbers are still debated, but it is estimated that the Battle of Kursk caused around 800,000 Soviet casualties and 200,000 German casualties.

Re-read those numbers – they are simply staggering!

The battle of Kursk is considered as the biggest battle in the history of warfare, with the opening day aerial battles also thought to be the greatest losses of aircraft in a single day in history.

Now 80 years later, the Ukrainian armed forces have carried out a lightning incursion into the Kursk region, claiming to have secured more than 1200 sq km of land in this action after taking Moscow by surprise. This latest military action has resulted in large numbers of Russian troops being captured – a good bargaining tool to get Ukrainian prisoners back – and provided a much-needed morale boost for the Ukrainian armed forces and the wider population.

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INTERNATIONAL DAY OF OLDER PERSONS - LOCAL GROUPS

1 OCTOBER IS INTERNATIONAL Day of Older Persons. This is a global observance designated by the United Nations to honour the role of older people in society. It aims to raise awareness about the opportunities and challenges of aging populations and advocates for policies that improve the well-being and inclusion of older individuals.

We thought it would be good to highlight the wonderful opportunities within our own communities for older people.

Some of the groups, organisations and services listed are open to all ages; some

are specifically for older people. All are beneficial to wellbeing, supportive to everyone and offer an opportunity for company and optional activity. The services included are useful to know about and to contact if needed. Most listed have websites or Facebook pages. If you are happy to be online, a simple google search will take you to specific group/service pages. Please share with family members, friends and neighbours.

The Kinross Partnership website www.kinross.cc also has a wealth of information. Please also take time to look at the

KLEO website: events, concerts and activities www.kleo.org.uk. I can also recommend reading this *Newsletter* from cover to cover every month and follow the Facebook page if you can – the local information available is of great benefit to everyone. I am sure there are many groups missed from this, and I would be happy to receive details from any wishing to be included in possible future lists.

Shona Fowler,
Healthy Communities Project Worker
(P&K Health & Social Care Partnership)
Shona.fowler@nhs.scot

KINROSS CENTRE

Kinross-shire Centre. October activities, see page XXX.

Supporting individuals to feel a valued part of the community. Kinross centre provides a supportive service where older people can be picked by our mini-buses from their home anywhere in Kinross-shire, have a home cooked lunch followed by a wide range of activities. There is a daily £7 charge for lunch and activities.

We also have a monthly Hearing Aid support and Chiropody. Kinross-shire Centre is a happy, vibrant and essential part of our community. Activities after lunch can include – indoor curling, board games, crafts, singing, day trips, church service, bingo, gentle exercise, life story books. Please phone 01577 863869, email kinrossdaycentre@outlook.com or pop in at 64 High Street, Kinross and speak to Nan Cook, manager.

VILLAGE HALLS

FOSSOWAY CHURCH HALL Refresh with tea, coffee, cakes and company. Thursdays 2pm - 4pm Delicious home baking, tea and coffee. All are welcome.

PORTMOAK VILLAGE HALL - various events and groups who meet on a regular basis, including a Film Club and on every 2nd Thursday of month - Bishopshire Friendship Circle

CLEISH VILLAGE HALL various events and groups who meet regularly. www.cleishvillagehall.org/about/regular-events-activities 7 till 10pm www.portmoakhall.org/meetings

CROOK OF DEVON VILLAGE HALL various events and groups who meet regularly. www.crookofdevonvillagehall.org/regular-groups

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS

www.kvgandros.org.uk. Our name will change to Kinross-shire Volunteer Drivers but we will still be providing the same service, arranging a volunteer driver to take less able and elderly people from Kinross-shire and Glenfarg to vital medical appointments. We can also help with social runs, going to the hairdressers, visiting loved ones, helping with shopping, etc. For information phone 01577 840196 or email administrator@kvgandros.org.uk.

KINROSS LOCAL ADVICE HUB

We are fortunate to have many support agencies providing a drop-in facility within the local health centre. Services offering monthly sessions include: Social Prescribing, CATH (benefits advice and support to fill-in forms) MindSpace (mental health – peer support) Broke Not Broken – advice and connections for support, PKC Trading Standards Scam Awareness advice, Heat Project – free home energy advice (help reduce your bills), PKC Housing.

A list of dates and agencies are published in the *Newsletter* every month. Please contact Shona Fowler if you need more info shona.fowler@nhs.scot Tel 07896 280843

WALKING FOOTBALL

Free of charge. All genders, ages and abilities welcome. Wednesday 7.30pm to 8.30pm, Campus.

SWI GROUPS

CARNBO SWI meet in Carnbo Village Hall (KY13 ONS) on the 3rd Monday of each month at 7.15pm, September through to June. Annual membership fee is £30. Visitors are welcome; there is an entry charge of £4 which includes refreshments. Each month we have a speaker (various subjects). We offer fun and friendship! secretarycarnboswi@gmail.com.

CLEISH SWI meet on the second Monday of the month (September to May), 7.30pm at Cleish Village Hall. We are a well attended, enthusiastic and friendly community women's group, of all ages, who enjoy a variety of talks from visiting speakers, crafts and cookery demonstrations. Please feel free to come along and join us any time. If you would like more information contact Jane janemcgee@rocketmail.com.

MILNATHORT SWI meet on the third Thursday afternoon of the month from 2pm to 4pm in Milnathort Town Hall.

BLAIRINGONE SWI meet in Moubray hall Powmill on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm. We do a little business and then have either a speaker, or a demonstration. We round off our evenings with tea, members taking turns to provide and serve it.

POWMILL SWI meet in the Moubray Hall (beside the traffic lights) on the 3rd Wednesday of the month from September to May for our regular meetings. We have a wide range of ages in our membership Our annual membership is £40 with occasional visitors paying £4 a session. powmillswi@gmail.com

GLENFARG SWI meets on the second Thursday of the month from September to May at 2pm in Glenfarg Village Hall. Contact Linda Martin (President) 07771 632830.



CUT OUT AND KEEP

ORWELL 70 PLUS GROUP

Open to anyone over 70 living within the Orwell Parish area, which in general terms means in Milnathort. We organise a couple of events during the year – most recently a talk on Old Milnathort, followed by tea and cakes - and a get-together with entertainment at Christmas time, which is free to everyone who comes along. This year, our Christmas Afternoon Tea will be held on Saturday 30 November. If you live in Milnathort, are 70 or over and would like to be added to our list, please get in touch with either our Chairperson, Susan Britton, on 07737 461 293 or Carole Anderson, Secretary, 863175

POTAGER GARDEN

Kinross Potager Garden in Bowton Road is a community garden offering education about plants and the environment, and is peaceful place to visit. It is open during school hours and volunteers are there on Monday mornings from about 10.30 am to 12.30, when we can also sell plants. If you would like to join us, we have activities to suit everyone, or just for a cuppa and a chat. Contact Amanda James 07963 476803

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MILNATHORT CEILIDHS

Milnathort Ceilidhs Top musicians, cup of tea and biscuits at half time. £5 entry. Ceilidhs in Milnathort Town Hall once a month, 2pm till 5pm. All welcome! Sundays:

29 September Cameron McLaren, **27 October** Scott Carnegie, **17 November** Lindsay Weir, **15 December** Robert Whitehead

PKC ACCESS TEAM

Our Early Intervention and Prevention Team is the first point of contact for people who need access to health and social care services. If you are over 16 then you can contact us Monday to Friday, 8.45am-5pm by phone on 0345 30 111 20 or by email at AccessTeam@pkc.gov.uk. The phone number can be used outwith these hours to connect to the out-of-hours social work service.

We can offer advice and information on a range of services:

- Support to carers including advice, respite breaks and day care. Care at Home services including reablement, meals service and Community alarm and telecare service.
- Access to residential care, or services for learning disability, mental health or addiction.
- Welfare rights, which includes advice about benefits and the Scottish Welfare Fund.
- Referral for Social Work Support.
- Adult support and protection

MILNATHORT CRAFT GROUP

We meet in Milnathort Town Hall, £2 per week. Come for a cuppa and a chat, learn a craft or share your skill, we have people who can now knit or crochet who didn't before! We are a very friendly and welcoming so please come along.

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Our interest groups are: Wine Tasting, Scrabble, Rummikub, Poetry, Places of Interest, Famous Scots, Film and Theatre, Book Club, Genealogy, Garden Group.

Kinross Parish Church - Speakers First Tuesday of each month from September to April. Joining fee £15 this year. Email mbs21@btinternet.com

GLENFARG COMM. CENTRE

The building in the centre of the village, both physically and event-wise. There are many activities that happen which you might find of interest: the weekly Coffee Lounge (Thursdays 10:00-11:30) for a coffee/tea, cake and chat, Pilates, Cinema Club (monthly feature films on Fridays through Autumn and Winter), Yoga, Warm Space (soup, roll and chat) Mondays October to March. For more details visit www.glenfarg.org and www.glenfargcommunitycentre.org.uk.

MUSEUM

Kinross (Marshall) Museum is located alongside the Library in the Campus. The Museum mounts a changing programme of exhibitions as well as educational activities and research projects designed to promote the historic heritage of Kinross-shire. The Museum Study Room is manned by volunteers on Thursdays (10am-7pm) and Saturdays (10am-1pm). Email information@kinrossmuseum.org.uk. Tel 01577 867153 (Thursdays and Saturdays). www.kinrossmuseum.org.uk

LIBRARY

Drop by and see what a fabulous resource this is. More than books, there are magazines, newspapers, E-versions too! Computers for public use and groups that meet there include a Knit & Crochet session and various genres of book groups – all with a cuppa! Opening times are on page XX. Email lochlevenlibrary@culturepk.org.uk. Tel 01577 867205.

AGE SCOTLAND

Age Scotland is the national charity working to improve the lives of people over the age of 50 in Scotland: www.agescotland.org.uk. We provide a free Helpline for older people, their families and carers, open Monday to Friday, 9-5, Tel: 0800 12 44 222. Helpline staff can undertake free Benefits' Checks, helping to ensure that older people are in receipt of all they may be entitled to. We have staff working in the community to support older people's groups and specialist teams to promote age- and dementia-friendly communities, deliver health and well-being programmes and campaign on behalf of older people.

Email carole.anderson@agescotland.org.uk Tel 0131 668 0371

KEEP OUR COMMUNITY WARM



THE SEASONS ARE TURNING and most of us are contemplating putting the heating on again. As it grows colder, once more we face the prospect of gas price increases in October, as international factors sway both the cost of gas, but also the price of electricity, despite the fact much less gas is now used for its generation.

Each year we pay over £4m as a community (Kinross & Milnathort) for the basic requirement of staying warm though this has been very volatile in the past few years, as will likely be the case looking forwards too. Over 20 years that is some £80m, ignoring inflation, extracted from our community, giving a good return to the shareholders of remote energy companies.

PKC, following the policy from ScotGov, are planning how to migrate to a NetZero carbon economy. Some people choose to ignore the link from carbon to the climate and the future wellbeing of our planet, but the fact is that renewables do now provide the lowest cost forms of energy, and their generation capacity is expanding quickly.

PKC has published plans in their Local Heat and Energy Efficiency Strategy (LHEES), presenting how heating of council owned buildings will lead the way in the migration to low carbon heat sources. New buildings will require to have such solutions embedded to be granted planning permission.

A significant challenge, not just to the PKC LHEES but afflicting the plans of all councils, is that most of the housing to meet future need in Scotland is already built and is owned by private householders. This implies a substantial retrofit burden, especially to bring houses constructed last century up to modern standards and reach compatibility with the new renewable technologies. It also presents a dilemma for government and councils, who cannot just impose costly solutions on property owners.

The PKC LHEES attempts to quantify the cost of these upgrades across the region and estimates that 70% of houses will require, on average, £20K investment to bring them up to EPC C rating – a reasonable energy-efficiency standard. That is another £70m. Kinross and Milnathort have more big and older houses, which are harder to insulate and heat, so this will be an underestimate. The running assumption is that individual house holders will pay for their part of this. Grants are available for now, but we must remember that we pay for these through our taxes anyway.

After these efficiency measures, to install a low carbon heat source like an Air Source Heat Pump will require a further £13K average per house, about £40m in total. Like insulation, the cost replacing the conventional gas boiler will vary widely, on a house-by-house basis.

Given this investment, the housing stock will gradually convert to running off electricity rather than gas, reducing both carbon emissions and energy needs. However, including the cost of that borrowing, the likely impact is that the cost of heating our homes over a 20-year period will be about double compared to today.

Those who have spare capital or can move quickly can grab an advantage. Those without will likely be left behind in the energy revolution that is coming.

As a result, it is likely that the ScotGov and PKC strategies will not achieve their NetZero ambitions in a timely manner. The cumulative impact on the climate will continue to grow. Rather than reducing fuel poverty, where too much of monthly income is spent on energy, the burden on some householders will be significant with a real prospect of embedding further social injustice.

There are plenty of historical examples where monopoly rights associated with essential utilities have been granted to commercial enterprises for the benefit of a few and to the long-term disadvantage of many. The Gas network, the GPO, water, electricity, railways – it is an extensive list. Essential services, that everybody needs, are different to a company which exploits a great technology idea and creates a new market where consumers have real purchasing choice.

What Can Be Done?

THE COMMUNITY GROUP CATCH-LochLeven (Climate Action Through Community Heating), has been exploring options to provide low-cost, low-carbon energy for heating across our community, by working locally together. This is commonplace in Denmark where they are seeking to raise the number of houses connected to District Heating Networks (DHN) from 70% to 80%, where in this country the penetration is under 10%.

The Danes are clear about the benefits. Resilient energy can be provided, for use directly in existing house systems without substantial retrofit disruption or connection expense. Emissions are instantly reduced as each property connects. The latest technology can be adopted centrally keeping the entire network up to date and increasing reliability.

Perhaps the most important benefit is that by investing in infrastructure of scale, 'fuel' costs, whether gas or electricity, are replaced with fixed capital costs. This enables stability and predictability to be passed on in consumer pricing, and usefully removes the impact of inflation on much of the cost makeup. Over 20 years simple inflation might add 50% to fuel costs. Gradually as the 'mortgage' completes, assets become owned by the com-

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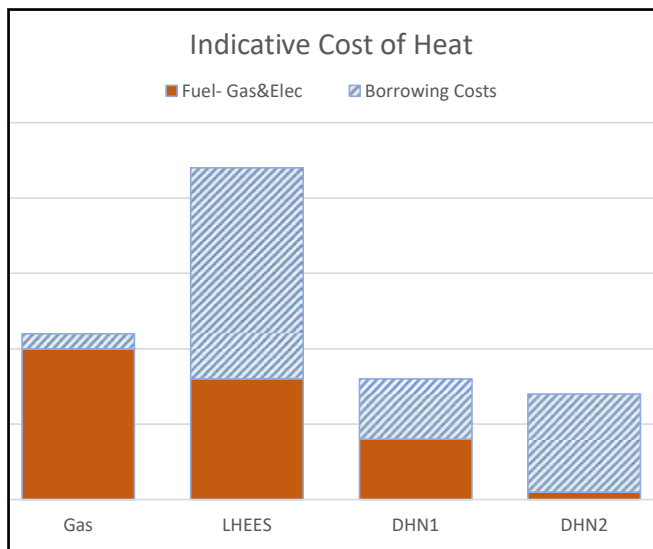
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community. The Danes have proven a modern DHN should provide the lowest cost of energy to a community.

The graph gives an indication of what is possible, dependent on accessing good long-term finance, where PKC has a strong track record. Interest rates, and security concerns, are higher for

individual households – a clear advantage for working together.

DHNs require pipes in the ground to deliver heat to each house with energy centre(s) that provide that energy. Configured appropriately, connecting to the scheme is simple, with an existing household gas boiler being replaced with a similar sized heat exchange unit. Major insulation programmes and disruption to replace existing radiators can be avoided, along with the £100m plus expense to our community. Once built, the DHN will last many decades, long past the memory of any disruption as the pipes are installed.

The net result of this is that district heating, by keeping energy prices down, can provide a way of keeping substantial wealth within local households and businesses. There are subsequently beneficial knock-ons, as that wealth is then spent in the local shops and leisure facilities – providing local jobs.

At CATCH, we are currently working with PKC to examine the best options for a DHN in Kinross and Milnathort. We have many good choices for energy sources. Our priority is clarifying how to best to invest and grow the scheme beyond just the High School, Swimming Pool and Health Centre, as identified in LHEES.

This would go a long way to help the Council to achieve its objectives, including poverty reduction, growing the economy and moving quickly on the necessary green transition.

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NO DAHLIA-DALLYING FOR GEORGE!

SEPTEMBER IS ALWAYS a busy time for Milnathort's George Reid, who is quickly establishing a reputation as one of the UK's top dahlia exhibitors. George, who grows over 500 dahlia plants in his garden, is a regular competitor at the UK's top three dahlia competitions which are held at the National Show in London, the Scottish National in Leven and the Northern National at Newby Hall, near Harrogate, which all take place in the first two weeks of September every year.

We caught up with George as he was preparing for the more local Fife Flower Show, held in Leven on the 21 and 22 September.

George has been 'growing for exhibition' on and off since he was a boy, introduced to the hobby by his father. It was, however, when he settled in Milnathort in 2008 that his passion for exhibition dahlias really took off. He's been growing them seriously now for 15 years.

There are about ten forms of dahlia that are grown widely for exhibition across a spectrum of sizes – ranging from the giant flowered 'dinner plate' dahlias that can extend to over 14 inches in diameter all the way down to the 'dinky' pompoms that are only two inches across. George grows 'across the board' which allows him to enter what is referred to as the 'Individual' Championship class at the national shows, usually considered the pinnacle of the hobby and the most challenging and dif-

ficult class to enter. He still, though, has a bias towards 'miniature flowered' varieties which carry blooms that are up to four inches across. That is where he started his 'dahlia career' and they allow him to enter the championship classes for those types.

It has been a challenging year following the usually cool summer period, which meant his dahlias ran a bit later than normal. As a result, he was disappointed to miss out on the London show this year where he was due to defend the national title class he won last year. However, George made up for this disappointment with very successful visits to the Scottish Championships and the Northern National Shows, coming second at both in the difficult Individual Championship class. The icing on the cake, however, came in the form of wins at both shows in the miniature flowered championship classes. George already has plans to tweak his growing plan to help improve his dahlias for next year.

As well as his own exhibition exploits, he is passionate about developing the next generation of exhibitors and working with the Scottish National Chrysanthemum and Dahlia Society, launched the Scottish Dahlia School in 2023. This initiative,

designed to encourage newcomers to the hobby and help existing novice growers develop to the next level, is already bearing fruit with a number of participants showing real promise.

George is indebted to his long-suffering wife for all her help in growing and showing his dahlias as well as his neighbours for putting up with the covers that protect his blooms from the inclement weather.

When we spoke to George, the 2024 season was almost at an end with only Fife and Grangemouth shows to come. We wish him well!

Our photo shows George with his 2nd place exhibit in the Individual Championship at Newby Hall.



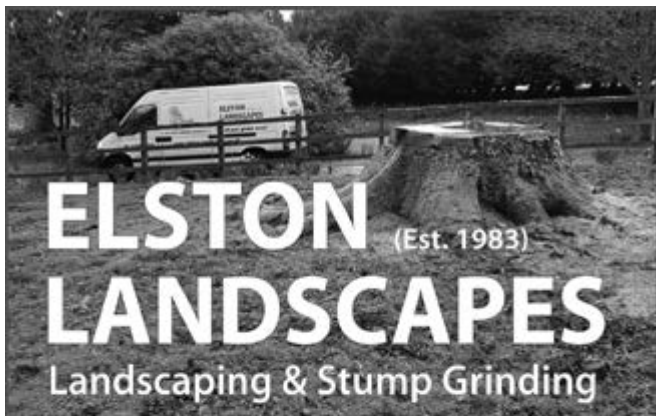


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23 Bus Service

ON MONDAY 2 September, Cllr Richard Watters and I travelled on the first 23 bus run from Kinross Park and Ride to Tillycultry and back. We were joined by Drew Smart and Tony Lamb, two of the people behind getting this set up. The bus was clean, smart and very comfortable and more to the point, it ran on time.

I subsequently took the 23 bus with my partner to Tillycultry where we then caught an onwards bus. The bus was again on time, clean, smart and friendly. I would thoroughly recommend trying this service. You can get onward buses to Alloa, Stirling and Dunblane. It makes for a fun day out.



Cllr Richard Watters, Cllr Dave Cuthbert, driver Geoff Christie, GCTG Chair Drew Smart and Tony Lamb from Fossoway CC.

Davies Park and Scotlandwell Play Park

I HAVE been working with officers, Lynne McKay of Kinross CC and Eileen Thomas to get the upgrade work done at Davies Park. Below is an extract from an email I received from Nick Riley (PKC officer):

Lynne has been excellent in driving this project and introducing new members of the community that have provided valuable input into certain elements of the process. Eileen Thomas has provided every detail relating to the site history, even the specific trains that used to run on the lines that once passed through this site. Ultimately this gave us the theme for the new facility upgrade, that of a train play house and train track symbols with hopscotch and even a train-station themed sign with some old museum photos of the former station 'Kinross Junction' once on the very same site.

The community members involved have been very patient and provided valuable input into the scheme and we are very grateful for this.

Regarding Scotlandwell Play Park, I understand that the work is going out to tender week commencing 16 September, so hopefully we will see work starting here soon!

Perth Buildings and Parking

THE COUNCIL held a full-day meeting on 4 September. The main topics for discussion were a review of some of the public buildings in Perth.

Pullar House and Kinnoull Street Car Park.

PULLAR HOUSE (PH) sits on Kinnoull Street in Perth adjacent to the multi-storey car park. It houses many of the council departments and the customer service centre.

Both sites were secured using a Public Finance initiative contract

linked to inflation many years ago. This had meant the Council were paying up to £3 million a year to keep them.

A break clause in the contract allowed the Council to purchase the buildings outright.

A Council policy formalising hybrid-working requires staff to come into the office two days a week.

Previously this had been five days. This change has reduced office space needs. Councillors instructed officers to create a business case acquiring both Pullar House and Kinnoull Street car park. The guidance given to officers was to find other public services who would share the space and costs, thereby making the acquisition of the buildings affordable.

I am pleased to say that officers managed to sign up enough public bodies to take up all the space not required by the Council, so the unanimous decision was reached quickly.

The acquisition of Kinnoull Street car park should enable better use by PH users and also the public as fears of seemingly random parking tickets is removed.

Perth Leisure Pool and Dewars Centre

THE DEBATE on Perth Leisure Pool and the Dewars Centre was a more protracted and difficult debate. In essence the officer's proposal was to build a new, smaller pool in the Thimblelow car park, demolish the old pool and Dewars Centre and build affordable housing on the then vacant site. This would have removed 509 car parking spaces from Perth.

The SNP administration put in an amendment which effectively proposed leasing the Dewars Centre buildings and some of the existing car parking to the curling community, to allow them to run it as a curling facility, but still build the new, smaller pool at Thimblelow. The number of car parking spaces lost under this proposal reduced to approximately 330.

Throughout the debate, I was trying to establish whether this proposal would leave enough car parking in the centre of Perth. It turned out that a detailed car park analysis had not been done since 2017 and the assumption was that changing how Kinnoull Street car park worked would then provide enough parking for the City centre to thrive (including the £27 million museum).

I take the view that footfall is paramount to a city centre's survival and cutting out car parking gives people excuses to visit places for leisure and shopping with more and better parking. Cars have increased in size when many spaces have not and many people do not like using multi-storey car parks. I also take the view that Kinross folk have been travelling to the Perth Leisure Pool to give their kids a day out (I did this when my kids were younger). Providing a pool in Perth which offers similar facilities currently available at Loch Leven Leisure seems to duplicate what Kinross folks helped raise funds for, with no improved offering.

So I voted for the Labour amendment, which proposed building a new leisure pool and ice pad at the Glover Street site.

In the end, the SNP motion won with the support of the Liberal Democrats, so the new smaller pool will be built on the Thimblelow car park.

Bells Sports Centre

DURING LAST year's floods, Bells Sports centre was flooded, and a great deal of damage was caused. The Council took the view that the building was beyond repair and decided to demolish it. However, the powers that be decided that the building had architectural merit and should be listed. Given this new situation, officers recommended stripping the building back to the listed elements and to turn it into an unheated event space. This recommendation was carried.

Links to recordings of this and other meetings can be found on my Facebook page.

Councillor Dave Cuthbert

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Dentistry Provision

MANY PEOPLE do not have access to an NHS dentist locally which is a very bad situation for them to be in. I would advise anyone trying to find an NHS dentist to contact the Broxden Dental Service in Perth – 01738 450550. They co-ordinate NHS dental care locally and often can provide details of dental surgeries who are accepting NHS patients.

I actually think that anyone who has a proven need for either dental care or medical care, such as a hip or knee replacement, and who can't get treatment on the NHS, should be able to have it done privately and reclaim the costs from the NHS. More and more people are being forced to pay for operations because of the pain they are in and just can't wait the two to three years to receive treatment.

Overgrown Bushes

THIS IS THE time of year to check that you don't have vegetation such as bushes and tree branches overgrowing on to pavements outside your house. Obstructed pavements can make life difficult for those who are visually impaired or who are pushing prams.

Leisure & Sports Facilities Perth

THERE WAS a very important paper discussed at last months' meeting of Perth and Kinross Council regarding the future of sports provision in Perth.

This at a time when funding for local government is reducing and the Council's capital budget is under great strain – there have been very big cost overruns on projects like the Cross Tay Link Road. To be brought up to modern standards Perth Leisure Pool was estimated to require a spend of £70 million over the next 40 years with a loan charge of £3.1 million per annum and an operating subsidy of £1.2 million per year. There are currently large parts of the facility that can't be used due to structural issues. It was decided therefore to build a completely new leisure pool on the site of the Thimble Row car park. This would require the same operating subsidy of £1.2 million, but the capital cost would reduce to £61 million and the repayment of the loan would be £2.7 million per annum. The more money that the Council pays out in operating subsidies and loan charges the less it has to employ teachers and social services staff. It was also agreed that a long term lease of the existing Dewars Centre be explored with the curling community to safeguard the future of ice sports in Perth.

The advantages of the options chosen were that neither Perth Leisure Pool or Dewars would need to be closed during the expected five years it will take to create the new facilities.

Councillor Willie Robertson

Councillor Richard Watters



Sustainable Travel

I WAS DELIGHTED to join the first 'service 23' Glenfarg Community Transport Group bus running from Kinross to Tillicoultry and back, on the morning of Monday 2 September. I was joined by Cllr Dave Cuthbert, GCTG Chair Drew Smart, Tony Lamb from Fossoway Community Council and most importantly Geoff Christie our driver. I would encourage people to try the new enhanced service.

Active Travel

I WAS ALSO delighted to see the Kinross-shire and Glenfarg Active Travel Masterplan adopted at the last Kinross-Shire Committee, there were two small amendments proposed, they were both accepted. One included the acceptance of a potential active travel route through the Glenfarg Tunnels.

As part of the masterplan there are several recommended interventions listed, these generally fall into a number of categories.

Kinross-Shire-Wide Interventions, such as

- Creating an active travel mapping tool.
- Design and development of safe routes to school.
- Improved signage for active travel routes.

Active Travel Routes

- Building high quality active travel routes between key settlements such as Kinross, Milnathort, Crook of Devon, Glenfarg and Kinnesswood.
- Cross-boundary routes have also been proposed between Kinross-shire and the neighbouring local authorities of Fife and Clackmannanshire.
- Connecting the potential network of active travel routes in Kinross-shire and Glenfarg to the Perthshire equivalent, through the Glenfarg Tunnels.

Active Travel Junction/ Crossing Improvements, including

- Improvements to existing junction and crossing facilities, including junction re-design at the Kinross M90 junction.
- Priority crossings for active travel users.
- Relocation of existing crossing points within key settlements and the identification of new crossing facilities.
- Controlled road crossings, dropped kerbs and tactile paving throughout key settlements.

Community Active Travel Facilities, including

- Mobility Hubs at key locations in the area, allowing seamless connections between active travel and local bus services.
- Cycle storage facilities in Kinross and other key locations throughout the area.

Travel Behaviour Change, including

- Cycle training events for adults and children.

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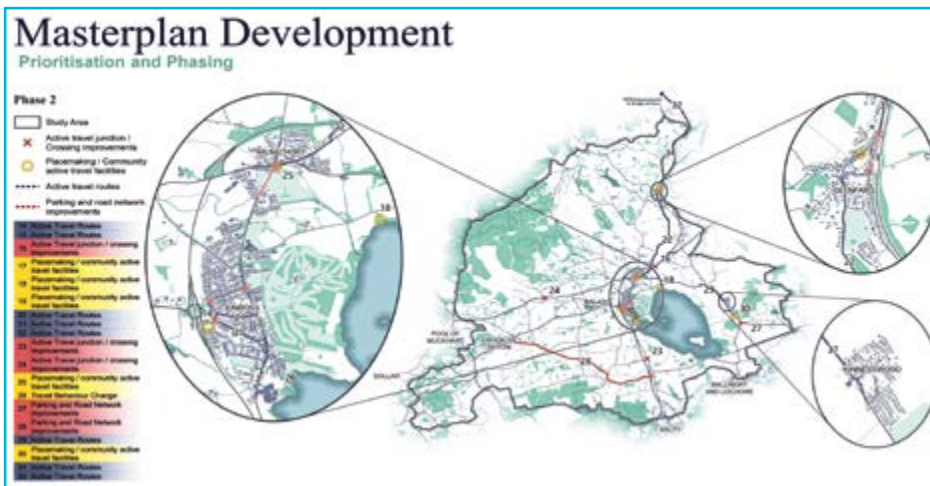
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I WAS SADDENED TO read reports of the theft of a significant number of sheep from a farm in Fossoway. The theft was reported to Police Scotland in late August this year after the farmer had ascertained that the sheep had not wandered off locally. As a former sheep farmer myself, I understand the work that goes into keeping livestock

- Bike buses for children getting to schools.
- The Heritage Trail around Loch Leven was highlighted as being an ideal asset in helping to deliver some of these interventions.

Parking and Road Network Improvement throughout the area including

- Formalisation of parking areas.
- Traffic calming measures.
- Improved road network that will benefit all road users.

The Masterplan looked at prioritising these interventions into three phases, with phase one creating a list of projects that could be termed as quick win. This shouldn't stop the Kinross-shire Committee asking for a project in Phase 2 or 3 to be progressed, if funding was available.

The progress that has been made with the Masterplan should put Kinross-shire in a strong position to access Active Travel funding going forward. However, there is still a lot of work to do to ensure the vision within the masterplan is achieved. This will require strong community involvement alongside Tactran and council involvement plus the political willpower to move the bigger projects forward.

Tactran are already considering the Kinross-shire masterplan alongside their Regional Active Travel Masterplan (ATM) and aligning this with the councils priorities, moves to include these projects in a proposed 'pipeline of active travel projects' within the council are already underway. These moves are key in ensuring that the Kinross-shire and Glenfarg projects are in the best position to bid for any Active Travel funding going forward.

If any readers would like a copy of the strategy or to discuss this further, please contact me at rwatters@pkc.gov.uk or call me on 07557 812513.

Councillor Richard Watters

and the devastation that this mindless act would cause the farmer. I understand that at some point between Monday, 8 July, and Wednesday, 31 July, 2024, 20 ewes and 20 lambs were taken from the area. Obviously moving 40 sheep is no quick task, so it may well have been witnessed locally. I would urge anyone with any information about this to come forward and contact Police Scotland on 101, quoting reference *CR/0329442/24*. Alternatively, you can call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

In slightly happier news, I was pleased to be able to attend the Fossoway Gathering once again this year. Community events like the Fossoway Gathering are rarer and rarer these days, so it is always great to see the community coming together and celebrating in this way. Also in attendance was Lord Lieutenant Stephen Leckie, who impressed locals in his full regalia. I am sure that all those in attendance will want to thank organisers for the significant effort that they put into ensuring a good day was had by all, and I already have the date for next year in my diary – 6 September 2025!

By the time you read this column, we will be well into autumn and the colours of our natural environment will be changing once again. I love this time of year around Loch Leven and enjoy the many species that this time of the year brings, particularly the expected nearly 20,000 pink-footed geese which call Loch Leven their home over the autumn and winter period. I understand that RSPB Loch Leven are running a Dawn Goose Watch on 16 October. This promises to be an incredible yearly spectacle as thousands of pink-footed geese take off from their night time roost on the loch. I would encourage anyone who is interested to contact the RSPB to make a booking.

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Liz Smith, MSP



IT IS JUST OVER a year since the Scottish Government finally announced that a public inquiry would take place into the disgraced former neurosurgeon Sam Eljamel previously employed at NHS Tayside. This decision followed relentless and inspiring campaigning from former patients for a period of over a decade. So, one year on, it is an appropriate time to provide readers with an update on where the case is at now.

Firstly, the dates of two meetings have been announced to allow victims the first opportunity to listen and raise questions about how the public inquiry will be conducted. Both the chair of the inquiry, Lord Weir, and senior counsel, Jamie Dawson KC, will be present at the in-person meeting on October 7 and the virtual meeting on October 10. These meetings are available for patients, their families, and interested parties, and I would encourage those with questions about the inquiry's proceedings to apply for tickets. I am relieved that patients finally have this opportunity, as so far the process has been slow, and given the nature of Eljamel's butchery, many of the patients worry that the longer the process drags on the more their health will decline.

Secondly, there are other key steps the Scottish Government needs to take while the inquiry is ongoing. It was revealed in the *Courier* newspaper that, to date, the Scottish Government has not had any engagement with the Libyan authorities despite the evidence we have which shows Eljamel is still practising on patients abroad. I raised this at First Minister's questions in September, and it is my understanding that the Health Secretary is now exploring options to open talks with Libyan authorities. It is important this is prioritised urgently as I cannot begin to imagine the frustration of former patients – whose lives were changed forever by Eljamel – to see that he is continuing to operate on even more patients unchecked.

At the recent Holyrood Political Awards 2024 I chose to dedicate my award as 'Political Hero of the Year' to the lead campaigners, Jules Rose and Pat Kelly, and the other former patients of Eljamel. Their unwavering drive to secure answers led us to where we are at present. This award is a strong reflection on just how seriously the public, particularly those living in the NHS Tayside area, take interest in this scandal. They expect answers as to why this health board failed to keep them safe and why at every turn they tried to sweep the whole saga under the rug.

As always, if you have not yet come forward, but believe you are a victim of Eljamel, then please contact my office and I can put you in touch with lead campaigner Jules Rose.

Liz Smith, MSP



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Pete Wishart MP



SINCE MY LAST COLUMN, I was delighted to see that the Glenfarg Community Transport Group (GCTG) have launched a new 23 bus service, connecting Kinross to Tillicoultry.

The 23 bus goes through the original route – including Blairingone, Powmill and Crook of Devon – which served the community for over 90 years, before it was sadly withdrawn in 2021.

This follows on from the resounding success of GCTG's 55 bus service, which started off running between Glenfarg and Kinross, and has since been extended to Perth.

GCTG set an initial target of 250 passengers per week for the 55 service, which they quickly smashed, and the bus now carries roughly 1,000 passengers per week.

The service has been such a success that GCTG went on to win 'Best Bus Service' at this year's Scottish Transport Awards.

I was delighted to pay a visit to GCTG over the summer to congratulate them on this fantastic achievement, which is reconnecting communities and providing a lifeline service to residents living along the route, all whilst tackling social isolation and promoting sustainable travel.

The introduction of these routes has been in partnership with Perth and Kinross Council (PKC), which I believe we will see be used as a framework across other local authorities in Scotland to better connect rural areas.

In related news, I was pleased to see that PKC have renewed their initiative to allow shoppers and visitors to enjoy free bus travel on the first Saturday of every month.

People can take advantage of the offer for journeys within Perth and Kinross, provided by local bus operators, Stagecoach, Glenfarg Community Transport, Docherty Midland Coaches, Elizabeth Youth and Sweeney's minibuses on the following Saturdays:

- 5 October 2024
- 2 November 2024
- 7 December 2024
- 4 January 2025
- 1 February 2025
- 1 March 2025

Passengers who have a free U22, 60+ or disabled concessionary bus pass should use their bus pass as normal to travel.

In December alone last year, almost 22,000 people took advantage of free bus travel Saturday, which saved almost £54,000 in fares and potentially over 3500 car journeys.

Faced with the threat of the climate crisis, initiatives such as this play a vital role in ensuring Scotland reduces its vehicles emissions and reaches its net-zero targets.

Not to mention, it cuts travel costs for working people during what are undoubtedly financially challenging times. It really is a win-win, which I hope readers will enjoy making use of.

Pete Wishart, MP

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SARAH RANKIN COOKS

AS THE SEASON is most definitely changing, I'm sharing a delicious autumnal recipe from my new cookbook, *'Kith – seasonal Scottish food for family and friends'*. It's a showstopping dessert, with a fantastic sweet and savoury flavour.

It is deceptively simple to make and works really well if you can't decide between pudding and cheese. Anjou or Rocha pears work well, as does the very British Conference, although I find that their shape isn't quite so pleasingly plump and dense as



the others. Don't use very ripe pears, as they won't hold during the roasting. Use the best quality local runny honey for this (and all your recipes featuring honey): the flavour is all important, so a generic supermarket version, which is really just blended syrup, won't work.

Cloverlea Apiaries is stocked all over Kinross-shire and their wide range of honey will definitely have something delicious just perfect for this recipe.

PEARS WITH HONEY CARAMEL, OAT CRUMBLE AND BLUE CHEESE

SERVES 4

175g runny honey

300ml double cream

3 tbsp unsalted butter

1 tsp sea salt

100g rolled oats

70g walnuts, chopped

4 almost ripe pears

1 tbsp light soft brown sugar

75g blue cheese, like Strathdon or Blue Murder



Preheat the oven to 200°C (fan). Make the caramel by adding the honey, double cream and 2 tbsp butter into a pan and cooking on a low heat for 10 minutes. Remove and add the sea salt. Warm the rest of the butter (you'll have 1 tbsp left) in a pan, add the oats and fully coat them with the butter. Cook them for a few minutes. When the oats are

crisp, add the chopped walnuts and toast for a few minutes.

Wash and cut the pears in half lengthwise and use a small teaspoon to remove the core and the stem. Then slice a little disc off the fattest edge of each to allow them to sit securely when baking. Place them in a roasting dish, sprinkled

with the sugar, and bake for 12–15 minutes. Remove and cool for a couple of minutes before drizzling over the caramel and sprinkling with the oaty crumble, then breaking up the blue cheese over the top. Serve with another drizzle of honey and enjoy while still warm.

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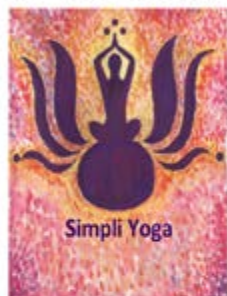
Kinross Hub Oct Calendar



ADVICE HUB AT LOCH LEVEN HEALTH CENTRE The sessions are drop-in but if you prefer an appointment, please phone the number detailed for the agency you wish to connect with, or contact: Shona Fowler on 07896 280843 shona.fowler@nhs.scot.

Wed 2	10am–12noon 1pm–3.30pm	Drop-in for HomeStart Breast Buddies group 01738 638847 CATH help with form filling – PIP, Universal Credit etc 07955 333163
Thu 3	10am–12.30pm 1pm–3pm	Broke not Broken – to offer advice, connections for support and also for foodbank referrals. 07518 913107 Mindspace – Info on supporting mental wellbeing. 07928 859628 or 01738 631657
Wed 9	10am–12noon	Drop-in for HomeStart Breast Buddies group 01738 638847
Thu 10	10am–12noon	VOICEABILITY for free advocacy regarding benefits access and supporting people to be heard in decisions about their health, care & wellbeing. For all benefits under social security Scotland ages up to 66 07918 560891
Wed 16	10am–12noon 1pm–3.30pm	Drop-in for HomeStart Breast Buddies group 01738 638847 CATH will support with form filling – PIP, Universal Credit etc 07955 333163 / 07339 858987
Thu 17	10am–12noon 2pm–4pm	Craig from the HEAT PROJECT will be here providing free energy advice to households, helping them become more energy efficient and reducing energy bills. 07868 864418 Camille Vickers, Social Prescriber – Community Connecting / Signposting 07775 701630
Wed 23	10am–12noon 12.30pm–2.30pm	Drop-in for HomeStart Breast Buddies group 01738 638847 Broke not Broken – to offer advice, connections for support and also for foodbank referrals. 07518 913107
Thu 24	10am–12.30pm 2pm–4pm	PKC Skills & Employment – support & advice re CVs, job search, support after redundancy etc. 07867 351268 PKC Housing Team for housing advice and signposting to their service. 07917 552231
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If you are experiencing financial difficulty during this time or feel you need support/advice please call Shona Fowler on 07896 280843 to have a chat or email shona.fowler@nhs.scot

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

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

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Fossoway Community Council News from the September Meeting

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

Present at the meeting on 3 September were Cllrs A Carter, A Cheape, T Lamb, N Marchant, G Pye and K Williamson; Cllr C Farquhar; Cllrs N Freshwater, W Robertson and R Watters and 12 MoP.

Apologies: Cllrs S Bruce-Jones & D Cuthbert; PC Samson.

Declarations of Interest: Cllr Cheape declared an interest in Planning Application 24/01049/IPL.

Community Police Report: From 6 August 2024 (last meeting) there have been approximately 41 calls to the Police from the Fossoway area and one crime recorded on Police systems. We are aware of missing sheep being reported from Middleton Farm – this is in the process of being reported as a theft.

Matters Arising:

ECU00004654 Brunt Hill Windfarm: The developers had asked to meet with the CC to respond to concerns raised in our objection and to discuss community benefit. The CC responded that community benefit discussions should be carried out with the joint CC Sustainability Group. PKC have advised that they expect to discuss this application at their Planning and Placemaking Committee meeting in October or November. We are still waiting to hear if the CC can make a deposition.

Craighead Windfarm (search for 24/01193/FLM at: <https://planningapps.pkc.gov.uk/online-applications/>)

The Craighead windfarm planning application has been submitted to PKC. Anyone wishing to comment should do so via the PKC planning portal before the 27 September. The CC has an agreed extension to 25 October and will consult with the community on our proposed response at 1 Oct CC meeting. It is the intention of the CC to object to this planning application along similar grounds as our objection to the Brunt Hill windfarm.

The responsible PKC Planning Officer has advised that the Planning and Placemaking Committee will consider the cumulative impact on the landscape of both applications, even if they are reviewed separately.

Community Development Trust

Trust members met on 20 August and minutes can be found on the Trust's website <https://fossowaytrust.com/>

The 'Your Voice Matters' community survey is active. Please take time to complete this as at least 400 responses are required to be able to say to funders that the Trust is the voice of the community. Results will be used to create the Community Action Plan and inform both LDP3 and our new Local Place Plan. The outcome of the survey will be shared at a Community Drop-in Event on 17 November between 2 and 5pm in Crook of Devon Village Hall.

Road Safety In FDCC Area Including A977 Mitigation Measures

Road Improvement Projects in Ward & Kinross-shire:

The proposed 20mph speed limits in our villages were discussed at the recent Kinross-shire Committee meeting. It was noted that we were the only Kinross-shire CC who had provided written feedback to PKC. In response to this the PKC Officer has driven through our villages to look again at the proposals, and we are awaiting their feedback.

There was a suggestion from a MoP that PKC should conduct a

survey of HGVs, and request updates to signage to encourage HGVs to use the M90 instead of the A977. There was agreement that drivers are normally led by their GPSs instead of signs, and in any case economics dictate shortest routes.

There is now Scottish Government legislation in force, which will allow Councils to implement bans on parking on pavements. PKC are planning a soft launch of sites where they are either putting in yellow lines to prevent on street parking or exemptions to the ban on parking on pavements. At the Kinross-shire Committee meeting it was agreed that PKC Officers will produce a similar schedule to the 20mph maps for review.

Some items on our priority list for road improvements are not yet implemented, particularly in Carnbo. The CC requested local Councillors to discuss this when they next meet the Highways Department.

MoP from Blairingone asked whether a bus shelter could be provided now that there is actually a bus service.

Fossoway Area Transport – 23 Bus Service & Community Bus

The new 23 bus service, run by Glenfarg Community Transport Group, began on 2 September. Timetables can be accessed at <https://glenfargct.co.uk/timetable/> The 'Transit: Live Bus & Tube Times' app can be used to view the location of the buses.

Seamab School Construction Work

Cllr Marchant wrote to PKC's Planning Enforcement Officers and Safer Communities Department regarding the issues raised by residents.

Planning enforcement officers have advised that they have received an email which alleged that there was work ongoing after 1pm on a Saturday. They have responded to the enquirer to the effect that they didn't consider there to be sufficient evidence of a material breach of the condition yet, but to keep a log and pass it to them directly if there was a recurring breach or a recurring pattern. They have also spoken to Jean McKinnon and Stuart Provan at the school, as well as having received an email from the builder (ALGO) to the effect that they are aware of the restrictions on the development.

PKC Safer Communities have spoken to Police Scotland. Cllr Marchant has agreed with Safer Communities that any issues relating to the residents and the school should be reported to the Safer Communities Team: SCT@pkc.gov.uk

Local residents met with the builders on 22 August. There were a number of people from Rumbling Bridge, but no one from the school was present. There was concern that locations of septic

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tanks, or plans for surface water were not determined. These matters would normally have been agreed before Planning and/or Building Warrants were granted. It appears to the local residents that many of the Planning Conditions are not being enforced. Local Cllrs explained that SEPA would be responsible for approving drainage arrangements. Cllr Marchant stressed that SCT should be contacted with any concerns about safety of children, etc.

Community Speedwatch

Any volunteers should contact speedwatch.ks@gmail.com

Crook Moss Travellers Site

Cllr Robertson will ask for a litter pick to be done at the site.

New Business

SSEN Fund: Has money available to 'green' Village Halls. Although applications are currently closed, they will open again in May. The CDT is going to construct an application in partnership with the Village Halls.

Warm Space Fund: Will be open again soon, it is proposed to hold a monthly Warm Space event in Moubray Hall.

PKC Maintenance of Open Spaces: Mowing and maintenance of our open spaces has come up on our agenda in the past and was discussed at the recent Kinross-shire committee meeting where the Officers referred to a location map which explains what maintenance there will be at each location. The Crook and Drum Growing Together group are in touch with PKC regarding rewinding and mowing areas. www.pkc.gov.uk/article/18659/Map-of-parks-and-open-spaces

Kinross-shire Committee Meeting 15 August: Can be watched: www.youtube.com/watch?v=OT9N3-YhVxc

Cllr Bruce-Jones reported that there was a very good presentation from Kirsteen Ross of the Kinross-shire Trishaws and Community Cycling Charity <https://www.facebook.com/KinrossTrishaws/> They have a number of initiatives that support active travel for all abilities including learn to ride, school bus bike, community cycling and cycle tourism, covering all of Kinross-shire. This fits in neatly with the launch of the Kinross-shire Active Travel Masterplan, see www.pkclimateaction.co.uk/active-travel

Road Gully Clearance: The CC has received a PKC report on past road gully cleansing which shows the challenges faced by PKC in maintaining 46,610 gullies. As targeted cleansing was not effective and global annual cleansing was not achievable, the following operational regime for cleaning was implemented in 2019: A Class and flood susceptible roads annually; Manholes every three years; 100% clean by ward biennially.

Ditch clearing was, until the early 2000s, carried out on an approximate 10-year cycle. Reductions in budget and staffing resource has resulted in no proactive ditch clearing taking place and limited reactive cleaning since 2008, with only problem locations cleared when resources are available.

Cllr Robertson suggested that the CC should write to the Kinross-Shire Committee saying that gully cleaning and ditch clearance, grit bins, gritting plan, grit spreaders and Powmill burn are very important to us. Cllr Watters added that the CC should ask for the gully paper to be put on the Kinross-shire committee agenda.

Consultations

The significant workload associated with the wind farm applications means that the CC will not be responding to any consultations until December 2024.

The CC did however respond to the consultation on the proposed felling of commercial woodlands at Middleton Farm, thanking them for consulting us and asking for confirmation that access for walkers will be maintained, biodiversity, historic environment and private water supplies protected.

CC Business – meetings attended

Cllr Bruce-Jones 15 August Kinross-shire Committee.

Cllr Lamb 27 August familiarisation run with bus drivers; 29 August Stronger Communities; 2 September Bus launch.

Cllr Cheape Kinross Fund, there were no valid applications.

Councillors' Reports

Cllr Robertson There will be a Full Council meeting on 4 September where two major papers will be discussed: Perth City future developments for the next 20 to 30 years; Future of Sports Facilities in Perth, there will be no facilities for curling and only a leisure pool when the current facilities close.

Cllr Watters Pullar House is a PFI development and PKC can buy it back at market rates, so the proposal is to do that and then sub-let some of it to other organisations. There are now over 50 Resilience Groups in P&K and there are plans to create an organisation to help them share ideas.

Planning Matters

Local Place Plan

PKC have provided us with a link to the website for the local place plan toolkit which is free for the first 12 months. <https://www.parish-online.co.uk/services/community-map-scotland>

The CDT is leading on the Community Action Plan and the CC on the Local Place Plan which will be a map of the outcome of the Community Action Plan plus views from the community on areas suitable for development or areas to retain as open space. Cllr Williamson will be leading this project. Planning Aid Scotland has offered to help.

The CC has agreed with PKC that we will not discuss settlement boundaries as they will do this with developers once they have our plan. The aim is to showcase the mapping tool at the Trust Community Event on 17 November where the outcome of the Community Action Plan survey will be shared and the community will vote for priority projects. The CC will then host meetings in each settlement to discuss their individual maps.

Planning Applications

24/01294/FLL Extension to dwellinghouse at Craighead House Drum Kinross. No CC comment.

24/01049/IPL Mixed use development comprising erection of retail/manufacturing/warehouse, mixed use business/commercial units, community garden and hut, vehicular access and parking, SUDS pond and associated works (in principle) at Land 90 metres south-west of Garvellach Drum, Kinross. The CC will object on the grounds that although we are in favour of rural development, this is designated open space contrary to LDP2.

24/01194/IPL Renewal of permission 21/01177/IPL (residential development (in principle)) at Land 40 metres north-west of Ladieshall, Vicar's Bridge Road, Blairingone. No CC comment.

24/01193/FLM Erection of 8 turbine windfarm and associated

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The CC has sought an extension to 25 October to allow community engagement and time to read the 177 documents. It is proposed that our response to the Brunthill application will form the basis of our response. In addition the CC has requested that both applications are reviewed at the same PKC Planning and Placemaking Committee to ensure the overall impact on the landscape is carefully considered.

Planning Decisions

24/00597/FLL Change of use of agricultural land to storage yard (Class 6), erection of storage building and installation of shipping containers for temporary storage use, formation of vehicular access, erection of fencing and associated works at Land 60 metres north-west of Woodbine Cottage, Drum. The application was refused; the CC had made a neutral comment on grounds of insufficient information regarding use of the field and access from the B9097.

24/01027/FLL Extension to dwellinghouse at Glenside, Naemoor Road, Crook of Devon. The application was approved; the CC had made no comment.

24/00744/FLL Erection of a dwellinghouse and associated works at Land 250 Metres south-west of Broomhill House, Station Road, Crook of Devon. The appeal was refused on the grounds that it was not in character with the surroundings and did not meet criteria for building on a brown field site. The CC had objected.

The next meeting and AGM of Fossoway and District CC will be held on Tuesday 1 October at 7.30pm Crook of Devon Village Hall.

**Kinross Community Council
News from the August Meeting**

Present on 27 August were CCLRs W Freeman, P Chan, E Leslie, S Wells and C Willsher, Cllrs D Cuthbert, N Freshwater, W Robertson and R Watters, minute taker Mrs C Aird and 12 MoP.
Apologies CCLRs L McKay, CClr K Spain.

Police Report

Crimes of note (since last meeting)

05/08/2024 Theft of number plates for vehicle (Kinross Park and Ride).

10/08/2024 Dangerous driving (Station Road, Kinross) MO – Drive vehicle at excessively high speed with multiple pedestrians being present.

15/08/2024 - 19/08/2024 Theft of pedal cycle (Kinross Primary School).

Whilst on mobile patrol on the High Street, Kinross, on 12 August, traffic officers had cause to stop a vehicle which was found to have no insurance. The driver was also reported for driving whilst being disqualified and attempting to pervert the course of justice.



On Saturday 12 October 2024, Constables Samson and Duncan are holding a community drop-in session in their community van. The purpose is for people to drop in for a chat about any issues in the local area, what they wish from local Police or just a general chat. There are no appointments necessary. They will be based at the Campus with proposed times from 10am hours to 2pm. More details will be shared on their social media pages closer to the time.

On Saturday 10 August 2024, PC Ben Samson and Sgt Mark Craig from Kinross Community Policing Team were delighted to be out supporting the Kinross Show. The organisers put on a fantastic event which was well supported by the local community.

Matters Arising

Safety Concerns at La Casanova/The Tartan Kipper. No update was available due to CClr McKay's absence.

Community Action Plan

CClr Freeman advised that while he had contacted Laura Martin, he had not received a response. He will chase again for an update.

KCC Website

CClr Leslie advised that KCC had not finalised discussions so she will continue to email Mrs Phillips (Newsletter Editor) to make changes and continue as is.

BCA Site

It was noted that the site had been cleared temporarily with Cllr Watters advising that two objections to the flood works were still pending. This could mean that the case goes to a local hearing which could in turn add time to the process.

Community Investment Fund

CClr S Wells advised that she had forwarded the information to Millbridge Hall.

Double Yellow Lines at the Primary School

CClr Leslie advised that she had contacted the local MSP who had advised that the request was in the works plan and it was a matter of waiting. She will raise the issue at the next school meeting on 10 September.

A member of the public commented that double yellow lines would only be successful if they were monitored regularly and asked how often this would happen. CClr Leslie advised that she had been informed that traffic wardens would visit regularly with Cllr D Cuthbert advising that the situation would be monitored if and when asked.

Community Council Boundaries

Old Mart Lane/Old Mart Wynd

Members were advised that Milnathort and Orwell CC had been in touch to advise that both Old Mart Wynd and Old Mart Lane appeared to have been moved into the Kinross CC area in error, despite agreeing to this move some years ago.

MOCC advised they had requested that this be corrected with PKC but in order to ensure that they are not 'poaching' territory, it was required to be minuted and agreed by us at a KCC meeting. It was agreed that Old Mart Wynd and Old Mart Lane should be moved back into MOCC and CClr McKay was asked to respond.

CClr Willsher asked if it were possible to get an up-to-date map showing the CC boundaries and Cllr R Watters advised that once the Milnathort situation was updated the maps should be automatically updated, however he would ask the Planning Department to update the map.

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Parking At Tennis Courts/Station Road

It is hoped that the double yellow lines mentioned earlier in the meeting will help to resolve this issue, although it is unclear how far along Station Road these would go.

Old Cleish Road Development

Cllr W Robertson advised that there had been a meeting earlier that week to discuss the situation where the fence is blocking a right of way. It was noted that planners had classed the land as for employment use and therefore it is unlikely that they acted. Cllr Robertson advised that a special order against the developer to force them to act had been raised, and if the developer does not adhere to this, they could receive a substantial fine.

It is planned to meet with the land owner this week and whilst they had previously ignored PKC letters, they now realise the seriousness of the matter.

A member of the public commented that the planning enforcement notice had been raised because of the land use but it is now more than one year since work was done. They had been told that it was a complex case but no further information was available. Cllr Robertson commented that PKC were risk averse and that was why it had taken so long to get to this stage. Cllr N Freshwater advised that the special order had forced the landowner to apply for planning permission.

Cllr Wilsher said that PKC had taken legal action which specified conditions that had to be met (Section 71 which protects the amenity and public access) and that the development itself is not something anything could be done about.

A member of the public raised concerns that there were three HGV companies on site, none of which had the appropriate licence, and work was taking place from early morning to late at night. Cllr Robertson advised the concerned residents to write to enforcement officers at PKC with a list of conditions and concerns.

A member of the public also enquired about the South Kinross flood defence scheme, which covers this area and asked if the work would have an impact and whether, at some point, the work could be joined up. Cllr Freshwater advised that the area would be excluded from the flood defence work.

Cllr Robertson reiterated that residents should write to enforcement officers (Sean Panton and Mark Dunlop), copying the Councillors, their MSP and MP into the correspondence. They should include conditions which need to be met including noise levels, working hours, licences, for example. Cllr Willsher agreed to share the correspondence he had received on this issue with the member of the public.

Cllr Wells asked if there was anything KCC could do to help and Cllr Robertson advised that they should be copied into the letter to enforcement officers, which should state that KCC support the terms and conditions being requested.

Planning Matters

Planning Applications Received

24/00886/LBC internal alterations at Mossgrove, 18 Muirs, Kinross

24/01116/IPL erection of replacement dwellinghouse (in principle) at Cavelstone, Kinross.

24/01030/FLL installation of plant equipment at 65 Station Road, Kinross, (Sainsburys Supermarkets).

24/01139/LBC take down and reconstruction of chimney stack and part gable, including stone repairs and repointing at 10 Brewery Lane and 13 School Wynd, Kinross.

24/01163/FLL erection of agricultural building, formation of access track and associated works at land 30 metres south west of Leiland House, Balado.

Planning Applications Determined

24/00733/AML erection of a dwellinghouse (approval of matters specified in conditions of 23/01607/IPL) at land 45 metres north of Chance Inn Farm, Kinross, approved.

Other Planning Matters

24/01115/FLL alterations to dwelling house at 35 Simpson Wynd, Kinross.

Cllr Freeman advised that a resident, in Simpson Wynd Ms Lisa Love, had contacted KCC to ask for this item to be discussed due to the concerns of a number of residents and invited her to speak to the meeting.

Ms Love advised that the planning application was submitted (in retrospect) for a garage conversion and that despite the application stating work had not commenced, it had, without approval being given prior to commencement.

While residents were happy for the conversion to go ahead, they wanted to raise a number of concerns relating to the property, which was sold as a 4-bedroom residential property. The owner is a business person, and as such is running his business (teaching the English language to non-speakers and mini tours of Scotland) from the property which results in a number of students paying a fee for learning and accommodation for a 4-day course. The property is in a residential and conservation area and has increased to a 6-bedroom property, following the conversion of the garage and also the dining room into another bedroom.

The owner is operating without the appropriate planning permission, change of use or safety certificates and is also breaking the burden in deeds by using the property as a profit-making, small hotel type business with a number of different people in and out of the property each and every week which is not in keeping with the estate, which is largely a quiet, family community. There are also safeguarding concerns.

Cllr Watters advised that the PKC policy is clear in that the property cannot be run as a short-term let (STL) and that planning does not allow STLs if there is no other STL in the area. Cllr Robertson advised that a STL can be applied for, without planning permission, but that it would not commence until planning had been approved. It was noted that a temporary STL is valid for six weeks.

Cllr Willsher suggested that the residents needed to get legal advice and also suggested contacting Persimmon Homes solicitors to discuss the situation with them.

Cllr Cuthbert advised that as there were now six objections, this will trigger the system to highlight the application which will be discussed by the Planning Committee and as such, residents are able to go along and put their concerns to the Committee. Obviously, if the application were denied, work would need to stop immediately.

In response to a question from Cllr Leslie as to whether there was anything KCC could do, she was advised that a letter of objection could be submitted. It was agreed that Cllr Willsher would do this before the deadline of 6 September 2024.

Ms Love and the residents thanked the CC for their time.

Reports From PKC Councillors

Cllr Freshwater advised that the Craighead Wind Farm application had been submitted to PKC. He also advised that that rollout of the 20mph speed limits had commenced across the area.

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Cllr Robertson advised that he was meeting with PKC officers soon to discuss what could be done to improve the Mill Street area which, he felt, was looking run down, with a lack of storage facilities for refuse bins and bicycles. There was also antisocial behaviour in the area. He had also asked officers to consider using the Area Based Fund as revenue for the costs.

Cllr Robertson also advised that he and Cllr Freshwater had met the new owners of Todd and Duncan recently who intended to invest a substantial amount of money into the company (circa £30m).

Cllr Cuthbert advised that Community Investment Fund was now open for applications, with a panel meeting arranged for 18 September. KCC would be invited to attend the meeting.

He also advised that, following concerns being raised by three different people, he had asked PKC to contact the owner to discuss the situation with regard to the vehicles which sit on private land and for a resolution to be found.

Cllr Cuthbert also raised concerns with side drains which was encouraging drivers to drive closer to the pavements which was a safety concern for pedestrians.

He had also advised that PKC had contacted all councillors to advise that the roadworks in the Muirs would now be undertaken in 50m stretches as opposed to 100m stretches.

Cllr Watters advised that the active travel master plan had now been agreed but the challenge was now to deliver the plan. PKC would be joining up with other active travel groups and funding was awaited from Transport Scotland.

The ban on pavement parking has been rolled out across Scotland and would be implemented in Kinross shortly. It was also noted that all roads which were a 30mph limit would reduce to 20mph.

Cllr Watters also advised that there had been an event last week with the Forth Rivers Trust with a view to improving the landscape around the loch as well as the water quality, with £260,000 funding available to improve the whole of River Leven. Volunteers were also required for this work.

Reports From CC Representatives

Cllr P Chan asked where the straps for refuse bins could be obtained from, as a number of bins had blown over in the recent winds. Cllr Watters advised Cllr Chan to contact the library, or the local councillors who will chase these up.

Cllr Leslie enquired again about the VAS on Gallowhill Road, which was still not operational. Cllr Cuthbert advised that the VAS required to be connected to electricity and he had raised the issue again with Sean Panton earlier in the day.

Cllr Freeman enquired who was responsible for the removal of the burned-out vehicle in Springfield Road, as he had been advised that PKC would only send a road sweeper. Those present were advised that it was the owner's responsibility. If the owner/insurer did not remove the vehicle, it would fall to PKC to do so but that could take a few months.

In Cllr McKay's absence, Cllr Freeman raised the following issues on her behalf:

High Street wall and subsidence at Greens, the damaged lamp post outside central chippy and the bus stop repair should all be uploaded to the myPKC portal (<https://my.pkc.gov.uk/>)

There is a meeting of the Kinross-shire local action partnership on 4 September at 6.30pm at LLCC but unfortunately no one was available to attend.

Hedges at the end of Springfield Road and Muirs (both sides) as well as overhanging hedges in Montgomery Way. Cllr Watters will take forward the issue with the hedges at Springfield Road, and Cllr Willsher has raised with PKC. Both issues should be added to the myPKC portal (<https://my.pkc.gov.uk/>)

Speeding in Gairneybank – as discussed under the Police Report, all areas experiencing issues with speeding have been added to the matrix.

Camping and damage to grass at Kirkgate park was also raised with Cllr S Wells reporting that she had seen a number of tents which had been pitched overnight, and which had left scorch marks in the grass due to fires/barbecues. She noted that there are signs prohibiting overnight parking and questioned whether there should be better enforcement. Cllr Leslie advised that the park is due to be upgraded and wondered whether charges should be brought in for parking, or height restriction barriers erected.

Community Investment Fund – there is a meeting arranged for 18 September and Cllr Freeman will attend.

Concerns with Loch Leven Surgery statement on social media and possible removal of patients – a message had been posted on the KCC Facebook page regarding the removal of patients who had been abusive to staff. While KCC understood the action which may be taken by the surgery, it was agreed that this was not an issue for KCC.

Footpath between Lathro Lane and Dalwhamie – a message had been posted on the Facebook page looking for an update as traffic, particularly vans/minibuses are driving through gardens. Residents had asked for bollards to be erected but there appeared to have been no progress. Cllr Robertson advised that he would check on the progress as he believed that the bollard had been ordered.

It was noted that the roads were still the responsibility of the developers as they had not yet been adopted by PKC.

Correspondence

KCC Insurance: Cllr Leslie will deal with this.

Remembrance Parade: Cllr Freeman advised that there was a meeting arranged for 2 September (by Zoom) to discuss the arrangements for the Parade. Cllr Wells will attend the meeting along with Cllr Freeman. It was noted that the Masonic Lodge had offered the use of the Hall after the parade and Cllr Freeman asked for donations of food from the local community.

Kinross Boathouse Public Toilets: An email had been received from Historic Environment Scotland with regard to the requirement for a permanent building warrant for the public toilets at Kinross Boathouse and ongoing proposals for the Boathouse redevelopment. The current temporary building warrant for the public toilets expired on 21 August 2024 and while permanent planning permission has been granted for the toilets, the permanent building warrant application would (hopefully) be a formality. The existing statutory consents were submitted on behalf of the CC/Tracks with support from HES and NatureScot all of whom retain an interest.

Recent discussions with the architect have introduced the possibility of the toilets being moved to a new location on the same site, as part of the boathouse redevelopment and landscaping. If this is proposed, it would make sense for a new building warrant/planning application including the toilets

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to be submitted by FSE as part of a revised scheme for the boathouse and as such HES have contacted KCC to ask whether they would agree with the re-siting of the toilets – this was agreed.

Temporary prohibition of driving, parking and loading at Sandport: Members were advised that in order to permit Scottish Water ironwork repairs on the above section of road, a temporary traffic regulation order will be in place from 11 December 2024 for a period of three days. The order will temporarily prohibit all vehicles from driving, parking and loading on Sandport, Kinross from its junction with private access to property known as Number 6 Sandport to its junction with the private access to property known as Number 15 Sandport. The alternative route for vehicles is via Sandport – Pier Road – Burns Begg Street - B996 High Street.

Kinross-shire & Glenfarg Stronger Communities Meeting: Cllr K Spain will be attending the meeting on 29 August and will provide an update at a future KCC meeting.

Craighead Wind Farm: it was noted that a planning application (24/01193/FLL) had been submitted to PKC.

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King's Portrait: It was agreed to ask the Lodge to display the portrait.

The next meeting of Kinross CC will be held on Tuesday 22 October 2024 at 7.30pm in the Masonic Hall. All are welcome to attend.

Milnathort and Orwell Community Council

News from the August Meeting

Present at the meeting on 8 August were N Bingham (chair), A Wanless, K Heneghan, A Macrae, Cllr R Watters, Cllr W Robertson and six MoP.

Apologies: PC Ben Samson, Cllrs N Freshwater and D Cuthbert. A MoP asked where residents can find the minutes of our previous meetings, and Neill responded that they are published in the *Kinross Newsletter*, posted on a number of the local noticeboards, shared with PKC for review and publication. The minutes would normally be published on the MOCC webpage but there have been some issues with this, and work is ongoing to resolve. The CC will also look at publishing on Facebook.

Police Matters

Replacement gate from Lathro park to South Street: The procurement for the replacement gate at the South Street entrance is still ongoing, however PKC will not progress until the path etc are adopted by PKC from the developer, Persimmons.

Cllr Watters will raise with PKC to understand the current status and commented that Persimmon are adding new paths that were additional to the original plan.

Correspondence

Scottish Water is trusted to care for the water on which Scotland depends and is proud of the service we provide. Please can you spare a few minutes to take part in our short online survey? It's confidential – unless you would like to hear from one of our team on a specific topic. <https://survey.websurveycreator.com/s/swscem24>

Roads

Back Loan Parking and Access

A number of residents, attending the meeting, raised their concerns regarding lorries that are too large for the narrow thoroughfare are travelling down Back Loan, and ignoring the current road signs. This has caused damage to parked cars and poses a threat to residential buildings and residents.

It was also raised that some drivers are speeding down Back Loan in excess of the current 30mph speed limit, which residents consider to be too high. It was asked whether the road could it be re-classed as 20mph as it is not safe for locals and their kids.

Cllr Robertson will arrange a site visit with Daryl McKeown from PKC to determine what options they have, he will invite MOCC and local residents to be part of the visit and subsequent discussion.

Milnathort Primary School

No update – a new Head Teacher will be starting as Laura Zamboni will be moving to Australia. MOCC wish to thank her for all her support and wish her and her husband the best of luck in their new venture.

Core Paths Update

Milnathort Core Paths Group have been busy over the past weeks, weekends and evenings. We've now flailed the Core Paths at: Hattonburn, Burleigh Castle, Paths through the woodlands at Burleigh, Paths from Crow Wood to Arlary, Arlary to the A911, Path at the side of Milnathort golf course leading up to the A911 including the short section to The Stackyard and the link Path between Arlary rail track and the start of the Core Path leading to Burleigh Castle.

We've also cut back branches that were dangerously overhanging the Paths. We used our own flail, that was funded by the Community Investment Fund last year. There will be two or three more cuts this year. We finished infilling most of the depressions on the Core Path from Auld Mart up to The Stackyard. For this work we used a total of 7.2 tonnes of infill. Type 1 stone (between 2 and 4 inches in size) was laid down first and then a layer of whin dust (looks like grit) was laid on top. This was then compressed using a whacker plate, a vibrating petrol-driven panel that compacted the aggregate. Rain and footfall will bed this in over time.

Huge thanks to Graham Paton for the use of his JCB, Milnathort Core Path Group volunteers and Alistair MacLeod and Chris Martin, (PKC Greenspace Rangers) for their help with this.

Planning

Applications

24/01085/FLL Erection of a dwellinghouse at Land 20 Metres South East Of Mayburn Steading, Path Of Condie.

24/00934/FLL Installation of a ground mounted solar PV array and associated works at Lethangie Waste Water Treatment Works, Milnathort for Scottish Water.

Decisions

23/01341/FLM Mixed use development comprising golf driving range (class 11) with café (class 3), retail unit (class 1A), formation of vehicular access and parking, landscaping and associated

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works land 240 metres north east of Lethangie Waste Water Treatment Works, Kinross for Burleigh Golf Ltd, approved. 24/00842/FLL P8 Kinross-shire S42 application to vary condition 4A (drainage infrastructure) of 22/01141/FLL Land 50 Metres East Of Upper Warroch Cottage, Milnathort, for The Church Commissioners Of England, approved.

Large Planning Applications

Golf Range at Burleigh

Kevin expressed his disappointment at the approval of this development, challenging the democratic process and made a statement on some of the supporting information and on some of the objects that appear to have been ignored. Cllr Watters refuted a number of these; as a member of the planning committee he was in attendance for the application review.

Windfarms

The Craighead windfarm development planning application has not yet been submitted, there was no further discussion, questions or concerns by anyone in attendance.

Brunt Hill Farm Consultation

A member of the public challenged that this windfarm development had not been discussed or was not mentioned in previous meeting minutes and that MOCC should have held more discussion and a consultation meetings on the development.

Neill responded that the CC have a standing agenda item related to Large Planning Applications, with all open planning or proposed planning applications raised for discussion at each meeting, with PKC Cllrs able to update on the status of any developments where possible. The windfarms have been discussed at various MOCC meetings, making reference to consultations, a public meeting, planned visits to CC meetings across Kinross-shire including MOCC. The previous minutes detailed the Energy Consent Unit (ECU) application for the Brunt Hill Windfarm. NB confirmed that information is shared on the MOCC Facebook page and committed to ensure this is done in a more timely manner in future, he reiterated that the website issues need resolved.

Cllr Robertson also added that it is not the responsibility of the CCs to hold consultations on planning applications, that is the responsibility of the developers and in this instance the developers presented to the MOCC on two separate occasions and held a day-long consultation event in the Town Hall.

Sustainability group: Neil also clarified that the Sustainability Group has been set up with participation from all Community Councils across Kinross-shire, and although triggered by the initial windfarm consultations it is completely separate to the developers. The aim of the Sustainability Group is to manage any community benefit funds that become available from now and into the future. It has nothing to do with any of the planning applications. Noting a number of the CCs involved with the Sustainability Group have objected to the Brunt Hill application.

Comments And Questions From The Floor

Local Development Plan 3 (LDP3)

A member of the audience queried an article in the *Newsletter* about local input into the LDP. PKC will soon publish a consultation for local residents to comment on LDP3, this is an opportunity for residents to input into the future use and needs for the local area. The LDP details what areas of land are to be designated as retail, farmland etc.

Councillors' Reports

Cllr Robertson: Complaints were received about the path that runs between White Place and the Primary School – PKC will cut back the hedges and have already cleared the rubbish.

No Southern M90 slip road and alternate routes: The current

4-way traffic lights in Kinross clearly shows the impact of not having alternate routes and our reliance on the existing road network and the delays to journey times when we have road works.

Cllr Watters added that the weakness of the road network has become more stressed more due to the recent housing developments. The review of LDP3 is important to ensure we have all services and infrastructure to support these new developments.

Cllr Watters: Grow Wild, the PKC initiative will mean less grass will be cut. This is partially related to budget availability but also related to environmental factors.

PKC also grow their own trees and plants, and wildflower seeds. These can be requested for planting in local areas that would benefit. Across the UK 97% of meadows have been lost. Within the most recent boundary maps all of Auld Mart Wynd and part of Auld Mart Lane have incorrectly been included within the Kinross CC area rather than MOCC. Cllr Watters has raised this with PKC and steps will be taken to rectify this error. Neill will raise with Kinross CC to get their agreement that this should be corrected.

Any Other Matters

Christmas lights: The MOCC raised some funds last year to purchase several sets of battery operated lights and put them up across the village. This was a great start and we received a lot of fantastic positive feedback. We will be contacting local businesses and applying to various funding streams (e.g. the *Newsletter* fund) to help purchase more to cover more of the village this year.

The AGM and next meeting of Milnathort and Orwell CC (second Thursday of each month) will be on 10 October at 7.30pm at Milnathort Town Hall

Portmoak Community Council News from the July Meeting

Present at the meeting held on 9 July were Cllrs A Miller, D Morris, A Davidson, S McGregor and 1 member of the public.

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

Matters Arising

Kinross-shire Committee update, and Kinross-shire Active Travel Master Plan: The Chair asked that the two items be split out to two separate Agenda items for the next PCC meeting.

KLC Update: Dave Morris confirmed the next KLC meeting was scheduled for August, so there was no update for today. D Morris had submitted the information on ARUP Active Travel Plan.

Kinross-shire Active Travel Master Plan: The Chair had also attended a meeting for the Kinross-shire Community Transport Forum. The Chair had had an informal discussion with Glenfarg Community Bus (GCB) to ascertain if there was any possibility for GCB to do an extra loop through Portmoak area and offer a service into Kinross to the Park & Ride and Town Centre. It was explained that existing timetables for the GCB were very tight. Interestingly the GCB also goes to Clackmannanshire, Dollar and Stirling which is effectively a P&K route servicing access to three different council areas. The Chair had suggested that it would be beneficial to enhance transport provision in the Kinross-shire area, but the arguments against this amounted to the fact that no bus operators want to support non profitable routes. It was suggested at the Transport Forum that it was more beneficial for Portmoak community to be given long term lease for a local bus for long-term supply of a local community bus as in the case of the GCB. PKC have promised to get back to PCC on this possibility. There would be a need to canvas in community if a service of this type would be supported. It would also require

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drivers and people to operate the system. It may not be a comprehensive service at all hours of the day, but needs to be supported sufficiently by the local community. Discussions are very early stages so no such service is likely to start imminently.

Road Safety Action Update: Speedwatch campaign has renewed the appeal for volunteers. Chair has been in contact with MOCC who are co-ordinating and is confident that a meeting will be scheduled for information and questions soon. Police have been out on patrol and have caught speeders. The ultimate aim is to highlight problem areas for the police to focus on.

Double yellow lines on Bruce Road: item will be added to the Roads Dept. priority list. PCC have already highlighted to PKC key road safety projects for priority consideration.

Scotlandwell to Portmoak Church Path: The project had become busy in last week. Nick Mainprize had confirmed there is 100% funding through 'Paths for All' and TRACKS, up to £40K available to get feasibility studies completed which would be a massive step forward. Unfortunately, the proviso for funding from "Paths for All" is they need the path to be completed on the full path length, which is problematic due to the lack of communication from the landowner of the lower Section 2 of the path down to Scotlandwell. Everything is in place except the letter confirming that landowner is in agreement for feasibility study to be completed on their land. The Chair intended to escalate his correspondence to landowner to continue to try to obtain a response. Cllr D Morris had concerns about the report N Mainprize has produced specifically regarding Section 1 through woodland and the problem of trying to avoid gradient issues. D Morris had pointed out that the path should follow the contour to avoid problematic steep gradients up and down. N Mainprize had not inspected the field edge path for the lower Section 2 due to the lack of landowner confirmation, even though access rights would permit him to do so. As part of the project the inspection of Section 2 needs to be completed.

The Chair had notified all the affected landowners with full details of the path proposals and the current position for a feasibility study and should any landowners object to the proposals that they can contact PCC with their objections. As to date there has been no success for PCC in securing landowner agreement for the lower Section 2, and further that PCC and TRACKS have no power to impel the landowner to agree, it is necessary now for PKC to try and progress this. Cllr D Morris raised the possibility to implement section 21 of Land Reform Legislation 2003, to issue a Path Order; this enables an agreement to be made with a landowner about a necessary path which is to be created. A time limit would be applied and then PKC would then move on to section 22 and issue a Path Order. This is an important power within 2003 act which doesn't involve compulsory purchase. It is only possible

to progress projects when there is landowner agreement, or to proceed to a Path Order to secure the route. The Chair noted the repeated efforts of the previous PCC members to proceed this project over many years and the similar difficulties that they have encountered. Compulsory purchase did not appear to be an option that PKC were prepared to pursue.

Renewables Sustainability Group Meeting: update on meeting of 19/06/24: The Secretary had attended the meeting on 19/06/24. Agenda items included discussions around the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for all the included CCs within the group, a new one would be drafted to include Dunning and Auchterarder whose CCs were to be invited to join the RSG, this would be signed at the next RSG meeting. Representatives from Orbit and Galileo were in attendance to provide an update on their planning applications and the projects. Their planning application to PKC was expected to be submitted in July 2024. An extensive community consultation process had taken place including c30 meetings with various CCs, regular newsletters and multiple public consultations. The Secretary noted that the applicants had not engaged at all with Portmoak CC or Community, even though Portmoak residents would be affected to a large extent with regard to visibility/visual impact. It was explained that this was due to the fact that Portmoak sits outside the radius that has been designated for consultation. The radius is not designated by legislation and is elective, in fact there may be no requirement to consult with communities at all, but Wind Farm companies do so in order to try to engage communities and progress projects more smoothly. The original proposal had been amended from 12 turbines of 200m (to tip) to 8 turbines with 2 reduced in height to 180m to reflect comments arising from community consultation and to reduce the expected output to under 50MW to remain within the thresholds for local authority consideration. Orbit & Galileo felt there was a strong interest in a Reduced Energy Discount Scheme (REDS) expressed from members of the community through their ongoing consultation. Various members of the RSG, some whom have been involved in previous wind farm applications, noted that a REDS was unlikely to deliver sustainable long-term benefit and consequently is unlikely to be the most effective use of the Community Benefit Fund. There were discussions about Indexation and Potential for Shared Ownership again these options need to be assessed carefully with an eye to the experiences other CCs have had on these types of Community Benefit from other wind farm projects. Post meeting the representative of Orbit confirmed that in terms of grid connection, the current understanding is that this will be Westfield, although it is subject to change and dictated by Scottish Power Energy Networks (SPEN). It is understood that grid connection routing would be scrutinised under separate planning application(s), if the wind farms are approved. The grid connection routing could potentially affect Portmoak. Cllr D Morris warned to be clear that the purpose of the RSG should not get mixed up with the Planning process. The RSG is not a group that is looking at the rights and wrongs of the Planning Applications or taking a stance in support of applications. Each affected CC is at liberty to make representation on behalf of their community in Objection or Support. The RSG is a group of local Kinross-shire CC representatives that are sharing knowledge and experience to try to be prepared should the planning applications be approved and how any Community Benefit may be best negotiated. DMorris emphasised that PCC need to understand the consultation process and why we have not been involved.

(Post-meeting note: Galileo Energy have now reached out to PCC about the application to PKC for Craighead PKC Ref# 24/01193/FLM. Application available now for public comments until Fri 27 September 2024)

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Scotlandwell footpath between Wellside Park & The Green: the issue around ownership of the footpath has been discussed, decided and dealt with. There was an option to approach Scottish Water to request that they ensure raised ironworks were made safer. The issue was the adoption of Wellside Park itself. A meeting had been held on 26/06/24 onsite with Officers of PKC: vegetation and small tree clearance required in order to adopt. Require to use the road bond to do this. The Chair queried that the road bond had been repaid to developer. Footpath item can come off agenda for August.

Reports

Police Reports: nothing for Portmoak, except Speedwatch campaign. Residents had commented on people using lamps in fields very late at night, unclear of the purpose. Speculation it may be people shooting. Any concerns, contact Police by phone – 101 for non-emergencies. 999 for emergencies only.

Planning

New Applications

24/00958/FLL Extension to dwellinghouse, Kilmagadwood Cottage Scotlandwell. Direct porch replacement. Elevations and footprint are the same. Agree no comment.

24/00928/FLL Alterations and extension to dwellinghouse, Park House, Main Street, Kinnesswood. Outbuilding which is a garage to be converted to a gym, extra set of windows, infill of a recessed gap to rear of property in keeping with existing elevations. No change to front. Property in conservation area. Due notification has been made. Agree no comment

24/00871/IPL Erection of dwellinghouse (in principle), Land 20 Metres South East Of Townhead Cottage The Cobbles Kinnesswood. 1.5 story. 200sqm property. Removal of some outbuildings. In Conservation Area. Comment that it is a significant building in that area of the Conservation Area. Comment that the scale was in proportion to other properties in area. PCC to view site and make comment accordingly.

24/00677/ADV Display of sign, Vane Farm Nature Centre, Agree no comment.

24/00978/IPL Erection of a dwellinghouse (in principle), Land 30 Metres South Of Moucums View Hayfield Leslie Road Scotlandwell. Application is vague. Absence of detail. Uncertain plot numbering. Insufficient information to make an assessment. PCC to lodge holding objection that the detail provided is inadequate to form a view. Chair to draft objection on this basis.

Existing Applications

24/00716/ECU36: Windfarm at Brunt Hill

Up to 18 turbines, 10 up to 200m tip height and 8 up to 185m tip height and includes a battery energy storage system (up to 50MW) and ancillary infrastructure including foundations,

crane hardstandings, met mast and aviation lights, substation and control building. <https://www.energyconsents.scot/> PCC have lodged an objection. Nothing additional to discuss at this point.

24/00525/FLL: Part change of use agricultural building to dog breeding facility, land 40 metres north east of Glenheart Farm, Glenlomond, Kinross.

The Treasurer had flagged the application, but Last Comment date was passed. The application had not been discussed at PCC meeting. The Secretary had investigated details and it appeared this application had been missed at the time of planning application in April. Remove this application for next meeting.

Progress with Developments

Westfield Community Liaison Committee: no updates. Roads are a mess. Phased start up/test likely later this year.

Westfield Paths Feasibility Study

Paths Group update: main item is £10K cost needed for Cobbles drainage at top path to Gamekeepers: this sum has been raised through various channels, including PKC, Community Environment Challenge Fund, the Westfield Community Fund, Portmoak Festival Fund. A proper path and drain had been put in. Thomson Landscapes will start on the 10/08.24 there will be some disruption around that time while the path work is taking place. Path will probably be closed.

Other work includes clearing rapidly growing vegetation. Volunteers are always invited to participate. The Chair commended the work that had been done and the fund-raising efforts.

Treasurer CC Accounts:

Confirmed £2,000 payment has arrived to the Michael Bruce Way account. Other grants to follow.

PCC Acc **£ 397.53**

Michael Bruce Way Acc **£4,333.71**

Notification from PKC for a further £150 but this may be a duplication of a previous payment. Treasurer to investigate. Paid out £29 invoice to imburse Paths Group organisers for purchase.

AOB:

Discussion and agreement to cancel PCC Meeting in August 24.

Next meeting to be held online in September on 10/09/24.

October meeting and AGM in person, location to be confirmed.

Glenfarg Community Council News from the September Meeting

Present at the meeting on Monday 2 September were: Cllrs Fraser, Pilmer, Christie, Ponton, Macleod, Smart, Cllrs Watters and Robertson. VHC Chair Macpherson and 12 MoP.

Apologies: Cllrs Cuthbert and Freshwater, Cllr Murray, PC Samson.

Police Report

In PC Samson's absence Cllr Pilmer advised on the following since the beginning of July:

13 calls and one road traffic offence reported. Traffic statistics: Community officers are aware of complaints about speeding having stopped a driver on 24 July who has been reported to the COPFS. Police Scotland will make every effort to carry out speed checks across the area during their patrols.

A continued presence is being taken in the area of Balvaird Castle in view of previous vandalism.

Kinross CPT would encourage members of the public to sign up to rural watch Scotland (www.ruralwatchscotland.co.uk) and neighbourhood watch Scotland (www.neighbourhoodwatchscotland.co.uk) for updates and alerts on local issues, crime prevention advice etc.

When operationally possible the local Community Policing team shall make a visit to the Village Hall Coffee morning on a Thursday.

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CCLlr Pilmer reported the following:

Community Investment Fund Meeting and application was being addressed by CCLlr Fraser.

SHARE (NHS) the Scottish Health Register for research is looking for healthy volunteers to be signed up for research. Posters will be made public to circulate details by the end of September via media routes and the GCC/Village Hall notice boards too.

Binn Eco Park Community Turbines Meeting. Following an invite to this meeting it is to be attended by CCLlrs Ponton and Pilmer in mid September.

PKC Insurance form for Public Liability and other categories. Completed and sent to PKC by CCLlr Pilmer.

Scottish Water has issued an updated Traffic Management Plan. CCLlr Pilmer outlined the categories as stated and the document can be viewed as an Addendum. Categories referred to are: Private access Road Traffic lights, A Crossing Officer, Anti-skid surface on Church Brae, School Bus access, Signage on the Private access Road to the WTW. Access to properties.

Action Points

Gazebos: Contact details for the Farm owner storing the items were passed to GCC Chair. Visit to farm storage building took place by CCLlr Fraser. Further comment in AOCB.

Path in field at the top of Church Brae: CCLlr Pilmer passed on the contact details of the landowner to CCLlr Fraser.

Speed watch campaign media letter: Two further members of the public have declared an interest. Details passed to CCLlr Ponton who is the local facilitator.

Village Newsletter: Editor and Reporter Positions advertised on local media, VH and GCC notice boards. One member of the public has been suggested for the Editorial role and this will be discussed between that person and CCLlr Ponton.

The Tree Stump: CCLlr Fraser reported that the tree stump in the River Farg, adjacent to the Village Pond, has been removed by PKC.

Defibrillator – sourcing replacement Defibrillators batteries: Has now been completed. An additional defibrillator to be installed at the WTW by Scottish Water.

Wallace Park: The 'walk around' to agree areas for grass cutting and areas that are to be left alone has taken place.

Thanks to PKC Cllr Watters and CCLlr Ponton. Cllr Watters explained further that PKC do have herbaceous plants, mixed wild flowering seeds and trees available for rewilding areas.

Binn Wood offer to GCC: CCLlr Pilmer reported that he had written to the original person responsible for the offer but has not had any reply to date. PKC Cllr Robertson was thanked for providing details of a member of the public's contact details (assistance for terms of ownership and maintenance) for a similar venture.

Dog Incident

CCLlr Pilmer reported that he had published a copy of a Public Leaflet on the village Facebook page.

Public Complaint

Safety and environmental concerns were raised regarding activities relating to Social Housing properties on Greenbank Road. The matter as discussed related to a great concern regarding the use of the properties for an ongoing vehicular business within their boundary grounds. Cllrs referred to Tenancy Agreements and it was agreed that the matter lies wholly with PKC and their Housing Department. Cllrs are to raise the safety, environmental and other concerns with PKC Housing. Additionally, the matter of vehicles parked on Public roads was discussed that may or may not have a legal basis to be so parked. Police Scotland's advice is that a vehicle not having a current MOT can be reported to Police Scotland. Any vehicle not road taxed can be reported to the DVLA. Any vehicle that may be associated with a status of being abandoned can be reported to PKC who will take the necessary course of action to remove it. One vehicle on Main Street is to be reported to PKC via PKC Cllrs. As a further point of notification caravans (detached) cannot be left on public roads for long periods of time.

Meetings – Virtual and Public

Stronger Communities Network: CCLlr Pilmer reported that he had attended a Stronger Communities Network meeting at the end of August and explained the wellbeing topics that were covered.

Foundation Scotland Live Seminar for Microgrant applications: CCLlr Pilmer reported that he had partaken in a virtual event, at the end of August, involving 42 CC representatives who were subdivided in to four groups and led through a series of presentations covering best practice for Microgrant Applications. The aim is to achieve consistency across Scotland.

Kinross-shire Meeting: CCLlr Smart reported that they had attended a Kinross-shire meeting that covered: Eco Wilding Scheme, Sustainable and Active Travel. Speed Limit Plans to have dedicated 20mph within the communities throughout Scotland. A map of the roads that would be affected in Glenfarg was distributed and it was agreed that further calming measures could be appropriate on the Main Street. An extension of a 40mph from Glenfarg to the Bein Inn was suggested and this was to be fed back to the relevant Transport contact for PKC.

Scottish Water & GCC Liaison Group: CCLlr Fraser reported that he has had further discussions and correspondence with Scottish Water. The delivery of a large Plant Unit module via Milnathort has been delayed and no confirmed date is planned as far as the GCC is aware. Traps have been set up at the WTW to facilitate the safe removal of the resident Beavers prior to the WTW upgrade works. The Beavers are to be relocated elsewhere in Scotland. Confirmation of a planned start for the works upgrade to date.

Flooding Issues

CCLlr Christie reported that work conducted revealed that at least 80% drainage efficiency was achieved in the Greenbank Road area. However, because of heavy rainfall recently, it was

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envisaged that problems may arise. Drain/gully cleaning was raised by PKC Cllr Robertson who emphasised that he had written to the relevant PKC department requesting action for cleaning once again. It was noted that the grass verge on Main Street southbound was subject to flooding onto the adjacent roadway and that drainpipes located there were in need of cleaning out too. Matter to be passed to PKC via Cllr Robertson. A member of the public claimed that there are 190 drain/gully points in the village.

Village Inn update, now to be known as Community Centre Hospitality Development

VH Trustees Subgroup represented by a Mr D. Aird and Mr S. Whiting gave an update about matters, and these were: plans for the development now available, the future use of the development for café/bar facilities, the recreational area outside the Village Hall within the grounds is now upgraded and Funding research. The VH Trustees Chair, W. Macpherson, advised that matters are progressing with the Subgroup working together to progress the improved facility project and that funding is the challenge, as it stands. Those in attendance at this evening's meeting supported the progress to date.

Glenfarg Transport Group

Cllr Smart reported that the travel routes for the 55 changing to the 23 for onward travel to Tillicoultry had now commenced. A number of passengers had used the service and their feedback was well received. It is expected that notice of the service, its reliability and tie up with transport links for Stirling will have a positive plus effect on passenger numbers.

It was noted too that a letter had appeared in the *Courier* that was of a disparaging nature regarding the Community Bus activity. A reply is to be submitted.

A new CTG booking service for pick ups was discussed particularly for rural bus stops given their dark locations and access points. Some of which may not be disabled friendly access. Further thoughts about this point to take place by the CTG.

Planning

Cllr Pilmer reported that a PKC Planning Development interactive meeting invite had been received for September and that a representative was asked to attend from the GCC.

24/01029/LAW Alterations to dwellinghouse at Rathlaw, Main Street, Glenfarg, Withdrawn.

24/01007/FLL Alterations and extension to dwellinghouse at 9 Lomond Bank, Glenfarg, Awaiting Decision.

24/00963/FLL Formation of 4 holiday accommodation units on Land 180 Metres North Of Forresters Seat Glenfarg, Awaiting Decision.

24/00950/LAW Installation of solar panels at Glenfarg Village Hall, Greenbank Road, Glenfarg, Approved.

24/00717/FLL Installation of 2 Air Source Heat Pumps at Pezulu, Newfargie, Glenfarg, Approved.

24/00215/FLL Erection of dwellinghouse and outbuilding on land 40 Metres North Of The Slate House Newfargie Glenfarg, Approved.

24/01166/LAW Short term let unit on land 190 Metres South East Of Newtoft Farm Path Of Condie, Awaiting Decision.

24/00606/FLL Alterations and change of use to incidental residential outbuilding to allow occasional group workshops Newtoft Farm Path Of Condie, Approved.

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Finance Report

Cllr Pilmer reported that the Treasurer's Finance Report up and to 02/09/24 was not available for tonight's meeting although it is expected and to be added as an addendum. A Microgrant for the start up fund concerning the Soup Kitchen (Warm Spaces event) was received and supported. A further request for a Microgrant form was asked for by the Freewheelers group.

Binn Eco Wind Farm: A discussion took place about where is the Fund money and how do we obtain it? CCllrs Ponton and Pilmer are to attend a meeting in mid-September and will give a report at the next GCC Business meeting.

AOCB

Gazebos: Presently the Gazebo is stored in an outbuilding at a local farm. Cllr Fraser has visited to see the item and suggested a number of points. Arrange to have the item removed or arrange to have the item erected to determine its actual condition and decide what to do with it finally as in offer it for sale or to a community group in the village. The outcome is that a visit to arrange an inspection is to take place as we have a time extension by the farm owners allowing for the item to remain where it is presently.

Village Newsletter

Cllr Christie reported that the *Glenfarg Newsletter's* position of Editor remains unfilled. Although as mentioned earlier under Action Points the position may have an applicant. It is an essential matter of urgency for the post to be filled therefore, the post is to be readvertised along with an additional further request for reporters. The matter of advertisers and their bona fide payments for four issues (annually) was tabled. It was agreed that four issues should extend into 2025. It was viewed with regret that the most recent quarterly issue had failed to be published. An impending issue is due out shortly in September.

Vans parked in village (issues re legality on public roads). As stated previously. Any vehicle without a current MOT can be reported to the Police. Any vehicle not Road Taxed can be reported to the DVLA. Any vehicle that may be associated with a status of being abandoned can be reported to PKC who will take the necessary course of action to remove it. One vehicle on Main Street is to be reported to PKC via PKC Cllrs.

The AGM of Glenfarg Community Council will take place on Monday 25 October and the next meeting will take place on Monday 4 November.

Cleish & Blairadam Community Council

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

KLEO

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

RSPB Loch Leven

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

Kinross (Marshall) Museum

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

Swansacre Playgroup

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

Kinross Heart Start

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

Light Up Kinross

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

Common Grounds

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

Seamab

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

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Kinross & District Men's Shed

www.kinrossmensshed.org

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The primary ethos of the Shed is to encourage the wellbeing of its members. It is a place where we meet and utilise our shared skills for the benefit of all members and also the local community.

This year has been an exceptionally busy one. We have been involved in the production of bird boxes for a local school, signage for Milnathort Golf Club and with the Wildlife Trust. In our extensive and well-equipped workshops, we can produce all manner of items including garden benches, planters, and mud kitchens. We have a CNC machine, 3D printing facilities and experimental laser printing, which enables the production of sophisticated engraving and the creation of small engineering components.

One team is currently working on the creation of seven rocking horses, one of which will be donated to a local charity. We have a music group and our premises are used by SPARKS. We are also the home of a local art group. Last winter KDMS was also officially designated as a 'warm space'.

We have recently participated in local events including Kinross Show and the recent summer fair. We often attend the Farmers' Market. We recently hosted a visit from Cloverlea Apiaries (delicious honey samples, thank you!) and, on 6 September, enjoyed the inaugural meeting of the KDMS motorcycle group. Some 36 classic bikes, plus two classic cars, were on display. We are grateful to Ian and Kelly Carruthers, together with Kirkcaldy Kawasaki, for their support.

There is always something going on at Kinross and District Men's Shed. Do come along to find out more. New members are always welcome.

Kinross Bridge Club

It is nearly time to meet up again for our friendly bridge afternoons, starting on Thursday 3 October at 1.30pm for a 1.45pm start. We meet in Orwell Bowling Club in Milnathort. New and 'old' members are very welcome. If you do not have a partner or want further advice, please contact Catriona Marshall on 01577 864482.



Kinross-shire u3a

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U3A is open to people of a certain age who are no longer in full time employment. We currently have a number of varied groups engaging in activities and interests such as a book club, wine group, poetry, scrabble, genealogy and famous Scots. We also meet at Kinross Parish Church on the first Tuesday of each month.

In May we hold our Annual General Meeting but each month from September to April we offer talks to our membership from an invited speaker. If you are interested come along a couple of times to get to know us and get a taste of what u3a is all about. We would love to meet you.

On Tuesday 1 October there will be a presentation on 'Fire Safety in the Home'. Doors to the Parish Church will open shortly after 2pm with the presentation scheduled to start at 2.30pm. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be served afterwards.

Many thanks to Janet Watson from 'Greener Glenfarg' for her informative presentation in September.

If you are interested in joining u3a information is available on our website, Facebook or by contacting us at mbs21@btinternet.com. New members are always welcome.

Kinross Garden Group

We had a busy day at the outing to the outskirts of Edinburgh in September. We visited the NTS Malleny Garden in Balerno, followed by a lovely lunch at Dobbies. We then visited the amazing precipice garden at Kevock, Lasswade, and enjoyed a fantastic view packed with a huge variety of plants. The day ended with the views of the three bridges on the Forth before we made our way home!

Our first meeting of the new season is on Thursday 10 October at 2pm when Elspeth MacIntosh (who used to be Head of the Alpine House at the Royal Botanics in Edinburgh) will talk about 'Her life in Alpines'.

Membership fees remain at £20 for the year and £5 for visitors. We will be taking membership at this meeting. If you are new to Kinross-shire and are interested in meeting fellow garden enthusiasts you will be made very welcome. Talks take place at Kinross Parish Church on Station Road and doors will be open from 1.30pm.

For more details contact Caroline Anderson on 01577 864589 or by email at acaroline1000@gmail.com.



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

Our next friendly Café Book Club is on Saturday 30 October at 1.30-2.30pm (after library opening hours). Everyone is welcome to attend, but please contact let staff know if you intend to join us.

Science Family Fun

Join us on Tuesday 8 October from 2-4pm for a family fun event with science activities and crafts! Enjoy science experiments, LEGO, make-and-take crafts and a group craft. Visit the Maker_Space to explore the 3D printer. Drop in anytime. Children under 8 must be with an adult.



LEGO Drop-in

Calling all kids aged 4-11! Join us for LEGO day. Build suggested models or create your own! Drop-in sessions (no booking required) are on Wednesday 9 and 16 October from 10.30am-1pm, and Friday 11 and 25 October from 2pm-5pm. Under 8s must be supervised.

People Who Help Us: Storytelling led by a Fire Officer

Join our storytelling session with a Fire Officer on Thursday 10 October at 11-11.30am. Enjoy fun stories and learn about local services. For 3-8-year-olds and their parents/carers (one adult per three children).

Harry Potter Day

Celebrate Harry Potter day with us! Enjoy storytelling, quizzes, and witchy crafts on Thursday 17 October at 2pm-3.30pm. Suitable for ages 6+. Under 8s must be accompanied by an adult. Tickets are £3 and booking is required.

Ancestry Autumn Series

Enhance your skills with a 30-minute one-to-one session on family and local history websites. Learn to navigate Ancestry, Scran, NLS Maps, and the British Newspaper Archive with expert guidance. Our six 30-minute sessions on Saturday 26 October will run from 10am-1pm. Tickets are £2.50 each and are available at Loch Leven library.

Book Week Scotland

We are pleased to be holding the following events in partnership with KLEO. Tickets are available from the library or online through TicketWeb.

On Monday 18 November at 7pm, come along to '10 Minute Tales'. This is a free event. Up to nine local people will each share a ten minute story about a particular aspect of the theme of 'hope'. If you are interested in taking part, please send an email to info@kleo.org.uk to confirm so we know how many people are taking part. We will then send you some more specific guidelines for writing your piece and you have until 18 November to complete it.



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Tuesday 19 November, 7pm, £6. Marion Todd, author of the DI Clare Mackay crime series, including the shortlisted *See Them Run* (Bloody Scotland Scottish Crime Debut, 2020), will discuss her gripping St Andrews-set novels, known for their compelling plots and complex characters.

Thursday 21 November, 7pm, £6. Join Freya North, author of 16 bestselling novels and one of the UK's best-loved authors, for an illustrated talk on an insider's view on the publishing process and the ins and outs of an author's life.

Sunday 23 November, 1.30 pm, £6. Join Alex Gray, author of the William Lorimer Series, for an evening of crime.

Portmoak Community Woodland Group

www.portmoakcw.org.uk



The first person to arrive at Portmoak's apple day last year had just read about it in the *Kinross Newsletter*. That is the power of the press! If you have been quick off the mark and just bought your copy, the event is this weekend. It takes place on Sunday 29 September at 2-4pm in the orchard in Kilmagad Wood which is opposite Portmoak Kirk.

By the time you are reading this you should have an idea of what the weather will be like and if you need to bring a brolly in case of showers, or whether to head straight for Portmoak Village Hall, where we will hold the event if there's going to be solid rain.

The cold, wet spring was not kind to our apple trees but enough blossom survived to give us a decent crop so we will be pressing apples for juice as usual. Some people have already donated surplus apples from their gardens. Please bring along any you can spare. Remember to bring a container and you can take away the lovely, fresh juice.

We've got some science going on too, thanks to Portmoak Primary School. The pupils who carefully counted blossom on some of the trees last spring have now been back to count how many of those flowers turned into fruit. They are going to present their results.

There will also be plenty of games and quizzes for children of all ages. If you have been before you will know that it's a real family affair.

You can have a shot on the apple press or just enjoy a blether. When you have worked up a thirst there is tea, coffee and loads of home baking, from apple cakes, crumbles and pies to all sorts of novel creations from Portmoak Community Woodland Group.

The event is free but we do appreciate cash or card donations towards the refreshments and the maintenance of the orchard.

We would also appreciate a hand on the day, with anything from picking and carrying apples to helping to serve the teas.

This year you can make a real day of it, by signing up for the first guided fungus walk, also in Kilmagad Wood. This will take place on the morning of the 29 September, starting at 10.30am in Portmoak Village Hall car park. You will be met by resident mycologist, Cameron Diekonigen. As he needs to have an idea of numbers, Cameron is selling tickets for a very modest £2, which he will donate to the woodland group. To book, simply drop him an email at camerondk1@gmail.com.

Kinross-shire Climate Café

Our October meeting will focus on biodiversity with a talk by Clara Schade-Poulsen of the Forth Rivers Trust on 1 October at 7pm in Loch Leven Community Library.

Forth Rivers Trust has been working with community groups, farmers, businesses, and others to enhance the Leven catchment. Clara's talk will delve into how they are doing that, exploring the importance of working at a catchment-scale and collaboratively.

There will be an opportunity to discuss local biodiversity and how we would like to make it better for nature and people. Our group would like to thank all Loch Leven library staff for hosting the meeting and their continuous support.

Contact: Gosia Stanton at climatecafe@kleo.org.uk

Details of upcoming events: www.facebook.com/kleo.org.uk



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Kinross & Ochil Walking Group

(Affiliated to Ramblers Scotland)

www.ramblers.org.uk/kinross-ochil

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

Tuesday Short Walks

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

Tuesday 8 October: Water of Leith

After taking a bus ride into the west end of Edinburgh, we make our way to the Gallery of Modern Art, stopping off for coffee. This will be followed by a peaceful walk along the Water of Leith passing through Dean Village, St Bernard's Well, Stockbridge and finally reaching Leith, where there is a choice of cafe stops. Return will be from Edinburgh bus station back to Kinross.

Tuesday 22 October: Blairingone to the Milk Bar

The walk starts with a short bus journey, followed by a leisurely walk between the hamlets of Blairingone and Powmill. This takes us across field tracks and country lanes, eventually leading back to Powmill Milk Bar.

Tuesday 5 November: Three Reservoirs Walk

A pleasant walk starting high up at Holl reservoir and returning

via Ballo and Harperlea reservoirs. Note; there is parking at Holl reservoir but there are no toilet facilities.

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

Weekend Longer Walks

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

Sunday 13 October: Blairadam Forest and Flockhouse Circuit (moderate grade, 8 miles)

The walk starts at Blairadam Forest and proceeds on forest tracks, open field paths and quiet country roads. Prepare for superb views overlooking Loch Leven.

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

Kinross Radio Model Flying Club (KRMFC)



www.krmfc.com

As mentioned last month, the club held its annual water plane event with attendees coming from as far away as Leeds and Cumnock. The event took place at the east end of Kirkgate Park. While the main setup area along with the takeoff and landing area were fenced off for safety, it did allow spectators at the park to have a good view of the activities and a number of people showed a keen interest in the hobby.

The weather was not in our favour though, with a stiff breeze blowing on the Saturday and the occasional shower of rain. Some pilots did venture forth however and a number of flights took place.

Unfortunately, the weather on the Sunday was windier with constant and heavy rain so, regrettably, we decided to cancel the event on that day. This event is an annual occurrence and we look forward to better weather next year so that the pilots get a better chance to show off their flying skills!

The picture shows the typical types of planes that take place in the event. The main section shows a biplane that has had its regular wheeled undercarriage replaced with floats. The inset images show the other option, which is to have planes whose main body forms the float.

If you just want to see what we are up to, the best way to do so is by visiting our Facebook page @kinrossradiomodelflyingclub. If you are interested in joining the club, please use the contact form on our website.





Our featured photograph for October is this very topical shot by Richard Dibley taken in July on one of our summer evening meetups. It was taken from Bo'ness Harbour looking across the Firth of Forth to Grangemouth.

Kinross Camera Club

www.kinrosscameraclub.wordpress.com

We begin October with a Zoom presentation by award winning fine art landscape and portrait photographer Carmen Norman. In her talk *Lake District Moods* Carmen will share with us her intimate knowledge of the Lake District where she captures outstanding images of secret and quiet locations and will give advice about the best times to visit the popular spots to capture the iconic images. Carmen is a Nikon Professional and runs workshops in the lakes showing people how to make the most of their cameras and helps them create their own stunning images.

October sees the first of our two external competitions and takes place with the Perthshire Alliance held at the Perth Civil Service Club. It is an afternoon where we meet up with two local photography clubs and, in friendly combat, our images are critiqued by an external judge who has the difficult task of scoring each image and deciding on the winning club.

Also in October is the first of our club competitions 'Fortune and Greer' and Smartphone photography. This is a friendly evening where the submitted images are judged by club members on the night.

We look forward to a Zoom presentation by photographer Kieran Metcalfe titled *Taming The Chaos*. Kieren talks about exercising photographic control in the landscape; 'Landscape photography relies on two components, the atmospheric conditions, which you cannot control, and the composition of the scene, which you absolutely can'. He will talk about the principles of composition which he has learned along the way and applies to his images.

The month ends with a favourite called *Everyone a Judge*, an evening which gives members a chance to put on a judging hat. A selection of previously scored images from another photography club are displayed in a slideshow and we are invited to give our own score for each image. Often we agree with the original judges score and sometimes we don't! It is always done in good humour and this is an entertaining evening.

If you have an interest in photography and would like to join us, or if you would like to learn more about Kinross Camera Club and the planned activities and events, please contact secretary@kinrosscameraclub.org.uk. All abilities of photographer will be made very welcome. You can even come along to a few meetings before deciding if you would like to become a paid up member. Why not come along on to one of our October meetings and see if you enjoy it?



Kinross Twinning

A special thank you to all the local shops who put in so much work preparing window displays to celebrate our 50th year of twinning with Gacé in Normandy. Your work was certainly appreciated, not just by your Gacé families, but by local families too. It was also good to involve new local families in the fun of twinning.

Despite it being a poor summer, our visitors enjoyed one of the better weeks weather-wise, which helped enormously. They particularly enjoyed the Perth Salute, where they danced in traditional costume, and the visits to local businesses to sample their wares.



At the end of the week the Kinross twinning president, Lynda Mitchell, received a special letter of invitation from the mayor of Gacé, inviting Kinross-shire (and Glenfarg) residents over to Normandy next summer to celebrate 50 years of Kinross visiting Gacé. This will probably take place in the first week of August 2025 with departure perhaps slipping in at the end of July. The dates have not yet been finalised.

It would be good to welcome back families who have been involved in the past, as well as new families, to join in this special celebration of twinning. It is hoped that local uniformed youth groups will also participate in next year's twinning visit.

Kinross-shire Trishaws & Community Cycling



We have had a lovely September delivering lots of rides on the trishaws. The weather has brightened up and it has been sunny and warm at last. We are thrilled to welcome new passengers from Rumbling Bridge Nursing home who are trying out regular rides on the trishaws. We hope they enjoy it as much as we love taking them out.

Three pilots from our chapter represented us at the annual Cycling Without Age conference which was held in Bo'ness this year. In addition to learning about maintenance updates, we took part in dementia awareness and positive ageing sessions and took part in a world record breaking attempt for the most trishaws in a procession – 36 of us weaving our way along the Boness shoreline. It was quite a sight and our passengers loved it.

We are also very excited to take delivery of a new trishaw which we have on trial. It is a wheelchair trishaw (like the one pictured below) for those that find it easier to remain in their wheelchair to come on rides with us rather than transfer from their chair on to the bike. The wheelchair can easily be wheeled on to the plateau of the trishaws without having to be lifted.

If you know a wheelchair user of any age that would like to come out with us, please get in touch to book a free ride by emailing KinrossTrishaws@gmail.com



Inner Wheel Club of Kinross and District



www.innerwheel.co.uk

Our first meeting of the Inner Wheel year was held at the Kirklands Hotel on Monday 9 September. President Tricia Lucas welcomed all members and District 1 Chairman Jean Hale. Jean gave us an insight into her time and positions held in the movement. She also spoke about the importance of the Inner Wheel objects of friendship and personal service.

This year, our summer outing was a visit to Perth Museum where the Stone of Destiny lies. We toured the museum, enjoyed the video show and had a very nice lunch.

Our syllabus of speakers for the year is very varied. If you are interested in joining us please contact Tricia at triciaciw@btinternet.com.

Happy passengers at the lochside



Clubs & Community Groups

Kinross Historical Society



October sees the start of the Historical Society's winter talks. We feel that yet again we have put together a very varied and very interesting programme.

Members should have by now received either an email or a letter containing their programme/membership form. This year, payment can be made by bank transfer or by cash or cheque made payable to Kinross-shire Historical Society. Details are on the form.

Meetings are held in Kinross Parish Church and start at 7.30pm. There is some parking behind the church at the top of the lane.

If you aren't already a member, you would be very welcome to join (£10 for the season) or come as a visitor (£5 per evening), 18 and under are free. Our first speaker is Jim Leishman – From Ball to Chain which should be a really good talk.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back for another season.

21 October, From Ball to Chain

Jim Leishman, From footballer to the Provost of Fife.

18 November, Scotland Beneath The Surface

Bruce Keith, The natural and man-made heritage under our feet.

9 December, In Search of Lassodie

Dr David Munro, The rise and demise of a Fife community.

20 January, The Scottish Mines Restoration Trust

Robin Caldwell, How the Trust worked to resolve issues after the collapse of Scottish coal-mining.

17 February, 17th Century Crime in Fife and Kinross

Allan Kennedy, Looking at crime and punishment between 1660 and 1700.

17 March, Doctor Behind the Wire

Jackie Sutherland, The Diaries of POW Captain Jack Ennis Singapore 1942-1945 & AGM.

Portmoak Film Society



Tick tick boom!

We opened our doors for the new season with *Oppenheimer*, Christopher Nolan's all-conquering epic historical drama. We welcomed a sizeable crowd who, despite the length of the film (3 hours) including an interval, gave it an 80% good/excellent rating. Once again our new AV system gave full value to the stunning score and visuals.

The boom of the first atomic bomb test is followed up on Saturday 12 October by *Tick tick boom!*, although this is a completely different film. Described as a 'musical within a musical', it tells the moving story of Broadway success *Rent* creator Jonathan Larson, starring Andrew Garfield. It is all about the choices a talented young person must make at a critical stage in their life.

All films are shown at Portmoak Village Hall in Scotlandwell. Doors open at 7pm and films start promptly at 7.30pm. A season's membership is available for £40 and covers all eight films. Alternatively, you can pay £6 on the door. Tea and coffee are served after the film, and you can also BYOB. Regulars and newcomers of all ages are welcome. You can now follow us on Facebook.

Kinross in Bloom



Look out, autumn is coming. By the end of September, the hanging baskets should be emptied. Many thanks to members of Kinross Rugby Club for their support with this annual task. The planters around the town should be empty by mid-October so that summer blooms can be replaced with winter pansies and some sustainable planting at strategic locations.

A Kinross in Bloom bracket which used to be attached to a lamp post at the entrance to the former Windlestrae Hotel was restored by members of the Men's Shed. As the lamp post no longer exists the bracket has been donated to Kinross Museum, hopefully to be used at some point in the future as part of a display.

Over the coming months, we are delighted to be working with a Duke of Edinburgh Bronze award candidate as well as continuing to work with a successful silver award candidate who is now progressing to the gold level.

This report started with a reference to autumn, but Christmas is coming. A meal has been booked for members at the Kirklands Hotel on a date in December.

Before this happy event, our AGM will take place on Wednesday 6 November in the Church Centre in Kinross High Street at 7pm. This meeting is open to any interested member of the public, as are all meetings. The next monthly meeting will take place on Wednesday 2 October at 7pm in the Church Centre.

Kinross Cubs

We had a great first night back following the summer holidays in mid-August. We headed to the local woods to do some den building.

The Cubs all worked well in their sixes, showing great teamwork to build their dens. It was then back to the hall for some games before we presented the badges achieved last term. Congratulations to Carys who was awarded with her Chief Scouts Silver Award, the highest award in the Cub section. Bravo!

The following week was a typical summer evening, wet and windy! We met at Millbridge Hall and the cubs started working on their cyclist badge. They were learning about how to look after their bikes and how to be safe when riding a bike. The Cubs also reviewed their code of conduct and played lots of games.

We took part in an enjoyable bike ride at the end of August. We headed from Kinross Rugby Club along the Loch Leven Heritage Trail to Loch Leven's Larder before returning to the Rugby Club. Despite the rain showers everyone had a great time.

It was back to the hall on 4 September as the Cubs were getting prepared for the Howling Dawn camp. They demonstrated great teamwork working in their sixes as they put up the tents to check





them before then taking the tents down and packing them away safely for the camp.

Then it was onto the weekend of the 6-8 September when 18 of our Cubs joined almost 500 Cubs from across Scotland at Scout Adventures Fordell Firs for the Howling Dawn camp. The cubs took part in a variety of activities over the weekend including laser tag, survival skills, manhunt, caving, water slide and bungee trampoline. The Cubs also had a great time at the campfire on Friday evening and enjoyed the full moon funfair on Saturday night. A massive thank you to Gary, Mark, Helen, William, Charlie and Finn for their support with the camp over the weekend.

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

Pulpit. It was a fantastic late summer evening with the harvest going on strong around us and a hot air balloon flying above us. Everyone did really well and we made it back to the car park as the sun was starting to sink on the horizon.

On 6 September the Beavers enjoyed some traditional Scottish games including welly boot throwing, tig and so much more.

On 9 September the Beavers attended an activities evening at Scout Adventures Fordell Firs. They participated in two activities, bungee trampolining and the assault course. A favourite part of the assault course was the chicken coup which is basically a shed they have to crawl through in the pitch black. However, please don't worry as no chickens were harmed in the exercise!

Please note that we are in need of adult leaders to help at Beavers. Please come forward as 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 brilliant skills which are transferable to the workplace and further education. Please contact us by email at kinrossbeavers@hotmail.co.uk for more information.



Kinross Beavers

On our first night back after the summer break we welcomed some new starts into the colony wholeheartedly. It was a great night as we played loads of games, discussed the summer holidays and also reviewed the Code of Conduct. We ended the evening by presenting the beavers with the badges they had earned last term. We also presented Joni with the Chief Scout's Bronze Award which is the highest award you can get in Beavers. Bravo!

The Beavers were den building in the woods beside Kinross House the following week. It was a great night with some fantastic dens being created. We also managed a wee game of sharks and fishes when we got back to Millbridge Hall. Another Chief Scout's Bronze Award was presented at the end of the meeting, this time to Duncan. It is great to see so many Beavers achieving such heights. Well done! On the last Friday of August, the Beavers walked up to John Knox's

Portmoak Hall 100 Club

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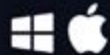
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Kinross Squirrels

The Squirrels enjoyed their first night back following the summer holidays. They were drawing pictures of their summer activities, going over the code of conduct and playing lots of games including, Squirrel's Coming, What's the time Mr Wolf and I went on holiday and packed.... We finished the meeting by presenting the badges earned last term.

Congratulations to Finlay, Chrissy, Joshua, Catherine, Blair, Oliver and Murray who were awarded the Chief Scout's Acorn Award, the highest award in the Squirrels section. Bravo!

On our second week the Squirrels demonstrated great teamwork by working together to build a tent in the garden before then taking it down and packing it away. The Squirrels were also working on their All About Me challenge badge as they created their own trees to represent the helpful people in their lives.

We got a beautiful late summer's evening at the end of August and the Squirrels had a great time at Loch Leven's Larder exploring the area to complete a scavenger hunt challenge. They did a fantastic job of completing their challenge and found all the items on their list. They also had time to play some games.

The Squirrels were on their travels again the following week as they visited Kinross Fire Station. They learned about the role of a firefighter and got to look around the fire station before getting to sit in the fire engine. To finish the meeting the Squirrels, and some of the leaders, got to have a shot of the fire hose. Everyone had a great time. A massive thank you to the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service team members based at the Kinross Fire Station for giving the Squirrels a fun and informative evening.

The Rotary Club of Kinross and District



www.ribi.org

We have returned to our regular meetings and we have a busy time ahead! Perhaps you met some of us at our Winter Warmer Sale on 28 September.

We enjoyed an evening meeting at the Kirklands Hotel on 9 September. We are delighted to welcome new member Brian Hamilton to the club. Brian tells us that he is eager to become involved in our activities and we look forward to working with him.

Comedy and Curry Night

Come along to Milnathort Town Hall on Friday 22 November for an evening of fun and good food! Tickets are £20, including entry and curry. There will be a bar, run by the Young Farmers, a raffle and an auction. You can also sponsor a comedian. Funds raised will be used for Broke Not Broken's Christmas Hampers. Tickets are limited so don't delay! For tickets, any offers of sponsorship or any other enquiries, contact secretary.kdrc@gmail.com

Santa's Sleigh

We won't mention 'that word' yet, but we are happy to confirm that Santa has been in touch and has agreed to visit our local community again on his sleigh. Further details coming soon!

If you are interested in becoming involved with any of our activities, please contact secretary.kdrc@gmail.com.

Clubs & Community Groups

Kinross Guide Dogs

There is a local Guide dog pup whose name is Breeze. She was present at the Summer market so many people who came to the guide dog stall met her. They all agreed she is gorgeous. She leaves her Puppy Raiser before the end of September, which will be hard for Aileen, but she does it for the help Breeze will give to her new owner as a life-changing guide dog. If you want to see how she gets on, you can check out the Forfar Fridays photos on Guide Dogs Scotland Facebook. She may appear there quite frequently... we hope.

Common Grounds

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We held a successful Project Lunch on Tuesday 20 August. Although attendance was lower than usual due to holidays, our speaker from the Ripple Effect Charity gave a most interesting and informative power point presentation. It was good to see and hear where our donation is being spent and also to learn about the wonderful work being done in Africa, including Kenya, Uganda and Rwanda.

We have recently been given a very generous amount of off-cut wood by Drysdale Sheds for our hall fire which is very welcome indeed (volunteers are now busy cutting it up!). At the time of writing, the outside temperature has certainly dropped so we will soon be lighting the fire, not only to provide warmth, but also a cheerful welcome to all visitors.

Our AGM is fast approaching and we anticipate that our friends and guests will be pleased to hear that their generous donations have allowed us to send a total of £11,750 to 9 African and 4 out of Africa charities throughout the year. All recipients are very worthwhile and are follows:-

African Charities; October 2023 Shelter Box, Morocco (emergency appeal). November 2023, Good Shepherd Network, Uganda, (health), Ruvuma Development, Tanzania (education). February 2024, On Call Africa, Zambia, (education and health). April 2024, Ripple Effect, Burundi, Ethiopia, Rwanda, Kenya, Uganda (agriculture/self-sufficiency). May 2024, Ruvuma Development Aid, Tanzania (education). June 2024, Comfort International, Rwanda, DR Congo, Burundi, Uganda and S. Sudan (education/support for self-sufficiency). August 2024, Kids OR, Rwanda, Tanzania, Ethiopia, Malawi, Sierra Leone (medical). September 2024, Raising Futures Kenya (education).

Out of Africa Charities; October 2023, Medical S.F. Turkey (emergency appeal). March 2024, Lepra, Bangladesh, health/training. July 2024. Dnipro Kids, Ukraine (educational/social support). September 2024, Mission Macedonia (education/social support).

We continue to welcome all old and new friends to our coffee mornings on Tuesdays and Saturdays. We value their support and friendship a great deal.

The two chosen charities for September are very worthwhile. Raising Futures in Kenya delivers successful vocational training, and a business skills programme called 'Seeds of Hope'. These young people have been unable to finish their education due to poverty. The charity also helps with counselling and mental health support. Mission Macedonia is the second chosen charity. N. Macedonia is the poorest European country with 25% of the population living below the poverty line. Food parcels, an adult learning base and residential camps for children to play and learn are provided.

We look forward to seeing you all for coffee, tea and home baking in the near future.

Kinross (Marshall) Museum



The museum graveyard surveyors are getting ready to pack away their tape measures, clipboards and recording sheets as autumn turns to winter. The year has featured some productive Sunday afternoons, and we have completed the fieldwork of the older portion of Portmoak Churchyard. It will be a little time before the results are ready for general perusal, as they will be transcribed and placed into a spreadsheet, but that is what the long winter nights are for.

At the time of writing, the museum exhibition is in the process of changing; we hope you enjoyed the Gacé Town Twinning exhibition. Museum volunteers have cleared the cabinets in readiness for the *Women of Kinross* display. The exhibition can be seen whenever the library is open, and you are welcome to call in to the Museum study rooms when they are open on Thursdays from 10am–7pm and Saturdays from 10am–1pm.

Kinross Centre

It has been another busy month in the centre with all our regular activities. We continue to enjoy curling, board games, bingo, crafting and art group to name just a few.

September was the last month of the barge trips until spring. Seagull trust have done an amazing job every month taking us along the union canal and giving us the opportunity to enjoy the relaxing surroundings. All the volunteers have done a great job, from the pilots to the people serving us our tea and coffee. Thank you to everyone involved and we look forward to seeing you all again next year.

On 16 October Linton Osborne is coming in to entertain us. Linton never disappoints and he always has everyone dancing and tapping away to all his upbeat classics. The P&K vision group, hearing clinic and our podiatry treatments will be on as normal this month.

We look forward to seeing you when you pop in for any of the above activities. Alternatively, if you are just coming in for a coffee, you will always be met with a warm welcome.

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

Explorers Scouts

Scouts usually say yes more often than they say no, whatever they are signing up for! That has certainly been the case with the intrepid Kinross Explorers Scouts who have been hard at work raising funds and awareness of their forthcoming 10-day adventure to Kandersteg International Scout Centre!



Greg and Jo drumming up support by handing out jamboree tea and jumble sale flyers at Kinross Market.

They are hoping to take part in a variety of adventurous and camp site activities, giving them an opportunity to mix with Scouts from all over the world and experience true international scouting. Available activities include abseiling, backwoods activities, canyoning, mountain biking, nature activities, orienteering, river rafting, swimming, zip wire, international activities, fondue evening, team building and campfires. There are also many local tourist attractions in this beautiful region. Explorers can look forward to glacier and mountain hikes, abseiling/climbing, boating on Oeschinense lake, trottie bikes, high ropes course, cable car adventures, mountain coaster (luge) and Jungfrauoch railway to name just a few!

By the time of publication, the explorers will have undertaken their biggest fundraiser yet; a jamboree tea and jumble sale in the Millbridge Hall. Full report in the next edition of the *Newsletter*.

292 Days to Kandersteg!

Milnathort Bridge Club

Some years ago the late Jim Harley wrote a brief history of Milnathort Bridge Club dating back to its formation shortly after World War Two. At that time the bridge club was established with members playing weekly in the Commercial Hotel and later, in the mid-1960s, it moved to the Thistle Hotel.



Jim refers to a 'wee boy' called Willie Young playing during this period. Now some 60 years later we are delighted to have that 'wee boy' not just serving as president of the club, but also passing on much of his wealth of experience and knowledge of bridge to those who wish to learn how to play the game. Willie holds classes on a weekly basis in Orwell Bowling Club each Friday afternoon throughout the winter and spring months. This bodes well for the continuation of the club for many more years to come.

At the time of writing members are looking forward to a fun evening on Monday 30 September when the club, under the auspices of the Scottish and English Bridge Union, are running an evening to raise funds for Cancer Research UK and to increase the awareness of the game of bridge as a social and stimulating activity. It is a mind sport for all ages and abilities. A special supper is being provided by members. The club target of 12 tables in action will hopefully raise in the region of £500, all of which will go to Cancer Research.

If you need a partner any evening, or for further information on playing bridge with the club, contact our secretary, Gloria Wilson, on 07961795812 or by email at Gairneyview@gmail.com

Results

North/South

26 August

Willie Young/Jane Smith

2 September

Willie Young/Jane Smith

9 September

Helen Todd/Bob Robertson

16 September

Sandy Greenhill/ Jan Hill

East/West

Beryl Harley/Jean Bennett

Beryl Harley/Jean Bennett

Beryl Harley/Jean Bennett

Linda Bayne/Susie Ballantyne

Boys Brigade and Girls Association



The new session has started with new members joining the ranks of the oldest existing youth club in Kinross-shire (founded in 1892).

Members enjoyed the first event of the new session by participating in the Battalion's sponsored fun run around Perth's North Inch to raise money for the Scottish Air Ambulance charity. Participants were rewarded with refreshments and commemorative medals.

Company section members took part in the first ever Battalion Monopoly challenge, set in Perth. Members were given a list of local points of interest and had to take photos of themselves at the various locations as proof that they had visited within the time limit.

At the time of writing, the Battalion quiz for Company Section members is due to take place in Scone on Friday 27 September. Other competitions are due to take place during October and November.

Anchors and Juniors enjoyed a fun challenge of testing their five senses by trying to recognise sights, sounds, tastes, smells and feeling objects hidden in a canvas bag. This caused much hilarity! They also enjoyed playing traditional games such as blind man's bluff and the keeper of the keys.

We plan to restart instrumental tuition in brass instruments and drums in an attempt to revive a bugle band.

There are still a few vacancies for new youngsters to join in the fun at the Church Centre on Friday evenings. Anchors at 6-7.15 pm, Juniors at 7-9 pm and Company (P7 upwards) at 7-9.30pm.

Fairtrade in Kinross-shire



When you are thinking about gifts this year, please consider giving some Fairtrade products to your friends and family. That way they don't have more 'things' and you are giving them something they can use; tea, coffee, biscuits or chocolate or the ingredients for a delicious meal such as rice from Malawi, curry sauce from Eswatini or tomato sauce from Kenya. We have many other items, and a variety of baskets which we can package into an attractive hamper, to give an unusual gift, with the contents selected by you. Speak to us at the Farmers' Market or contact the Kinross Church Office. When you buy Fairtrade gifts you are helping producers in the Global South and also the planet.

Broke not Broken

As the nights get longer we are turning our sights to the cold nights and the challenges that brings for so many people accessing our support.

With support from Rumbling Bridge Community Hydro project we are working with The Heat Project to identify households who are repeatedly referred for energy payments, and find ways of making long term impacts rather than short term fixes. The removal of the Winter Fuel Payment will affect many households across Kinross-shire. By only awarding the payment to households in receipt of Pension Credit, many households who find it very hard to manage on the state pension they do receive, will not benefit from that support and will turn to the third sector, food banks and other charities for support.

Pension credit is massively underclaimed for reasons including digital exclusion, pride, and just not knowing anything about it. Having access to cash means rural homes off mains gas (23,000 in P&K) are able to afford to purchase larger amounts of coal, wood or oil and keep warm over winter. There are 1722 pensioners across P&K missing out on this benefit. Pension Credit is a valuable benefit, worth £2,677 a year on average to eligible people. It also unlocks other support such as Housing Benefit and Council Tax Support. It also opens up eligibility for social tariffs, the Warm Home Discount, cheaper broadband, free TV licences, lower water bills and now the Winter Fuel Payment. To check if you are eligible please contact the Welfare rights team on 01738 476900.

Please speak with the older people in your life and help them check if they might be eligible for this support. Also take the opportunity to speak to The Heat Project when they visit Kinross. They are super approachable and very knowledgeable and have saved many local households hundreds of pounds as well as supporting people clearing large energy debts. You can contact them direct by contacting Craig by email at craig@theheatproject.org or on 07868 864418.

Looking forward, we are working hard to make sure that projects for 2025 are funded and our Fundraising Development Officer Hannah has been working very hard to secure funding from National Lottery. This funding will enable us to continue to staff the charity and cover some running costs and project costs. It is a fantastic achievement.

We have some spaces available in our upcoming Tuesday Trips which run through the October School holidays. Please email admin@brokenotbroken.org if you are interested in attending. These trips are fully funded and cover the cost of transport, food and any entrance fees for activities for you and your children.

We are also looking forward to welcoming you to our new community space at the Campus. As Challenge Poverty Week (7-11 October) approaches we will be hosting an online event where you can ask questions and learn about the work we are doing. Join us online at 7pm on Friday 11 October. You can find us on Eventbrite if you search for poverty in 'online events' on 11 October. We will also put the link on our Facebook page.

As always, if you need support or would like to donate or volunteer please email us at admin@brokenotbroken.org.



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Kinross-shire Civic Trust

Helping protect, conserve and provide a better built and natural environment

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Kinross – a Biodiversity Town

When the Trust began its Raingardens project – which includes the wildflower-planted drainage swale at the Kinross Park & Ride – we were very pleased to have encouragement and advice from the Tayside Biodiversity Partnership.

Now the Partnership is setting up a series of Biodiversity Villages and Towns and Kinross has the chance to be part of this exciting initiative!

The first stage of this is a Community Biodiversity Mapping Session which will take place at the Millbridge Hall on Saturday 5 October, from 2pm to 5.30pm. Everyone is welcome to this drop in event. There will be maps and questionnaires which will highlight what wildlife we have in Kinross and how we can go about protecting it. Read more about this in the feature on p25.

There will also be an Amphibian and Reptile Workshop on the morning of 5 October. For more details, check the Civic Trust Facebook page nearer the time or send us an email.

Planning Matters

A Trust representative attended a P&K Council Planning Users' Forum in September. Council officers gave presentations on Local Place Plans, progress with Local Development Plan 3, and recent changes to the General Permitted Development Order (Scotland).

Council officers are currently reading through the public responses to the topic papers published as part of their 'Evidence Report' for the next Local Development Plan. The Evidence Report will be sent to the Scottish Government to be 'gatechecked' before proceeding to the next stage, which will be a call for sites and ideas. Officers said that even though the deadline has passed for commenting on the topic papers, community groups might find it beneficial to keep looking through them for ideas of matters to suggest for the next stage. An example of something that could be raised in the call for sites and ideas is where the boundary of a settlement should be.

If you would like to be aware of local planning applications, follow our Facebook page. Each week we extract the Kinross-shire planning applications from the Council's list and publish them there.

Kinross-shire Local Events Organisation

www.kleo.org.uk



Markets

Kinross Farmers' Market is on 26 October on the High Street from 10am to 2pm. The Festive Street market is on Saturday 23 November from 10am to 3pm at the Market Park. There will be a great variety of stalls and entertainment. If you are a local trader, crafts person or community group you might consider a stall. For a booking form for this event, please email info@kleo.org.uk

Winter Festival events

The Leveneers with guests followed by the Mary Queen of Scots



Show will take place on Saturday 16 November in Milnathort Town Hall at 7pm for 7.30pm. Tickets are £10. Firstly there will be a mixed genre set from The Leveneers, accompanied by local guest artists Nigel Ewen and Fiona Robb.

After the interval is our Mary Queen of Scots show which enjoyed a successful run at this years Edinburgh Free Fringe Festival. The show features Mary Queen of Scots reflecting on her life, loves and imprisonment on Castle Island, Loch Leven. Mary's ultimately tragic story is embellished with songs of her life and Loch Leven sung by her minstrels.

A donation will be made to local charity Kythe and to the PBH free fringe which also has charity status.

Winter Blues Blowout

Come along to the Winter Blues Blowout on Saturday 23 November in King George V Rugby Club at 7.30pm. Tickets are £8 and there will be a bar at the venue.

Blow away those winter blues with three great local acts playing a selection of blues, soul and rock 'n roll. The evening will feature



the Burleigh Blues Band (smoothest sounds for miles around), Tich Frier (life and soul of any party) and Dirt Road Collective (standing at the crossroads).

The Barbara Dickson concert on 29 November is now sold out!

The Daniel Martinez Flamenco Company will present a fabulous show on Friday 8 November at 8pm at Loch Leven Community Campus. This event is sponsored by Carefree Holidays, your Local Independent Travel Agent, who will be offering tapas and wine during the evening. Tickets are £20.

Tickets for all the winter festival events are available at Morgans Estate Agent's in Kinross or Light Up My Heart in Milnathort. Alternatively, you can purchase tickets online at our website.

Bookweek Scotland

The library and KLEO are delighted that the following authors will visit Kinross. Come and meet these award-winning authors. You can also have your books signed.

Crime author Marion Todd will talk about her latest book on Tuesday 19 November at 7pm.

Join Freya North on Thursday 21 November at 7pm for an illustrated talk on an insider's view on the publishing process and the ins-and-outs of an author's life.

Award winning crime writer Alex Gray will talk about her latest book on Sunday 24 November at 1.30pm.

Tickets are £6 and are available at the library.

Ten-Minute Tales

Write a personal story and read it at a short story event in the library as part of Bookweek Scotland on Monday 18 November at 7pm. We invite anyone to take part; you do not have to be an established author and the event is for all ages. However, the limit of your tale is 10 minutes!

The theme is 'hope' so we invite you to write about a specific event, adventure or memory (happy or sad) from your personal history. You can write it as story or a poem. The only stipulations are that it is a true story, and it takes no longer than ten minutes to read (about 1400 words).

We are looking for 8 or 9 people to present their stories. If you are

interested in taking part please send an email to info@kleo.org.uk to confirm so we know how many people are taking part. We will then send you some more specific guidelines for writing your piece and you have until 18 November to complete it. It will be a very varied and fun event!

Music

There is a regular Acoustic Open Mic evening for anyone who would like to play a couple of songs in a live situation. It takes place on the third Wednesday of every month from 7.30pm to 9pm in the lounge of the Green Hotel. Text Nigel on 07758 559187.

The Kacophony orchestra is an orchestra for adults who like to play their instruments in a group. All abilities are welcome but it is handy if you read music. Please do not worry if you have not played for a while as we are a very friendly and informal bunch. Sessions take place on Wednesday evenings from 7.15pm to 9.15pm at the Campus. The fee is £5 per session.

Leven Voices is a fun, informal, drop-in singing group which you can join at any time. No music reading or singing experience is necessary. Sessions run on Tuesday evenings with Horsecross Arts tutor Dougie Flower from 7.30-9.30pm at Kinross Parish Church. The fee is £4 per session.

Kinross High School



World Challenge Trip to Borneo

Pupils went on a life changing journey this summer to Malaysian Borneo accompanied by Mr Turnbull, Mr Scrimgeour and their leader Karen Shaw.

The trip allowed pupils to immerse themselves in the local culture: trying new foods like durian and fresh pineapple cut straight from the path, learning a local dance as well as teaching Strip the Willow to their hosts and learning about the head-hunter tribes of Borneo.

They also learned about how palm oil plantations are destroying native habitats and biodiversity whilst seeing first-hand the animals these factories are impacting: orangutans, horn bills, crocodiles, sun bears, pygmy elephants and proboscis monkeys among many others.

The pupils helped with efforts to replant elephant/napier grass and fig trees into new areas to increase the biodiversity of the area and to encourage an increase in numbers of pygmy elephants, which are currently a critically endangered species.

All pupils were excellent ambassadors not only of Kinross High School, but of their country, really engaging with the challenges the trip presented. Group funds were donated to local charities, including to help with orangutan, elephant and sun bear conservation projects.

Social Subjects - A Blueprint for the Future

This course is about 'thinking global' and 'acting local'. When designing the course, pupil feedback showed that our young people want to work with our community and know about the great things that happen there.



Our 'Knowing our Community' event saw five partners speak with our five S1 classes. Following this, our young people worked together to share their learning and build the jigsaw of our community. Learners listened intently to our wonderful speakers, and we look forward to revealing our 'Craftivism' work during our showcase and in the community in June (date tbc). We also look forward to sharing our Education Scotland video when it is published later this month.

Perth Youth Orchestra

The orchestra performed at Greyfriars Kirk in Edinburgh as part of the Edinburgh Fringe in August. Several pupils from KHS took part in the concert and very proudly represented their school.

They also performed at St John's Kirk in Perth where they said farewell to their conductor Mr Allan Young MBE who has recently retired after 40 years in the Music Service. Allan's wife Laura (who was our Woodwind Instructor at KHS) also retired this summer. We wish them both a very happy retirement.

Abertay University

The Higher/N5 class had a great day at Abertay University, making ice cream, carrying out sensory analysis of crisps, taking part in a fitness assessment and having a tour of the small scale food manufacturing unit.

Boys' Rugby

In August, S3/4 played an excellent game of rugby against Monifieth High School. Player of the match was James. There were tries from Scott, Cameron, Clayton, and Euan. Training is on Thursdays after school.

Leven Class

This year the Leven Class will be going on Outdoor Learning and Scottish Disability Sports Events. We would like to ask, if any parents or carers of students at Kinross have any old Kinross High hoodies or sports attire they do not need anymore, or have grown out of, if they could donate these items so we are able to wear the school logo when out in public to represent our school.

Fresher Fair

Our extra curricular clubs were on show at our Freshers' Fair for pupils on 5 September. This was a great way for pupils to find out what was on offer and maybe try something new.

Open Doors Event

On 5 September we opened our doors to parents to provide an opportunity to connect with their young person's learning. This included a question and answer session with the Senior Leadership Team, a school tour and a faculty marketplace where parents got the opportunity to speak to staff and pupils about the topics they will cover on their journey through school.

School Charity

This year, our S6 pupils wanted the whole school to be involved in selecting this year's charity that would benefit from school fundraising efforts. Pupils were given a choice of three, and these were pitched at a 'massaoke' event. Who knew that, 38 years on, 'Livin' on a Prayer'

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would still lift off the roof as the pupils sang their hearts out? Jon Bon Jovi would be proud! The winner of the pupil vote was CHAS.

Netball

A tight match against Perth High School in our first S3 fixture of the Schools Scottish Cup. The final score was a 23-25 win for KHS. The team worked hard demonstrating some great team work, fast passing and some awesome shooting. POM was Lucy Gibb.



S6 Theatre

Recently, our S6 pupils were visited by Collingwood, who bring drama-based learning experiences to young people. Our young people learned about the Srebrenica Genocide of 1995, engaging with vital themes and issues in the process.

SWI

Cleish SWI

President Anne Douglas welcomed 26 members to Cleish Village Hall for our opening meeting of the 2024-2025 Programme.

After business an extremely enjoyable evening of Fun and Friendship was had. Teams took part in a flower quiz, corn hole, memory tray and tasting brand v's budget. The winning team was Carol Herd, Faye Gibb, Fiona Turnbull and Julie White.

Competitions

Veg Or Fruit Animal

1st Margo Wills, 2nd Fiona Barnfather, 3rd Judith MacLaren

Favourite Tea Towel

1st Elinor Craig, 2nd Lucy Moran, 3rd Anne Douglas

Flower Of The Month

1st Alison Morris, 2nd Fiona Barnfather, 3rd Dorothy Morris

Our next meeting is on Monday 14th October in Cleish Village Hall at 7.30pm which is a talk by RSPB Loch Leven. New members most welcome.

Carnbo SWI

Sheila Reid welcomed 22 members and a guest to our September meeting. Sheila introduced member Mhairi Lavender as our guest speaker who gave us her entertaining story of School to Wool. Mhairi has the wool shop in Kinross.

Competitions

Flower Of The Month

1st Sheila Hutchinson 2nd Lynn Smith

Individual Dessert

1st Linda Band

Our next meeting is on 21 October in Carnbo Hall at 7 for 7.15pm. All welcome. The speaker is Amanda James, talking about the Potager Garden and Gardening tips.

Milnathort SWI

Milnathort SWI will meet on Thursday 17 October, in the Town Hall, at 2pm. Our speaker for the afternoon will be Willie Robertson.

Competitions

Three Halloween Cup Cakes and Flower Of The Month. Our members enjoyed success at Kinross Show with individual and community entries.

Visitors and new members welcome. £5 to include refreshments and raffle.

Powmill SWI

Our first meeting back after the summer break saw our ladies set off from the hall round Powmill in teams of 2 on a walking treasure hunt. We were blessed with a glorious evening of Autumnal sunshine to follow the clues and admire the beautiful village. The winners of the treasure hunt were Maureen, Nicola and Nova the dog (pictured below).

Upon return to the hall for refreshment there was also a mini "guess what's in the cup" game, which consisted of 10 cups containing a variety of household items from gravy granules to cat litter!

Our next meeting is a talk on family trees by Gini Currie in Powmill Hall on Wednesday 16 October at 7.30pm.

Competitions

Three Flapjacks

1st Mary Wilson 2nd Donna McBain 3rd Tricia Greer

Photo of a local area

1st Tricia Greer 2nd Mary Wilson 3rd Maz Thorn

Greenfingers: Pot Plant, Mary Wilson



Sports News

Kinross Golf Club

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Social Section

Every Sunday from 12-6pm we have a Sunday Roast special priced at £12.95 per person. Booking is essential by 7pm on Friday night. Available to member's guests only.

Finals Day:

Karaoke with Carrie was on 21 September.

Charity Day Walk:

On Thursday 12 September we hosted a corporate event for Hallum Land Management. This was a fundraising event for CHAS.

The club provided breakfast before the walk and a hot buffet lunch and refreshments afterwards. Everyone had a lovely day and the money raised is for a wonderful cause.



Ladies Section

Ladies Open

A good field of 61 players turned out on Saturday 7 September for our Ladies Open. Although there were misty conditions for those out early, the sun did eventually appear for players in the afternoon. Regardless of the weather some excellent scores returned by our home players:

Best overall and winner of the Revie Memorial Rosebowl, Gill Pettigrew with 45 Stableford points.

1st in Division 1, Christine Kinloch with 37 Stableford points. 3rd in Division 2, Elspeth Caldwell with 36 Stableford points.

Handicap League

Kinross Ladies will meet Perth Ladies in the final to be played on Sunday 15 September over the Lansdowne course at Blairgowrie. Good luck girls.

Ladies Committee Day

Due to torrential rain resulting in course closure, our committee on Thursday 15 August was rescheduled to 5 September. A total of ladies played, with play split between both courses. The overall winner for second year in a row was Karen Stephen with 21 Stableford points.

Bruce Foursomes Final

Played over the Bruce course, the final this year saw Gwen Tate and Jaki Wood take on Heather Gough and Elspeth Caldwell. Heather and Elspeth were the winners, beating Gwen and Jaki, 5 and 4.

Medal Finals

Those ladies who have won a monthly medal qualify to play in



the medal final. They are Gill Pettigrew, Gwen Tate, Christine Kinloch and Mary Graham. Play will be over the Montgomery course on Saturday 14 September. At the same time, those Ladies who play 9-hole Stableford competitions will also play in their own 9-hole final. Players who have qualified are, Mary Graham Trish Anderson, Rena Duncan, Lenore Kyle, Marelle MacDougall, Barbara Cruden, Betty Brannen and Alexis Crawford.

Finals Day

Those ladies playing in the club finals day on the Bruce course will be Elspeth Caldwell against Mairi Milne in the Ladies Handicap Championship and Gwen Tate against Lyn Murray in the Ladies Scratch Championship. Congratulations and good luck to everyone who has qualified to play in any of the finals mentioned above.

Lucy Moran

Lucy has continued her good form, with another excellent win, the Quaich Trophy (Handicap), at the St Andrews Links Junior Girls' Open in August. Many congratulations.



Men's Section

Bereavement

The club announced the sad passing of a longstanding member, Rodney Duncan, on 11 August. Rodney was a five time winner of the club championship over five separate decades. He will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

Club Teams

A Kinross team consisting of Dave Whitley, Gordon Clunie, Grant Clunie, and Ewan Ross won the Scratch prize at Pitreavie Seniors Texas Scramble on 5 September, just missing Nett 1st place by 2 shots.

Seniors Open

The annual Seniors Open was held on Wednesday 11 September. The entry was fully subscribed and the weather was good. The winners were Kinross pair Eddie Wood and Derek Lawrence with a net 63 (BIH). Second place was another Kinross pairing of Ken Brown and Terry Croman.

Senior Section

The seniors enjoyed a day of good weather at Deer Park Golf Club, Livingston, on 4 September. The winner of the Bob Dick Memorial Trophy was John Low. A pairs competition was also held and was won by Ken Brown and John Low (pictured).

Junior Section

Our junior season is now drawing to a close. The current participating juniors have had a great time this summer playing at Kinross and also taking part in, and meeting new friends, at the county competitions. They have played at golf courses such as Blairgowrie, Strathmore, Auchterarder and Alyth over the season. There are competitions for all ages and abilities.



Our 2025 season starts in early April and we encourage all juniors to come along and try out the game. You may be surprised to discover what an enjoyable game golf is. There is no need to worry if you have not played before as beginners are very welcome.

Seniors: The winner of the Bob Dick Memorial Trophy was John Low. A pairs competition was won by Ken Brown and John Low

Kinross Table Tennis Club

Thanks to everybody who joins us on Tuesdays at 5-6pm in the gym hall at Kinross High School to play table tennis. Have you been unable to join us yet? Are you nervous about coming along or concerned that you will not be good enough? Don't worry, you have to start somewhere! Come along and find out what we are all about. Perhaps bring a friend and simply play against each other?

Table tennis is played in more than 200 countries worldwide and in Scotland it's steadily gaining followers. The game is played by all ages and abilities. For people returning from injury, table tennis can be the perfect sport to aid recovery and sustain a level of fitness. One benefit of playing table tennis is that it is non-contact. It is also a sport that requires players to move without straining their muscles or joints. It helps to maintain good reflexes and mental alertness.

Table tennis is a cheap and accessible sport and can even be played when you are on holiday or travelling with work as you will probably be able to find a table and a person to play a game.

Kinross Otters

After the summer break, Kinross Otters kicked off the new season with the Midland District Sprints Championships in Dundee on Sunday 8 September. There was so many fantastic swims, well-earned PBs and hard-fought medals and our medallists included Aila, Lucy, Lily, Anna and Charlotte.

There are lots more meets on the horizon for all our swimmers and we're looking forward to another successful season.



Also, congratulations to Anna and Aila (left) who attended their first training session with the National Junior Academy. They had a busy session which included 4 hours in the pool, an hour of land training and a presentation on optimum nutrition.

Kinross Otters Masters

Come and try Kinross Otters Masters swim session at Live Active Loch Leven (two free trial sessions). Sociable, coach led swim sessions to develop fitness, stamina and technique in all 4 strokes. Training Times - Tuesday 8pm-9pm.

Kitbag: Cap, goggles (and spares) Optional - Kickboard & pullboy, training fins, finger paddles, centre snorkel & waterbottle (some of which can be borrowed from the pool).

Goals: Cater for varied abilities with swimmers covering 1500m to 2500m per session in a coach led friendly environment.

Sessions: Are you an adult swimmer looking to improve fitness, stamina and technique across all 4 swim strokes? For more information please email secretary@kinrossotters.co.uk.

Kinross Volleyball

New Season, New Faces

The Perth & Kinross District volleyball league season started with league cup competitions at both premier and recreational levels. The Kinross teams took part in their first competitive games since returning from the De Haan volleyball tournament in August (results to follow in November Newsletter).

There has been a rise in the number of teams participating in the local league this season. There are now 15 teams entered for what will be a bumper season of fixtures for the recreational league. The premier league will remain at 8 teams; one team has withdrawn but been replaced by another.

After a poor summer featuring many cancellations of the free outdoor 'pop up and play' sessions due to rain, the indoor season has started. Sessions are on Monday evenings (8-9.45pm) in the large games hall at the campus. We are pleased to see a number of new faces turning up.

Meanwhile, school volleyball has resumed at Kinross High School. There are sessions on Wednesday lunchtimes, after school sessions, and also extra Thursday sessions. Two senior boys from the High School have started coaching sessions at Kinross Primary School giving youngsters the opportunity to enjoy the fun of volleyball.

Scottish Volleyball is playing a more active role in the development of the sport now that it has a full quota of coaching staff in post. There will be all day school festivals for both S3 and S4 pupils and also S5 and S6 pupils in November. Both festivals will take place in Edinburgh.





Kinross Hockey

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Saturday 24 August
2024 saw over 100 hockey
players from ages 7–70+ take to
the Kinross Astro pitch for the
annual KHC Club Day.

The Kobras kick-started the day
with some technical hockey
challenges before some hotly
contested games. A big well done
to all our new starts and we can't
wait to see you again.

The Men's and Women's teams
then competed in some intra-
club matches. There were no injuries
and everyone is still talking
to each other so it bodes well for
the start of the season.

Celebrating 50 years of a hockey club
in Kinross, ladies from the original
Kinross Ladies Hockey Club (pictured
right) founded in August 1974 were
keen to mark the occasion in some
way and brought their own flair to
Club Day in the lauded headline
event of a walking hockey match.
Players joined back together in this
slightly more sedentary but seemingly
far more competitive version of
hockey. There were some contested
versions of what constitutes walking
but great fun was had by all, and
thankfully to those ever-competitive
it finished with a one all draw!

A big thank you to all club members
past and present for turning up,
providing baking, umpiring and
tombola. The day would also not
have been possible without the
continued support of our army of
parent helpers.

The start of the season is now
underway and hopefully the men's
and ladies' teams will already have
wins under their belts. The club is
always looking for new members,
young and old, volunteers to help
with Kobras, umpiring and so on.
We'd love to hear from you if you
have an interest in hockey.

Orwell Bowling Club

Orwellbowlingclub.weebly.com

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We have reached the end of our
season and the green has closed.
Next month there will be a full list
of competition winners and runners
up.

The result of our friendly against
Perth West End was 47 for Orwell
and 39 for Perth West End. The
weather was not kind to us for our
Open Pairs Competition. Congratulations
to the winners Nicol Tomney (Orwell)
and Gordon Smith (Lauriston) and
the runners up Kieran Wilson (Orwell)
and Liam Willson (Dunning). Thanks
to all those who helped on the day.

Although the bowling has finished,
we continue with our winter



activities. The Milnathort Bridge Club
play on Monday evenings and the
Kinross Bridge Club play on Thursday
afternoons. There is also a beginner's
session on Friday afternoons. The
Probus Club meets on the first and
third Wednesday afternoon of every
month. The club also has regular
whist nights on Tuesday evenings
and, once a month, we have a bingo
tea (look out for notices in the local
shops). The club is open every Friday
evening for dominos, darts or pool,
or just a warm place to meet and
have a chat. Everyone is welcome.

Dates for the Diary

We are holding a race night on
Saturday 12 October. Tickets are
£10 which includes supper.

The Presentation of Prizes Dance is
on Saturday 26 October. Members
are welcome to invite family and
friends.

The AGM this year will be held on
Sunday 1 December.

JKS Shojiki Karate Club

<https://shojikikarate.co.uk/>

We recently had our annual grading.
Around 30 students (aged between
3 and 45) from the Kinross Club sat
their gradings for new belts and were
successful. We now have orange,
red and yellow belts at our club.
We continue training for an
upcoming tournament in which
students will participate.



Kinross Vaulting Group

Kinross Vaulting Group is hosting a fundraising event this Christmas, our aim is to raise money to purchase a new moving training barrel. Vaulting is an equestrian sport dating date 2000 years, it is best described as a mixture of dance and gymnastics on horseback. The club is a not for profit community organisation run by volunteers and we support our young vaulters to compete in national, British and European competitions. We want to raise awareness of our sport (it's amazing to watch or participate in) and encourage more people to get involved in our friendly sport.

We are raising funds for a moving vaulting barrel (MOVIE) which will allow our vaulters to practice moves before they try them on a moving horse. By having a MOVIE we will be able to practice longer and try new moves safely offering us better progression within the sport. A MOVIE will allow us to be less reliant on horse power and enable us to offer more options in our training programme and help our vaulters build up their confidence and skills to do new and more technical moves.

We have a GoFundMe page <https://gofund.me/8e3fdaf9>. Please support our event and your local vaulting club.



Above: The squad picture of the girls in the pink won their Canter Walk Squad class at the recent Scottish Championships. Right Winners of the Pas de Deux class at the recent Scottish Championships. These vaulters and others from the Kinross Vaulting Group will be attending the British Vaulting Championships in October.



Season Overview

2024 has seen 11 new players join the KCC squad including 6 under 15's. The younger format team has had mixed results, but every game has been played in the right spirit with everyone enjoying the season. The rain impacted our early matches, but we still managed 11 Sunday fixtures and 9 mid-week games. The internal challenge cup saw Kinross Hurricanes lift the 2024 title and we look to build on the success of this first year and have a mix of T10's, T20's and 100 format matches for next year.

Three players had significant milestones this season. Ivan Groenewald and Joe Jennings reached their 50th club appearances and club chair, John Ross, picked up his 300th club wicket in his 250th appearance.

The club hosted the summer cricket camps in conjunction with Live Active Leisure with 12 attendees making use of the ground during the school holidays. The pavilion was also in use for the Kinross Road Runners 24-hour event at the end of August. Chest, Heart & Stroke Scotland also used the pavilion as the base for their annual sponsored walk. It is also the venue for the Saturday Park Run throughout the year.

Kinross-shire Cricket Club

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KCC v Goblin-Ha CC

The final game of the season saw the Larder welcome social side Goblin-Ha CC travel up from Haddington. On an overcast wicket KCC bowled spectacularly well keeping the opposition to 78 for 4



David Campbell

by the 20th over. All 4 wickets belonged to David Campbell as he achieved career best figures of 4 for 13 in his 6 overs. The remaining 10 overs changed the game completely as Goblin Ha hit boundary after boundary amassing a further 177 runs taking the total to 195 for 6.

In reply, KCC found the going tricky as the openers fell cheaply with the score on 14 for 2 by the end of the fourth over. A 57-run

partnership between David Campbell and Fraser Laing steadied the ship but when Laing was bowled on a personal score of 44 it was clear that 196 was a long way off. 14-year-old R Cooper was the standout batsman as he finished on 15 not out with the team reaching 132 at the end of their 30 overs.

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Winter Season

KCC will play in the Perth & Kinross Indoor League again this year with fixtures announce in early October. The club has also arranged indoor training which start on **17 October** at the Campus.

The pavilion is due to get a makeover during the winter and a donation from Kinross Rotary has greatly increased the available funds for this work. Donations from the Road Runners and local businesses have helped to fund the ongoing projects to further develop the facilities. Many thanks to all our supporters in 2024.

Kinross Road Runners

<https://kinrossroadrunners.weebly.com>

Once again it has been a busy month of races and events for our members, including our annual Mob Match against Perth Road Runners and a 24 hour charity relay fundraiser for DEC.

First up 19 KRR toed the start line at Knockhill racing circuit for the Graham Clark Memorial race. 4 KRR made the top 3 in their age categories with David Scott 2nd MV40 in 22:08, Matt Newton 1st MV50 22:58, Caroline Jones 2nd FV40 25:11 and Christine Myerscough 3rd FV60 30:28.

During the week 11 KRR ventured out on a beautiful evening for Balmullo Trail Race, the 8th counter in this year's hill championship. Stephanie Johnson (pictured) was the female race winner in 36:04,



Matt Newton 1st MV50 in 33:30 and Hannah Lopez took 3rd female in the Fife AC Midweek Series with 58:33 on the night.

At the Derek Adamson memorial 5K on the Friday evening the club were represented by Len and Lynne Zabek and Hannah Lopez.

There were more adventures on the trail the following week as 2 KRR made it along to Drummond Hill Trail Race with Janice Webster 3rd FV40 and Billy Webster 2nd MV50 finishing together in 70:59.

On Saturday Christine Myerscough was our sole participant at the Speyside Way 50K finishing 2nd FV60 and 37th overall in 5:46:07. While on Sunday 9 KRR took part in the Forth Road Bridge 10K with Ally Sinclair finishing 5th MV50 in 44:32.



Billy Webster took to the hills instead, completing the Lomonds of Fife race, with just over 10 miles covered and 2700 feet of ascent, in 2:08:05.

Moving on to our mid-week annual show down with PRR. First held in 2022, the race has alternate hosts each year and, this year, it was the turn of PRR. 58 KRR made their way to Murthly Estate to race the 6 wet, rolling miles in beautiful surroundings. While we triumphed the previous two years, unfortunately we were beaten to victory this time around and so the trophy was handed over to Perth.

Although it wasn't to be our night there were some notable performances and placings. In the ladies race, Stephanie was female race winner, Caroline 2nd overall and 1st FV40, Christine M 1st FV60, Monica 5th overall and 2nd FV40, Fiona H 6th overall and 3rd FV40, Alison H 1st FV70. In the men's race, Matt N 1st MV50 and David S 2nd MV40.

KRR members took part in 3 road races over the weekend. First up was the Killin 10K on Saturday with Michelle Murray, Janice Webster and Linda MacE flying the KRR flag.

At Kirkcaldy Parks Half Marathon on Sunday there were 16 KRR with Matt 2nd MV50 and Caroline 5th FV40. While Angela Scott was our sole representative at the Perth 10k finishing 3rd FV40 in 48:14.

The main event of the following weekend was our 24-hour relay fundraiser for DEC. We started running at 9.30am on Saturday morning with Loch Leven Parkrun and kept on running through the day and night until 9.30am on Sunday. There were always at

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least 2 KRR running at any time and we couldn't have asked for better weather as the sun shone all day!

We had 87 people take part clocking up 801 miles (1289.1 km) and we are currently at 84% (£,1707) of our target to reach £2024 for the Disaster Emergency Committee. Members ran as far or as long as they wanted and, in one case, 63 miles, (thank you Allan Kemp for your 12 hour shift!). Some even opted to come out two and three times over the day and night. It was truly inspiring to see everyone coming out to play their part and take such joy in running and being part of our KRR family.

Special thanks also go to Caroline Jones for organising the event, Kinross Cricket Club for allowing us to use the pavilion, Loch Leven's Larder, Brian Kemp for the fun treasure hunt, Richard Aldred for being our barbeque king, Dan Monaghan for bringing the clock back, those who helped to clean up and take bins home, the midnight cheer squad Munro and Scott Strachan, our fabulous photographer Gordon Donnachie and Anne Wilson who completed over 5 miles on her first run in 6 months after ankle surgery - fantastic!

We are truly grateful to everyone who was involved in raising such a fabulous amount of money. If anyone would like to help us reach our target, please visit the Just Giving website, search for Kinross Road Runners and you will find our fundraising page.

In addition to taking part in the charity event 2 KRR also managed to squeeze in a race. Willie B clocked 6min 13 secs in the 1 km coal race in Kelty on Saturday to become the Scottish over 50 coal carrying champion!

On Sunday Alex R completed the Lochore off road triathlon in 01:43:11, after logging 26 miles at the charity run on Saturday!

If members needed a break after the 24 hr relay it didn't show in the results for the following weekend as there are 4 races to update on. 13 KRR made the results of The Podfather Stirling 10k, a quick course with a fast field and many members achieving times to meet our club standards awards.

At the Auchterarder Half Marathon there were 2 KRR toeing the start line and a further 2 at the Ben Nevis Hill Race where they had scorching hot conditions for this brutal up and down of the Ben!

Not to be outdone a further 2 KRR were at the Tiree Ultramarathon for a 34 mile circumnavigation of the Isle of Tiree. Well done Laura R and Wendy Turnbull who completed the route together in 8 hours 6 mins and 50 secs.

If you are interested in joining Kinross Road Runners, visit our website or speak to one of us at the Loch Leven park run on Saturday mornings.

Kinross Tennis Club

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

Email: kinrosstennis@gmail.com/kinrosstenniscoaching@gmail.com

Summer Success

It has been a busy summer at Kinross Tennis Club, with over 100 entries in our recent club championships and multiple teams achieving success in league action.

Members participated in mixed men's and ladies doubles competitions over three weekends in August and September. Singles competitions were ongoing during the same period and there are several new names on the trophies which has been great to see!

Through the summer men's and ladies league teams have also experienced success in the Tennis Tayside leagues, with four different Kinross teams achieving promotion. It has been another successful summer for the club!

Junior Club Champs

Our junior players also had their own club championships this month. A total of 110 matches were played in one afternoon! 40 players aged 6-14 took part in 7 different competitions played over 8 hours on court. It was fantastic to see such high quality play from our juniors who have put in lots of practice during coaching this term.

Coaching

The current term will be finishing in time for the October holidays. It has been a hugely successful term with lots of new players. Coaching will continue after the holidays. For more information please get in touch with coach Siobhan MacLeod (LTA Level 3 Accredited) on 07443 223408 or at kinrosstenniscoaching@gmail.com.

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Facilities Upgrades

Things have been just as active off court. Those passing the club in recent weeks may have noticed the upgrade to the clubhouse, which had weathered on the exposed sections and begun leaking. Thanks to support from PKC the building is now watertight again due to replacement of the cladding on either end.

The club also hopes to upgrade the floodlights by replacing the energy-hungry metal halide floodlights with more efficient LEDs. This will reduce the energy consumption by over 50%. We are hoping to secure funding to enable this work to go ahead at some point during the winter. Stay tuned for more information on that as we go through the funding and commissioning process.

We hope to see members braving the dropping temperatures and darker evenings to continue playing through the autumn.



AGM

One date for the diaries of all members is our AGM will be held on 28 November, from 7pm, at the King George V Pavilion (otherwise known as the rugby club). Please join us there to hear from the committee and have your say on the future plans and direction of the club.

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Pink-footed geese by Darran Dixon



AUGUST AND EARLY SEPTEMBER were a treat for seeing osprey here at the reserve. Our Carden hide gave front row seats to visitors watching osprey fishing in the pools. We're now excitedly waiting for the pink-footed geese to return this autumn. There have been lots of ducks flocking together in the Carden flood, these are a mix of pintail, teal, wigeon, gadwall, shoveler and mallards. It is well worth a trip to the reserve at this time of year as there's lots to see.

We're looking forward to our October holidays events programme. We'll be running our Halloween spooky self-guided trail, which is always popular. We'll also be running guided pond dipping sessions for families, as well as a Loch Leven at night event which will involve crafts, campfire and a nighttime walk around the reserve.

We're also excited about our Dawn Goose Watches. These will take place on 16 and 20 October, starting at around 6.45am. It's wonderful to watch thousands of pink-footed geese take off from their night-time roost on the loch, and a great way to start the day. Looking ahead to November, we have Wetland Birds Guided Walks, taking place on 5 and 6 November from 10am- 11.30am. These will be led by our wonderful Site Manager and Assistant Warden, who will lead the tour of the reserve to look out for wetland bird species

such as whooper swan, teal and goldeneye. For any of our events, you can book by going to events.rspb.org.uk/lochleven.

We have new Nature Quest backpacks that provide a family or group with everything to explore Loch Leven. They contain equipment such as binoculars, magnifying glass, stopwatch, torch and sweep net. These backpacks are available to hire every day 10am- 4pm. They cost £6 for our standard bags and £8.50 for our Nature Quest pro backpacks. Pop by and start your adventure today! Just a reminder too that October is the last month you can hire our pond dipping kits this year, as we give the ponds a break from November- March.

With Christmas only a couple of months away, our shop is now stocked up with an excellent range of Christmas gifts, decorations, cards and more! Our next Optics Weekends are on 5/6 October and 2/3 November, which are a good chance to learn more about our range of binoculars and telescopes.

We hope to see you at the reserve soon, to find out more about us and our events visit our website www.rspb.org.uk/days-out/reserves/loch-leven. Or follow us on Facebook or Instagram (@rspblochleven), give us a call on 01577 862355 or email lochleven@rspb.org.uk.

Sarah Allan

Weather

Recent Weather Reports From Kinross

July 2024

Total Rainfall	50.7mm/2.02in
Heaviest Fall	11.4mm/0.45in (7 July)
Total Sunshine	140.2hrs
Sunniest Day	10.7hrs (30 July)
Max Temp Average	18.46°C
Highest Temp	24.1°C (15 July)
Min Temp Average	6.74°C
Lowest Temp	-0.50°C (7 July)

August 2024

Total Rainfall	127.3mm/5.09in
Heaviest Fall	14.4mm/0.65in (19 Aug)
Total Sunshine	190.2hrs
Sunniest Day	10.5hrs (11 Aug)
Max Temp Average	18.22°C
Highest Temp	23.60°C (5 Aug)
Min Temp Average	5.5°C
Lowest Temp	-1.0°C (30 Aug)

A WEEK ON THE FARM...

THEY SAY THAT A week in politics is a long time, but the same could be said about farming. As I write this article, late (again, sorry Hannah), we have had a week of fairly settled weather which I think it's fair to say may just have arrived in the nick of time to save harvest from being a smash and grab affair from start to finish.

Obviously, there is still a lot of work to be done with this harvest season but it is phenomenal what can be achieved in the space of a week when conditions are favourable. It's not just arable farmers



who have benefited from a bit of settled sunshine. It has been very welcome for livestock and grassland farmers too, as animals will have enjoyed the bit of late season warmth and sunshine and the fields which were starting to get a bit wet have dried out a bit at least. It will certainly have helped the state of mind of many farmers who were feeling pretty scunnered after a dreich few months which were apparently summer.

Here at Backward Farm we have just had our two fields of barley combined and this year's job was ably completed by the faithful old 'Dominator' combine expertly piloted by Andrew and his brother Alastair, each of them completing a field. The reasonable pile of barley in the shed will be used mainly for feeding the pigs over the next twelve months and the cattle will be fed some of it as well. There will hopefully be enough to last us the whole year, and the straw has been baled for use mainly for bedding the cattle over the winter but some will also be used for feeding along with some lush silage which was recently baled.

We have made a lot of quite lush silage this year and the straw will help balance out the diet of the cows over the winter months.



The cattle still have a reasonable supply of grass to graze, but I have been supplementing them with some silage to help the grass last a bit longer and hopefully it will be a wee while before they need shut in their sheds for the winter. We will soon need to sort through the ewes ready for the breeding season. They have been in two

basic groups since they were sheared and weaned so they should have recovered from rearing their lambs this year. We have sold a few lambs so far but seem to be a bit slower to grow than I would like, especially since they have had plenty of good grass to graze.



The pigs have been fairly quiet lately apart from a couple of litters of saddleback piglets. They have been doing surprisingly little rooting, even when the ground was softer during recent heavy rain, but I'm sure they will make up for it over the winter.

John



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The Pier: Hannah Phillips

Gardening

IT'S NOT QUITE THE middle of September and there was ice on my car this morning. Ice. I don't know what's happened to our summer this year, but I'm not sure it's going to turn up anytime soon.



Anyway, as this is the last column of the year (yes, already) I thought I'd do a bit of a round up of the season... I have the theme tune of the Sunday evening Top 40 countdown going through my head now, but maybe that's just me! Success of the year – There's actually two or three that I can think of – because of the cooler weather, the begonias have been absolute stars this year; bigger and bushier than ever. And they always last a long time. Angel's Fishing Rods (pictured), what started

off as a 9cm plant three years ago has doubled in size every year – this year I had 14 stems on it (seven last year)... the flowers don't last long but is a stunning plant nonetheless. I think the success for me this year has been the hanging baskets. After a couple of years of dismal efforts, they really surpassed themselves this year.

Longest lasting flowers – apart from the Begonias, I think the argyranthemums have lasted way longer. Bought as teeny plug plants back in March, they started flowering at the beginning of June and are still flowering in the middle of September. But surpassing even those has to be the nemesia (below). Again, bought as plug plants, with a bit of deadheading, they have lasted for months and are extraordinarily gorgeous.

Surprising heartthrob – A few spring to mind – the dahlias were lovely (must remember and put them in the greenhouse for the winter), the lobelia filled many gaps and lasted ages and I was surprised to find out that trailing lysmachia flowers (I know! Who knew...). The plant that I have fallen most in love with this year though is alstromeria. I know, I know... it's fairly common but I've tried growing it in the garden before without much success. I planted into old flower buckets last year and not much happened so this year I fed it well and they really surprised me with the number of flowers and longevity. So, that's my heartthrob for this year (below).



Things for next year – As always, as I wander through the year, new plants come to mind, or I notice something gorgeous in the village that brings me out in a rash of covetousness. This year, I made a list, which is super-organised and very unlike me. The top of the list is a California Tree Poppy. I noticed one when I was looking for a place to turn my car around in the village one day. I had no idea what it was so did a quick Google when I got home... I am so getting one of those next year. The second is Peonies, the pink ones. I usually buy a few bunches when they're in season, and they're not the easiest plant to grow but they're lovely and flouncy and smell nice, and I want some.

Well, that brings us to the end of another season in the garden. The nights are starting to draw in and thoughts turn to the long nights, cocoa and slippers.

It's been a pleasure writing this column for another year and I hope you've got something out of it... even if it's only a shake of the head at my ineptitude sometimes in the garden.

I hope you have a stress-free winter and emerge out the other side for more fun and frolics next spring!

Teresa



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Mon 7

Tues 15

Thurs 17

Sun 20

Sat 26

8am: Guided Silent Meditation

7pm: Guild, at Church Centre

9pm: Evening service of **Compline**

2.15pm: **Church Family Walk**. Meet at church lane.

11am: **All Friends Together**

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4-6pm: **Messy Church** for children and families at

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Sun 27

Thurs 31

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10-12.00pm: **Church Office** open to visitors.

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

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8.00pm: **House Group** – Bible study and fellowship

Tuesdays

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Wednesdays

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

1.30pm: **Craft Group**

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

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

Thursdays

10.30am: **House Group**

11am-12pm: **Table Talk** – chat on Zoom.

Fridays

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

OTHER SERVICES AND EVENTS: SEPTEMBER

Sat 28 11am: **All Friends Together** for adults with learning disabilities

Sun 29 10.30am: **Harvest Thanksgiving Service**
Collection for Prospects Across Scotland.

OCTOBER

Tues 1 7pm: **Guild**, at Church Centre

Sun 6 10.30am: **Morning Worship** followed by **Informal Communion** around 11.45am.

OCTOBER

6 Oct: 9.45am **Sunday Morning Worship**

Refreshments and Fairtrade Stall after the service

13 Oct: 9.45am **Sunday Morning Worship**

Refreshments will be available afterwards

20 Oct: 9.45am **Sunday Morning Worship**

Refreshments will be available afterwards

27 Oct: 9.45am **Harvest Festival with**

Cleish Parish Church

Refreshments, including bacon rolls, will be available after the service. Vegetarian & gluten free options will also be available.

REFRESH THURSDAY

Thursdays 2.00pm - 400pm in the Church Hall

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

FILM NIGHT

Fri 4 Oct 7.30pm in the Church Hall: **BOB MARLEY: ONE LOVE (12)**

Celebrate the life and music of Bob Marley (Kingsley Ben-Adir) who inspired generations through his message of love, peace and unity. Discover his powerful story of overcoming adversity and the journey behind his revolutionary music that changed the world.

Donations of £5 appreciated, including tea/coffee and biscuits.

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

All are welcome

FOSSOWAY CHURCH CHOIR

Our church choir meets every Sunday before morning worship and our wonderful organists run through the hymns that we are about to sing. 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 and welcome new members with open arms.

FOSSOWAY BABIES AND TODDLERS

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

Churches

FOSSOWAY HOUSE GROUP

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

CROOK YOUTH CLUB

Term-Time Weekly Drop In: Every Thursday 6pm-8pm
Come along – it's a space to be, play games, pool table,
football table, snacks and good chats!
For all young people aged 11-19yrs old.

Completely Free!

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

HALL BOOKINGS

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

Cleish Parish Church

Church of Scotland (Charity No: SC003168)

Interim Moderator and Locum Minister:
Rev Beverley Stevenson OLM

Tel: 07584 902508

Email: BStevenson@churchofscotland.org.uk

Session Clerk: Christine Maclure

Email: maclure19@gmail.com Tel: 07704 884584

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

We look forward to welcoming you to worship with us in
Cleish Church, located in the village of Cleish, KY13 0LR.

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

OCTOBER

6 Oct	11.15am	Morning Worship. Traidcraft Stall.
13 Oct	11.15am	Morning Worship
20 Oct	11.15am	Morning Worship
27 Oct	9.45am	Joint Harvest Festival Service @ Fossoway Church (No worship at Cleish)

We meet every Sunday at 9:45 am @ Crook of Devon (Fossoway Church)
& Cleish Church @ 11:15 am for worship and to be among friends.

In a world that has its fair share of ups and downs, from bereavement,
loneliness, health, sadness etc (and the happy times too – we are
no different to anyone else) we seek to get through it all by relying
on a simple faith, by being guided by the love of Jesus Christ and the
friendship of others.

We don't have all the answers and are at different stages in
understanding our faith. Faith is simply a journey of trust that God holds
true and His love will stay with us through everything that life can throw
at us. All are welcome without exception: God's love is unconditional.

You don't need to be a Christian to join us, you may be sceptical, no
previous knowledge, or, simply have a desire to have something in your life
that you feel is missing. So, take a deep breath and don't be put off by the
big brown doors. You will be assured a warm welcome, come in and take a
seat anywhere you please! And find out the other things we get up to.

Orwell and Portmoak Parish Church

Church of Scotland (Charity number SC015523)

Interim Moderator – Rev Alan Reid

Telephone 01577 862952 Email: areid@churchofscotland.org.uk

Locum – Rev Dr Robert Calvert

Sunday Worship, and Junior Church: All children welcome.

10am Portmoak Church; 11.30am Orwell Church

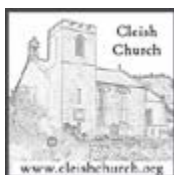
Joint family services with the Praise Band will be held in

Orwell Church, at 10:30am on the first Sunday of each month.

Messy Church will meet on **Sat 26 Oct** from 4-6pm at Orwell
Church. All the usual crafts, fun, and food - see Facebook for details.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: OCTOBER

1 Oct	Guild Friendship Group, Orwell Hall 2.00-3:30pm
3 Oct	Ashley House Service at 2pm.
6 Oct	Joint family service in Orwell Church at 10:30am



followed by a Stovie Lunch to raise funds for our
partner congregation in Mombwe

No morning service at Portmoak Church

18 Oct Tea and a Bletter in Orwell 2:00 – 3:30pm.

25 Oct Oasis Ladies Group, Portmoak New Room 10:15-12pm

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

Office email: orwellandportmoakchurch@gmail.com

Website: orwellportmoakchurch.org.uk

St Paul's Scottish Episcopal Church

**(Part of the Worldwide
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Rector: Fr David Mackenzie Mills

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Email: frdavidkinross@gmail.com

Website: www.stpauls-kinross.co.uk

Facebook: www.facebook.com/stpaulsepiscopalchurchkinross

**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.

Although we don't insist that people wear face coverings, you are
very welcome to do so if that helps you feel safer in public spaces. We
look forward to seeing you in person or online!

Our Meeting Room is available for hire at competitive rates.

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

OCTOBER

Sun 6 ST PAUL'S 150TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

10am: Festival Sung Eucharist

(Celebrant & Preacher: Bishop Ian Paton)

6.30pm: Anniversary Songs of Praise

Wed 9 **10am:** Midweek Meditative Holy Communion

Sun 13 **Pentecost 22 (Proper 28) 10am:** Sung Eucharist

Wed 16 **10am:** Midweek Meditative Holy Communion

Sun 20 **Pentecost 23 (Proper 29) 10am:** Sung Eucharist.

Wed 23 **10am:** Midweek Meditative Holy Communion
(James of Jerusalem, Martyr c62)

Sun 27 **Pentecost 24 (Proper 30)**

10am: Sung Eucharist and Farewell to Fr David



Loch Leven Church

(Charity No: SC049050)

info@lochlevenchurch.com



**Loch Leven Church meets at Loch Leven Community Campus, each
Sunday at 10.30am. Our sermon series from September to December
is *We Believe* and we'll host the following services in October:**

6 Oct: The Human Race (Graeme Gunn, LLC)

13 Oct: The Lord Jesus Christ (Robin Kent, LLC)

20 Oct: Salvation (David Lee, House of Shalom)

27 Oct: The Holy Spirit (Ross Simmons, Tayside Christian Fellowship)

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.



Weekly Programme For October

Monday	Hearing Aid Clinic (7 Oct ONLY)	10am-12pm
	Exercise Class	11.30am
	Games: Indoor curling, quizzes, Scrabble, dominoes	1.30pm
	'Stride for Life' Walking Group	2.00pm
Tuesday	Vision PK (1 & 15 Oct ONLY)	10-11.45am
	Exercise Class	11.30am
	Trishaws	1.30-2.30pm
	Singing Group (1 Oct ONLY)	1.30pm
	Games: Curling, quizzes etc	1.30pm
Wednesday	Church Service	11.15am
	Reminiscence Group Garden Room (2 Oct ONLY)	1.30pm
	Craft Group (NOT 30 Oct)	1.30pm
	Games: Indoor curling, quizzes, Scrabble, dominoes	1.30pm
Thursday	Chiropody Service (3 & 31 Oct ONLY - appts only)	10-2pm
	Interactive Games	11.30am
	Games: Indoor curling, quizzes, Scrabble	1.15pm
	Art Group	1.30pm
	Exercise Class with Kenny from Live Active	2.00pm
Friday	Exercise Group	11.30am
	Trishaws	1.30-2.30pm
	Bingo	1.30pm
	Life Story Books	1.30pm
	Board Games	1.30pm



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

All Activities Subject To Change. Activities May Be Added.

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TEL/FAX: 01577 863869; Email: kinrossdaycentre@outlook.com

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Thursday 0900-1230 & 1330-1700

Friday 0900-1230

Saturday 0900-1230

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LIGHT UP KINROSS

Find us on Facebook: **Light Up Kinross**

SALE OF TOYS, BOOKS, GAMES

SAT 26th OCTOBER 10am-1pm
Garden Room, Kinross Day Centre

DONATIONS

LIGHT UP KINROSS are holding a FUND-RAISING SALE of childrens' toys, books & games. WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE. Donations of these items can be made to the addresses listed below. WE RECEIVE NO FINANCIAL SUPPORT from Perth & Kinross Council. Each year we need to

raise around £5000 to create the display and maintain the lights up to PAT safety standards. PLEASE DONATE to this appeal so we can maintain a festive display in the town. THANKS TO ALL those who have supported us in the past – please continue to do so.

PLEASE LEAVE YOUR DONATIONS AT:

Greens, High Street, Kinross
21 Ross Street, Kinross
10 Rannoch Place, Kinross,



KINROSS PARISH CHURCH

CRAFT GROUP

COFFEE & CRAFTS

WHEN: **SATURDAY 2 November 2024**

TIME: 10.00am until noon

WHERE: CHURCH CENTRE, High Street, KINROSS

ALL WELCOME

Lots of handmade gifts for sale.

Tea/coffee & home baking £3.00pp

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Kinross Parish Church of Scotland
Registered Charity No. SC 06550



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SATURDAY 26TH OCTOBER
8PM

MILNATHORT TOWNHALL – BYOB!

TICKETS £4

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SATURDAY 26 OCT
2PM

MILNATHORT TOWN HALL – KIDS WELCOME TO BRING A BEANBAG!

TICKETS £4- PAYPAL:
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POPCORN AND REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

An Introduction to Saving Scotland's Amphibians and Reptiles project, species ID and ways you can get started with looking out for or surveying herps

by Rachael Cooper-Bohannon, Scotland Coordinator for Amphibian and Reptile Conservation (ARC)

Saturday 5 October 2024 at 10.30am
Millbridge Hall, Kinross, all welcome



MOCC AGM

Thursday 10 October
Milnathort Town Hall 730pm
All welcome, get involved "



Music in Dollar
Eilidh Grant Trio

Sunday, 27 October 2024

Gibson Hall, Dollar FK14 7DU 3pm

Eilidh Grant is a renowned and popular Scottish traditional and folk singer, and the trio also features Fiona Cuthill on fiddle and Stevie Lawrence on acoustic guitar and bouzouki. They create a unique sound which is very popular throughout Scotland and in Europe. Eilidh has a stunning voice which renders beautifully both classic folk songs and original material.

Tickets for each concert cost £12, students in full-time education admitted free of charge. However, Season Tickets provide entry to all concerts in the season and the cost is £40. That's £8 per concert, unbeatable value! These can be bought at this concert.

See musicindollar.org.uk for more information about this concert and the rest of the season.



Kinross Community Biodiversity Mapping

Saturday 5 October

2pm – 5.30pm (drop-in session)

Millbridge Hall, Old Causeway, Kinross

Kinross Vaulting Group Fundraising Event

Save the Date

Come and join your local equestrian vaulting club as we host a Christmas Fayre and Santa's Grotto. Money raised will go towards the club purchasing a mechanical training barrel.

Sunday 1st December. Hillside House, Carnbo



Carnbo & District Community Hall

Upcoming Events

Monday Night Hall Talks: 7.30pm

These informal and friendly evenings commence with an illustrated presentation. Refreshments afterwards. Open to all, bring a friend.

Monday 7 October: Author, Keith Broomfield - "The Wildlife of The River Devon"

Monday 4 November: Dr Anne-Marie Weijmans, St Andrews School of Physics and Astronomy - "Stars & Constellations"

Monday 2 December: Keven Kelly, Loch Leven Brewery - "Craft Beer, An insight into brewing and drinking beer"

Monday 3 February: Cameron Brown - "Fossoway Memories; Places, Stories & Folk"

Monday 3 March: Scottish Squirrels/SWT - "Saving Scotland's Red Squirrels"

Wednesday Carnbo Coffee & Chat Mornings:
10-12 noon

Great opportunity to come together, make new friends. Open to all ages.

Wednesday 16 October, 13 November, 11 December, 8 January, 12 February, 12 March

P & K SCHOOL TERM DATES 2024

Term ends: Friday 4 October 2024

Autumn Holiday:

Monday 7 October 2024 - Friday 18 October 2024

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31 March and 30 September

More information is available on the kinrosscommunitycouncil.com website. Applications may be downloaded at www.kinrosscommunitycouncil.com/contact-us

STEPPING STONES



Weekly in
Kinross Parish Church
Tuesdays, 10-11.30am.

Stepping Stones is
for parents, carers,
babies and toddlers.
ALL WELCOME

NEWSLETTER DEADLINES

In very rare circumstances it may be necessary to change a deadline at short notice. Check the *Newsletter* Facebook Page for the latest information.

Issue	Deadline	Publication Date
November	Friday 18 October	Saturday 2 November
December	Friday 15 November	Saturday 30 November

KINROSS GARDEN GROUP

Thursday 10 October, 2pm

Parish Church, Kinross

Elsbeth MacIntosh

'My life in Alpines'

All welcome to join us

100th BIRTHDAY AND DIAMOND WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Do you know a Perth & Kinross resident who is celebrating their 100th or 105th+ birthday?
Do you know a Perth & Kinross couple celebrating their 60th, 65th or 70th wedding anniversary?

PKC can arrange delivery of flowers or for a local councillor to present a basket of flowers to the person or couple on their special day.

Tel: 01738 475051 Email: CivicServices@pkc.gov.uk

Perth Citizens Advice Bureau

Perth CAB can help you. Our advice is free, confidential, impartial and independent.

Advice line: 01738 450580

Appointment line: 01738 450581



Clients can access advice in the following ways:

- **By calling us** on 01738 450580 between 10am and 3pm any weekday. If the query is quick for us to deal with, we will do so and if it requires more time or research then we will arrange for an adviser to get back to them either via e-mail or with a telephone appointment.
- **Webchat** from our Perth CAB website www.perthcab.org.uk/ this is available from 10am each weekday, currently until 1pm but we hope to expand these hours soon
- **Via e-mail** to advice@perthcab.org.uk

Debt and Money Advice Service

Perth CAB has a team of specialist debt advisers. Advice is free, confidential, impartial and independent. To talk to a specialist debt adviser call 01738 450590 or email David Ogston (Senior Debt Adviser) using the following email address: David.Ogston@Perthcab.casonline.org.uk

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www.culturepk.org.uk/library/mobile-library

Kinnesswood (Opposite Shop)	09.30 – 10:00
Portmoak Hall	10:05 – 10:20
Scotlandwell (Leslie Road)	10:25 – 10:50
Levenmouth Farm	11:00 – 11:20
Causeway Court	11:40 – 12:00
Powmill (Mill Gardens)	13:20 – 13:40
Crook of Devon (Village Inn)	13:45 – 14:30
Carnbo (Pitcairnie Lane)	14:45 – 15:15
Whyte Court (Kinross)	15:30 – 16:00

Contact us by phone on 01577 867205
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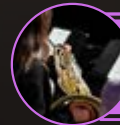
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Cats can be visited, by appointment, at Causeway Cattery, Scotlandwell.

Contact Rhona on 01383 830286.



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SATURDAY	8am-12pm
SUNDAY	CLOSED

Baby & Toddler Groups

MONDAY

Milnathort Babies and Toddlers
Orwell Church Hall 9.30 -11am

TUESDAY

Portmoak Babies and Toddlers
Portmoak Church Hall
9.45-11.30am

Stepping Stones

Kinross Parish Church 10-11.30am

WEDNESDAY

Breast Buddies
Health Centre 10-12pm

Glenfarg Babies and Toddlers
Village Hall 9.30am

Muckhart Babies and Toddlers
Church Hall 9.30-11am

THURSDAY

Montgomery Toddlers
Kinross Gospel Hall 9.30 -11am

FRIDAY

Portmoak Babies and Toddlers
Portmoak Church Hall 9.45-11.30am

Fossoway Babies and Toddlers
Crook of Devon Church Hall
9.30-11.30am

*Please let us know
if you have any
info to add to this list.*



EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS

Medical

Loch Leven Health Centre	01577 862112
Loch Leven Health Centre Out of Hours	01577 865252
NHS 24	111
Perth Royal Infirmary main switchboard	01382 660111
Perth Royal Infirmary (Admissions and Enquiries Desk)	01738 473734
Ninewells Hospital, Dundee	01382 660111
Victoria Hospital, Kirkcaldy	01592 643355
Queen Margaret Hospital, Dunfermline	01383 623623
Rowlands Pharmacy, Kinross	01577 862422
Davidson's Chemist, Milnathort	01577 862219

Police, non-emergency 101

Police, Fire, Ambulance & Coastguard Emergencies 999

Gas (worried about gas safety) 0800 111 999

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PKC Out of Hours emergency numbers

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Homelessness	0800 917 0708
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Roads (e.g. reporting blockage)	01738 476476

Traveline Scotland 0871 200 22 33

Loch Leven Community Campus 01577 867200

Kinross High School 01577 867100

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Have a look at our website www.portmoak.org

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KINROSS RECYCLING CENTRE

Bridgend Industrial Estate

Monday, Thursday and Friday 9am-4pm
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Saturday & Sunday 9am - 4pm
(last entry 3.45pm)

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Bras	Fridges & Freezers	Scrap Metal
Bulky Goods	Garden Waste	Soil
Car Batteries	Stone	Telephone Directories
Cardboard	Glass	Textiles (Clothes & Shoes)
Cartons and Paper containers with metal ends	Household Batteries	Timber
Cooking Oil	Large Domestic Appliances	Car Tyres (maximum two per day, strictly household only)
Electrical & Electronic Equipment (WEEE - remove & recycle batteries separately)	Non-Recyclable Waste (General Waste)	
	Paper	

Free compost available (subject to availability).

A maximum of 2 x 25kg bags per day

Diary

September

Sat	28	Farmers' Market, High Street and Winter Warmer sale, Kinross Church Centre
Sat	28	Jumble Sale and Jamboree Tea (Scouts), Millbridge Hall 10am-2pm
Sun	29	Portmoak Apple Day

October

Tues	1	KHS Free Music Concert in the library, 1.20pm.
Tues	1	U3A Presentation on 'Fire safety in the home'
Tues	1	Fossoway and District Community Council meets
Sat	5	Saving Scotland's Amphibians and Reptiles project (10.30am, Millbridge Hall)
Sat	5	Kinross Community Biodiversity Mapping 2pm – 5.30pm (drop-in session, Millbridge Hall)
Sun	6	Songs of Praise 6pm St Paul's Church (celebrating 150 years)
Tues	8	Science family fun at library
Wed	9&16	Lego Day at the library
Thurs	10	Storytelling Day, library
Thurs	10	Garden Group Meets
Thurs	10	Milnathort and Orwell Community Council meets
Fri	18	Deadline for October Newsletter
Mon	25	Glenfarg Community Council meets
Sat	12	Portmoak Film Club shows Tick, Tick, Boom!
Sat	12	Meet the Police - Community Drop In at the Campus
Sun	13	Kinross and Ochil Walking Group (see club entry for details of walks)
Wed	16/20	Dawn Goose Watch (RSPB)
Thurs	17	Harry Potter Day, library
Sat&Sun	19/20	Art Exhibitions at St Paul's
Mon	21	Kinross Historical Society talk (see clubs entry for further details)
Tues	22	Kinross Community Council meets
Sat	26	Farmers' Market, High Street
Sat	26	Light Up Kinross toys, games and books sale
Sat	26	Sessions on family and local history websites, library (book in advance)
Sat&Sun	26/27	Art Exhibitions at St Paul's
Sat	31	Light Party, Kinross Parish Church

The Kinross Newsletter is available from:

Greens of Kinross	High Street, Kinross	Buchan's Garage	Main Street, Kinnesswood
Premier Stores	High Street, Kinross	Kinnesswood Shop	Main Street, Kinnesswood
Sainsburys	Station Road, Kinross	Fossoway Store	Crook of Devon
Giacopazzis	Lathro, Kinross	Fossoway Garage	Crook of Devon
Keystore More	Green Road, Kinross	Mona's Coffee Shop	Muckhart
Giacopazzis	New Road, Milnathort	Powmill Stores	Powmill
Stewart & Smart	Stirling Road, Milnathort	Loch Leven's Larder	Near Wester Balgedie
Heaven Scent	South Street, Milnathort	Glenfarg Village Shop	Glenfarg