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Letter From The Editor

SPOTTED IN KINROSS-SHIRE earlier this month (thanks Stuart) – the beginnings of a tornado. I can't say the weather has been any more predictable in June. I've been packing for seaside trips with waterproofs, wellies, suncream and swimming gear, just in case! Let's hope for some good spells of sunshine for the school holidays.

I was delighted to hear that George Lawrie has been awarded the BEM in HM The King's Birthday Honours List. George is involved with both Light Up Kinross (who organise our Christmas lights display) as well as Kinross and District Rotary Club (who organise Santa's schedule). He was also instrumental in his role with TRACKS (The Rural Access Committee of Kinross-shire) in completing work on the Heritage Trail around the loch to make it a complete circuit. See p7 for more details.

Things tend to quieten down in July a little as people take a well-deserved break from fundraising activities and from running



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various clubs and groups across the Shire. If you are having a summer holiday away or just at home, I hope you get some rest and relaxation and the weather you are hoping for.

To celebrate our 50 years of twinning, Kinross & District Town Twinning Association are launching PKC's French twin towns' initiative of celebrating Bastille Day within their local communities. See p73 to hear about their plans for Gala Day on Sunday 14 July. It has all the makings of a great day out!

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Hannah Phillips, Editor

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Wind Farms – More Information Needed

NOMINATED AND ELECTED representatives should be primarily focused on defending the landscape of Kinross-shire which could be decimated under the false premise of mitigating global warming using wind energy. The environmental and cost arguments for stopping these projects are now exceptionally strong. The pitifully small community benefits are insignificant.

Scotland previously sought to reduce its carbon contribution to play its part in reducing global warming. At that time it was wrongly assumed that the cost penalties of wind energy on consumers were affordable. It was also assumed that visual acceptability could be satisfactorily resolved by the planning process. Later, when preference was given to large capacity wind projects and planning control was split between central and local control, there was a distinct lack of foresight.

Mainly by switching from coal and oil to gas, UK human-made carbon emissions have been greatly reduced. Unsurprisingly, carbon emissions from Scotland are now insignificant in terms of global warming. The Scottish government stated 'around 0.1% of global emissions' (Ref. CO2 emissions emitted in Scotland vs the rest of the world: EIR release 26 October 2023). That information was based on 2020 statistics and is now considerably less and Scotland's proportion of world carbon is still reducing.

With the present pricing structure, which is outwith the control of the Scottish government, more wind power will result in further substantial electricity cost increases. Electricity costs increased by 55% in the decade preceding the Russia / Ukraine war which also caused further rises. Our domestic unit electricity cost is now the second highest in the world. At this time we need to pursue more effective carbon saving methods rather than encouraging wind energy which increases consumer costs, saves little carbon and decimates landscapes.

Visual impact may be subjective but it cannot be ignored. There is a pressing need for an immediate moratorium on the planning control of large wind projects. Decision making for all land based wind projects should be passed back to local planning authorities. This would allow all implications and the cumulative effect of wind farms to be assessed by only one local body which has the intimate knowledge of our landscape. Rural politicians could stop mistaken decisions being made based on outdated information.

JHR Hampson, Kinnesswood

Dangerous Driving On The High Street

I HAVE NOTICED that there seems to be increasingly more selfish and dangerous driving on Kinross High Street, especially on the southern end between the butchers and the Raj Mahal. Drivers seem to think that they have sole rights to the 'shared' road area and park wherever they like in order to get their takeaways. This is causing increasing frustration for other drivers and road users trying to get down the High Street and there appears to be no sign of police or council intervention. I was almost run over walking out of the Raj Mahal, on the pavement, when a car pulled up onto the pavement at considerable speed and very close (about 1m away) from the open door. If a child had run out of the door this could have resulted in a fatal accident, all caused because a driver couldn't be bothered to park their car sensibly and walk to the entrance of the restaurant.

Parking on pavements, never mind driving up onto them at speed, is highly reckless and this particular corner is constantly used as a parking space when it is a pavement. It's not even as if people can blame 'young hooligans' for this type of behaviour, the driver who nearly ran me over was an older woman who really should have known better.

Does there need to be a fatal accident before someone in authority takes action against this antisocial and dangerous behaviour?

Darren Souter, Kinross

What An Amazing Community!

Joscelyne's Journey

JOSCELYNE WAS POISED for a future filled with promise, excelling academically with straight A's from Kinross High School. She started at Edinburgh University studying Astrophysics last September. At that time she initially thought she had a benign tumour which was troublesome enough causing headaches and double vision, however, this was subsequently revealed to be one of the rarest of the rare brain tumours.

December 2023 saw Joscelyne undergo complex brain surgery and on 20 December she was given the devastating news that she had stage 4 cancer with 12-18 months to live. Six weeks of daily radiotherapy and chemotherapy did not work so her family took the difficult decision to go public with the view of raising the mammoth amount of £250k to provide the potential opportunity for Joscelyne to have specialised immunotherapy.

Since launching this mid-April the beyond amazing amount of over £70k has been raised and so many heartfelt thanks go to the Kinross community who have taken Joscelyne to their hearts.



Tartan Kipper Lifestyle did a fashion show straight away, and there have been many donations made online as well as organised events, including:

- **Kinross Scouts**, (pictured above) who did an 11-mile walk
- **Gabe Inglis and Isaac** (opposite) who climbed Ben Nevis
- **Open Waters and Friends** (below) who did a 'Party in the USA' concert





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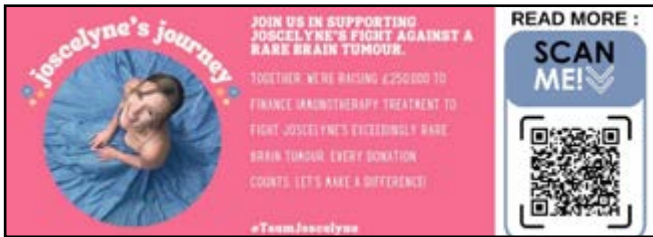
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Thanks & Congratulations

- **Kinross Netball Club**, who had fundraising stalls at their tournament
- **Yoga with Kim**, organised by Nicola Carmichael
- **TriFit**, (pictured on previous page) who undertook a grueling 12 hours of fitness.

Events in June alone have raised over £10,000. And it doesn't stop there with **Oliver Twist Fine Dining** holding black tie Pop Up events on 12/13 July (details on Facebook). If you would like to read Joscelyne's full journey and follow how she is, go to the Just Giving page or follow her on social media. Joscelyne's Journey: www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/joscelynesjourney.

Ann Kerr



Thanks

Portmoak Festival Thanks

AS I WRITE this, Portmoak Festival is nearly at an end. There is only a second chance to take part in pickleball and the Jazz Night to go. Everything has gone really well with a few new events this year. The children and community concert organised by **Adelaide** attracted an audience of about 100 and showed some amazing musical talent. The sun shone kindly on us all for music in the orchard organised by **Vicky**. Thank you both for all your hard work and to all the performers who took part.



For the first time we had day craft workshops, mosaic and weaving. The participants in both worked hard and produced lovely pieces of art. This would be well worth repeating. The cream teas were popular as usual and lots of people were pleased to visit the art exhibition and meet friends to catch up. There were new ladies running the pudding club and all three nights did very well. The money raised by these events helps the groups who organise them or goes straight to festival funds. The raffle is also a great fundraiser. Thank you everyone who took part in the festival and everyone who came along to join in activities. There will be a full report next month!

Norma Smith, Portmoak Festival

Carnbo & District Community Hall

THANK YOU TO everyone who came along to the **CADCHA AGM** on Wednesday night! What a great turnout. It was much appreciated. Six of the current committee have offered to stay on, with Sheila deciding to step down. Sheila was presented with a pot plant and thanked for all her work as secretary for two years and latterly as a general committee member. The change to our constitution, allowing a larger committee was discussed, voted on and accepted; meaning we can now have up to nine

committee members. In the past, we have had a more balanced committee, including full-time workers, parents with young children and younger individuals. If you could spare a few hours to volunteer as a committee member, we would love you to join us!

Pizza Via came to Carnbo Hall Carpark on 30 May. The weather was glorious and there was a great community turn out to enjoy delicious pizzas on offer from Pizza Via. Also thank you to Kinross Tangent for holding their AGM at the hall and boosting the pizza orders! Thank you to everyone who came along to the duck race and June BBQ. 1st duck home was Callum Greer, 2nd Richard Iain Scott, 3rd Olivia Millar. Well done! Thank you to Nicola Dibley and Diane Timmins for being at the finish line to catch the ducks. A few were nearly lost but all were rescued!

Upcoming BBQ events at 5pm: Sunday 7 July, Sunday 4 August Sunday 1 September. Carnbo Hall is available for private hire. Contact carnbohall@gmail.com

MARY SCOTT would like to thank her **family, friends, neighbours and Orwell Parish Church** for their kind messages, cards, gifts and flowers on the occasion of her 90th birthday.



Congratulations!



CONGRATULATIONS TO **Caitlin Cox** of Scotlandwell and **Tom Smith** of Kinnesswood. They came first and second in our Scotlandwell Anagram quiz, sold at our Plant & Bake Sale in May. Both winners have won a gardening voucher. Thank you to everyone who took part in the quiz.

A BIG THANK YOU to **Turffit** who very kindly donated a trailer load of bark which the in-bloom team have used to smarten up the area behind the Wash House and around the planters next to the cemetery gates at the top of the Howgait – the donation is very much appreciated.

Elaine Carruthers, Scotlandwell in Bloom

CONGRATULATIONS TO the girls from Fossoway Primary School who set up and ran a bake sale in aid of CHAS. They made £280, an amazing sum. They were presented with their cheque for CHAS. Well done, girls! Left to right are **Abbey, Emma, Robyn, Zara and Olivia**.



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MANY CONGRATULATIONS TO George Lawrie of Kellieside, Kinross on being awarded a British Empire Medal (BEM) in HM The King's Birthday Honours List.

The British Empire Medal (BEM) was established in 1922 and is awarded for meritorious civil or military service, worthy of recognition by the Crown. The BEM was awarded to subjects of the United Kingdom until 1992, after which time it lay in abeyance. It was specifically reinstated in June 2012, for HM The Queen's Diamond Jubilee, specifically to reward and honour those who work in the charitable and voluntary sectors.

George Lawrie has had agricultural interests in the Kinross area of Perthshire all his life. He has had multi-faceted, hands-on involvement with all things natural, farming and rural in that part of Scotland, and wider. George is known as a big-hearted, larger than life character – fun, and ebullient, and he gets extraordinary things done.

He sits as a volunteer, unsalaried, Trustee/Director on a wide variety of boards, all Scotland rural or agricultural-based. The depth and spread of his commitments is quite remarkable.

He is a stalwart member of both the Light Up Kinross team and Kinross and District Rotary Club, running many successful fundraising and community engagement ventures, including the very popular Santa's Sleigh round the whole local area, in all weathers.

On hearing about his award, George told the *Newsletter*: 'This came a total surprise, but it is an honour to be recognised for something you enjoy doing. As someone who has lived in Kinross-shire all my life I am passionate about the area.'

President of the Kinross And District Rotary Club, Jo Middlemiss MBE, said: 'This is such great news – our club's heart beats strongly because of members and doers like George. He is a great giver, always has the Yes Can Do words on his lips and just loves working for the community's advantage. He is Mr Santa Sleigh and loves doing it. We are proud to call him a Rotarian and a friend.'

Two major achievements which stand out are his Tractor Ride round Scotland, for the Royal Highland Education Trust (RHET) – a great media capturing endeavour – for the benefit of educating hundreds of school children about rural matters – from 'Farm to Fork', and raising a large sum of money along the way, for RHET.

The second extraordinary achievement, which has transformed this whole part of Scotland, is his 10 year project to complete the track around Loch Leven – a superb location in its own right – but now accessible in its entirety.

As Project Officer for TRACKS (The Rural Access Committee of



Kinross-shire) George's major success was to complete the trail all around Loch Leven. Scotland's biggest lowland loch was finally 'unlocked'. For the first time ever, people could make a complete circuit of Loch Leven either by walking or cycling, via a trail which links a wide range of cultural and historical sites.

This marked the completion of a ten-year project, masterminded by George, which involved painstaking negotiations, Lottery funding applications, and trail design, in order to safeguard the largest concentration of breeding ducks in inland Europe, as well as tens of thousands of overwintering geese. The Heritage Trail is now a safe, off-road trail that runs for a total distance of 21km (13 miles) around the shores of Loch Leven, and links together over 30 natural and cultural heritage sites. His perseverance against many obstacles – physical, planning, monetary – paid off and his success has meant an increase of visitors to the area that can literally be measured in thousands.

Planning for the Heritage Trail started in 2004 and the project secured £3 million in funding from national and local agencies.

Alan Laidlaw, CEO of Rhass (Royal Highland Agricultural Society of Scotland) said of George, 'When he was Chair of the Royal Highland Education Trust (RHET), until May 2023, his dedicated, tireless work with that wonderful charity was inspiring.

'He embarked on an extremely motivating, and huge publicity-generating charity tractor ride around Scotland over a week, raising awareness and funds (over £15,000), educating children about rural affairs – his 'Farm to Fork' programme – and going into many schools all over Scotland.

'RHET went from strength to strength under his leadership, bringing literally thousands of young people a better grasp of things agricultural and rural, plus bringing them to the farm to get a better feel for that life on site.

'People often ask him what hat he is wearing today. He also somehow manages to make time for his much loved family. His life has been one of service before self. He is very worthy of recognition by His Majesty for his dedicated commitment over 40 years, to land, farming and rural based organisations in Scotland in a very wide variety of ways.'

Many Kinross and District Congratulations on this Royal recognition, George – we're proud of you!



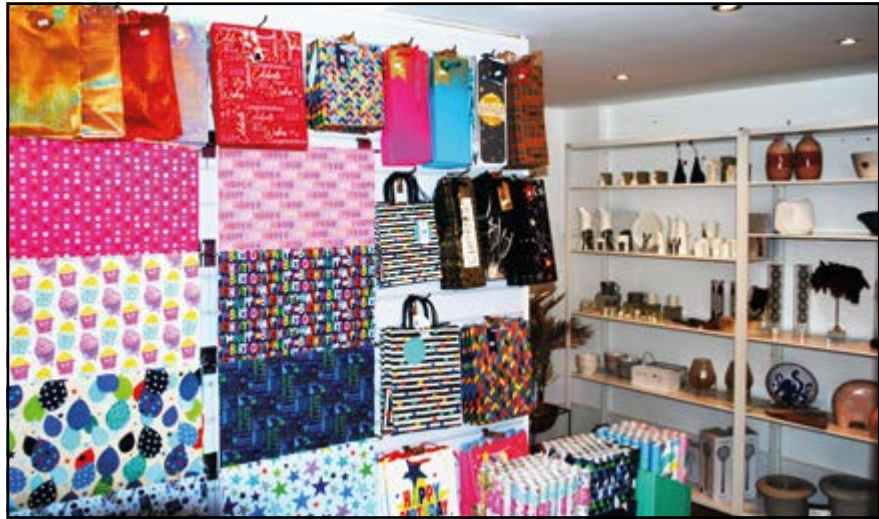
TIME FOR *CELEBRATIONS!*

KINROSS BUSINESSMAN RICHARD SCOTT is the proud new owner of the newest addition to the High Street - gift shop *Celebrations!*

Richard (who also owns the CIA cleaning company and Loch Leven Laundry) and his team have turned the new shop into an Aladdin's cave full of cards, gifts and balloons. Whatever you need to make your celebration go with a swing can be found there: a substantial range of greetings cards for all occasions, wrapping paper, gift bags, balloons of all kinds and affordably-priced gifts of all shapes and sizes – including the alluring wall panel pictured below.

Many people will be glad to see another business coming to the High Street in Kinross. Richard had initially thought about turning the shop (previously the cafe/gift shop *Avant Garde*) into a private gym, ideal for those recovering from injuries or who just want to book a private space to work-out. Although it won't be happening right now, it's still on the horizon for him.

Richard and his new team are excited to welcome you to the new shop and look forward to meeting you when you are next out shopping in Kinross. The shop officially opened on Saturday 22 June.



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PORTMOAK CC OBJECTS TO BRUNT HILL WINDFARM

AT ITS MEETING ON 11 June, Portmoak Community Council decided to object to the proposed Brunt Hill windfarm proposal along the following grounds:

- These proposed wind turbines are massive industrial structures which would transform the view of the Ochils from the south, completely altering its landscape quality and diminishing its natural beauty.
- Within the Ochils hill range these wind turbines would seriously impair the public enjoyment of the hills for walking, cycling and other activities that are based on the natural beauty and wild quality of the countryside, unimpeded by industrial structures.
- The intrusion of large turbines into the skyline would spoil views of the sunset for much of the year and would require aircraft warning lights. The Christmas tree effect on the hills would be far removed from their present dark and tranquil appearance.
- The hills around Loch Leven are important, at a UK level, for air sports including hot air ballooning, hang gliding, para gliding as well as activity by gliders and other small aircraft. The possibility of direct impacts from collisions or indirect impacts from the air turbulence created by rotating blades is of concern.
- The Ochils have already been impacted by significant wind farm and transmission pylon development and no more giant turbines should be permitted in this hill range. The cumulative impact limit was reached some years ago. Any further wind farm approvals would set a precedent for further erosion of landscape quality and amenity value.
- Additional wind farms would require a new overland power line to connect to the national grid at the Westfield energy park, impacting the scenery around Loch Leven.
- These proposed wind farms are not needed to meet UK renewable energy demands – there is already a waiting list for grid connections from prospective wind farms far in excess of the UK's maximum requirement. Future wind farms should be located in offshore locations, not on land, with subsea cables used for long distance transmission.
- There should be a presumption in Kinross-shire in favour of small scale wind turbine development, with turbines no taller than 50 metres to the vertical blade tip and located close to farm buildings, helping to meet local energy demand.

Dave Morris, Vice-Chair of Portmoak Community Council, told the *Newsletter*, 'The primary purpose of gigantic wind turbines on our hills is to provide huge profits to corporate interests in far-away places. The place for such turbines is well offshore, along with



Fossoway Windfarm Meeting

FOSSOWAY & DISTRICT Community Council are calling an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) on 9 July, 7-9pm at the Elizabeth Wilkie Hall in Crook of Devon.

An EGM has been called to discuss and finalise the CC response to the Brunt Hill wind farm planning application. <https://brunthillinfo.co.uk/section-36-application/>. Please come along and share your views.

Fossoway & District CC has received an extension to date for comments from the Energy Consents Unit (ECU).

a levy applied to each turbine. The funds secured through such a levy would allow for the establishment of a Scottish sovereign wealth fund, equivalent to that enjoyed in Shetland and Norway as a consequence of North Sea oil and gas development. A fund based on offshore wind farm development could be used to benefit local communities across the whole of Scotland. At present, however, the integrity of our planning system is being eroded by developers who seek planning approval through the temptations of "community benefit". This favours the few, not the many. A wealth fund should benefit everyone, everywhere and not be dependent on living in the shadow of industrial monsters.'

The Brunt Hill application will be determined by the Scottish Government's Energy Consents Unit and representations should be sent to representations@gov.scot quoting reference ECU00004654. All representations should be received by the ECU not later than 28 June 2024 although Scottish Ministers may consider representations received after this date. In due course PKC will also make their views known to the ECU. If possible you should copy your ECU representation to PKC at developmentmanagement@pkc.gov.uk and to our four local councillors, mentioning the PKC reference number for this wind farm application: 24/00716/ECU36.

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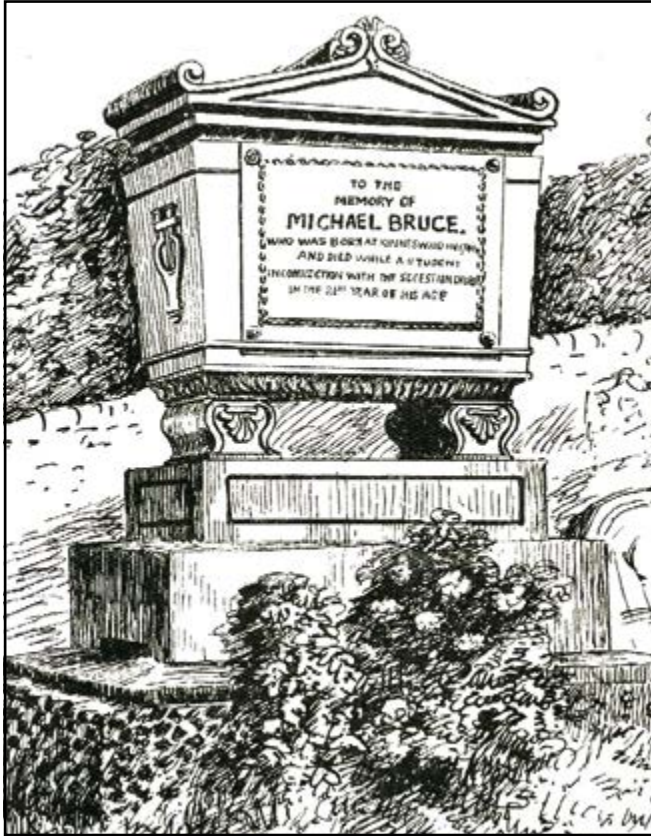
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SERVICE FOR THE GENTLE POET

Commemoration of the life and work of Michael Bruce to be held this month

THE ANNUAL SERVICE held to commemorate the life and work of the Kinnesswood-born poet Michael Bruce (1746-67) will take place in Portmoak Parish Church at 6.30pm on Sunday 7 July.



The Service will be conducted by the Rev. Dr Robert Calvert and the address will be given by the Rev. Professor Ian C Bradley, MA, BD, DPhil, a celebrated writer and broadcaster in addition to being Emeritus Professor of Cultural and Spiritual History at the University of St Andrews.

Following the service, a wreath will be laid on the poet's grave by Dr David Munro, MBE, Chairman of the Michael Bruce Memorial Trust and the event will close with the serving of tea and coffee. All are welcome.



TRAFFIC DELAYS FEARED IN CENTRAL KINROSS

GAS MAINS REPLACEMENT works scheduled for a section of Springfield Road threaten to be problematic for Kinross traffic for a three-week period beginning 8 July.

The closure to vehicles of the section of Springfield Road between Whinfield Drive and the Muirs means that traffic will be forced along the Muirs to Station Road before accessing Springfield Road from the far end. Delays are anticipated and drivers are advised to bear this in mind.

For more information on upcoming road restrictions, see our Traffic Notices section on p57.

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DR DONALD DUNCAN BEQUEST COMMITTEE

THE ABOVE COMMITTEE have for many years provided bursaries for educational purposes for applicants whose parents were resident in Kinross at the time of their birth and who have received at least three years' education in the County of Kinross (primary or secondary school).

Applications are welcome from anyone meeting these criteria and who are to undertake further education. This includes attendance at university, college, or other establishments as long as the Committee is satisfied as to the course or training in question. This includes full-time or part-time studies. Awards may be given for one year and subsequent years at the discretion of the Committee.

Please note that a maximum of five awards will be given to any applicant.

Applications must be lodged by 30 September 2024 to be considered at the Committee meeting to be held later in the year. Application forms can be obtained from Andersons LLP, Solicitors, 40 High Street, Kinross KY13 8AN or by emailing mail@andersons-kinross.co.uk

COMMUNITY RESILIENCE GROUP

KINROSS COMMUNITY COUNCIL is looking for your views on setting up a local resilience group. Resilience groups are a way for individuals, groups and local businesses to support their communities through challenging situations. Coming together to prepare for emergencies and disruption can help everyone to cope better, particularly more vulnerable people.

May saw localised flooding in Kinross-shire with 60-90mm of rain falling in an hour. The worst affected areas were Bowton Road, Smith Street and Cleish.

Some of the duties of the group would be

to carry out welfare checks on the elderly and vulnerable, and to distribute sandbags during difficult times, whether that be flooding, power outages or storms. This doesn't mean doing the job of the emergency services. It's about making sensible preparations so that all the skills, knowledge and commitment in your community can make as much difference as possible when needed.

Frank Campbell, Parking & Civil Contingencies Officer, PKC, attended a KCC meeting wishing to highlight community resilience.

Mr Campbell advised that PKC were working with social care partners and the emergen-

cy services in respect of community resilience and he was looking for the CC's opinions and thoughts on the possibility of setting up a community resilience group in the area.

The CC are now considering options for a storage point for supplies e.g. sandbags, bottled water, blankets etc. Funding is and could be made available. If you are interested in finding out more, or are part of a community group that would like to get involved, please email kinrosscommunitycouncil@gmail.com.

Ready Scotland has created an online learning hub. Find out more at <https://ready.scot/get-involved>.

BEAVERS DONATE TO TRISHAWS



KINROSS-SHIRE TRISHAWS were absolutely thrilled to receive a donation of £465.50 from the Beavers.

The children undertook a sponsored walk from Kirkgate to Burleigh and back – around 5 miles – to raise the funds.

As a little thank you, volunteer Trishaw pilots took all the Beavers out for a spin on the trishaws one sunny Friday evening to let them have a little go at experiencing the fun and happiness their passengers get to enjoy.

Pictured with the children are trishaw pilots, Michelle Gibb (L) and Kim Kilgour (R) and Beaver Leader Grant MacDonald with Trishaws Chapter Captain, Kirsteen Ross receiving the cheque.

Kirsteen said, 'We really appreciate all the terrific support from the local community. All the smiles and toots from passing cars, the willingness of local people to stop and chat with our passengers, the kindness of those that raise money for us and make do-

nations. Those that work and volunteer in the community to help get passengers out on the trishaws and families that encourage their loved ones to have a ride with us. Thank you all so much'.

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K.P.S. SUMMER FAYRE'S A WINNER!



KINROSS PRIMARY PARENT COUNCIL Summer Fayre was held on 15 June. Despite the weather trying hard to dampen the spirits, parents worked tirelessly and managed to get together enough gazebos to ensure that anyone who wanted to could stay dry. Visitors were treated to an amazing barbecue, indoor refreshments, games like Beat the Goalie, a whole host of stalls from glitter tattoos to plants as well as, of course, a teddy tombola and a chocolate raffle, not to mention entertainment on the stage from Matthew Dance Academy, Dance Connect and KYTHE who all gave performances.

There was a fabulous turn out and over £4100 was raised between the raffle and the stalls, an amazing amount of money. These funds will go towards providing arts, culture and additional STEM experiences for the children of Kinross Primary and Nursery.

Organisers said, 'We'd like to thank all the local businesses and groups who donated towards our raffle, stalls or otherwise helped us raise such a brilliant sum. Many thanks to the volunteers on the day for their enthusiasm, and to all who came along to support the school.'

... AND SO IS THE GLENFARG BUS!

AT THE RECENT Scottish Transport Awards, held at Glasgow's Marriot Hotel, Glenfarg Community Transport Group were delighted to be presented with the Best Bus Service trophy by comedian Jo Caulfield. A room of over 400 people saw Douglas and Drew lift the prestigious award, beating the seven other shortlisted services in their category. GCTG were also shortlisted in the Most Innovative Transport Project 2024 category.



Drew Smart (GCT Chair and Founder), Fiona Hyslop, Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Douglas Fraser (GCT Treasurer and Founder)

BEST BUS SERVICE NOMINEES

- **Glenfarg Community Transport Group:** The 55 Bus
- **Lothian Buses:** Airlink Service 100
- **McGill's:** ClydeFlyer
- **McGill's:** Unilink
- **ScotRail:** Glasgow Station Bus Link
- **Scottish Citylink Coaches:** Service 902: Glasgow to Edinburgh Airport
- **Stagecoach East Scotland:** JET747
- **Stagecoach North Scotland:** Aviemore Adventurer



Hot on the heels of their success, the group are now working to extend the service to West Kinross-shire with plans to resurrect the old 23 service between Kinross and Tillicoultry. Full details next month!

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ALL CHANGE AT COUNTY FABRICS

COUNTY FABRICS HAVE LAUNCHED plans for a new store and associated small business units. They held a consultation coffee morning back in May as part of a three-day-event which celebrated 40 years of the business, all of which has been based in Crook of Devon, and about 30 of these years spent in the mill.

Owner Katie told us, 'We love being here but the lack of warehousing and delivery issues on a road that leads to the school makes our operations very difficult. The new traffic lights, that I think are brilliant as a road and pedestrian user, have exacerbated these issues for us.

'I have looked for alternatives within Kinross-shire and we have just not found anywhere that would allow us the combination of retail and warehousing space that we need. Therefore, I am looking at building a beautiful new shop.'

'I have also incorporated three other businesses because I believe there is a shortage of small business units for rural enterprise and that this inhibits our rural economy. These units are also required to make the development financially viable given the infrastructure costs.

'The design is in a very concept stage, but my idea is that it looks like a collection of attractive farm buildings. I would have loved to replicate the repair shop but the vaulted thatch roof was just a tad too expensive!

'I'm a huge believer in bricks and mortar retail and the contribution it makes to a vibrant rural community. Non-essential retail is now an experience-based business. To continue to thrive and grow we now need to move with the times to a building that is fit for purpose.

'The little veg shop is a sentimental



idea of mine. I am old enough to remember when there was a fruit and veg shop across the road at the Poplars. I know from personal experience how hard it is to sell fresh produce at a profit when selling via wholesalers so I wanted to have a facility where local producers could sell their stock direct to the consumer. It could also provide a space for kids to learn about growing and cooking their own food. They could then visit CF for a workshop on how to sew and make basic repairs. My teenagers think I am crazy but I think these skills are vital, given current cost of living and environmental issues.'

As with many developments, there are concerns from local residents about the potential impact on the environment and landscape. One objector has described the new development as 'a new 5 building industrial park complete with a car park for 30+ cars, all on prime green belt land

off the A977'. Concerns were raised about building on green belt land in a biodiversity champion village, There is also concern about increased traffic on the already busy A977.

Others claim that the PKC local development plan identifies brown belt land suitable for redevelopment. A resident told us, 'In Crook of Devon/Drum and Kinross itself there are multiple industrial development sites being opened up which seem far more suitable sites than building on green belt land.'

Katie said, 'When we held our consultation coffee morning about 30 people attended and the vast majority were positive although clearly there were a few people who had concerns. We have taken on board many of the points raised and are reworking the plans to take account of various suggestions. We aim to submit a planning application in June.'



How the new shop and retail units could look

Church News

MODERATOR ROLE FOR REV ALAN REID

REV ALAN REID was appointed the new Moderator of the Presbytery of Perth at the Presbytery's meeting in June. Alan, who is minister at Kinross Parish Church and Interim Moderator at Orwell and Portmoak Parish Church, took over from Rev Donna Hays of Sidlaw Parish Church.

The Presbytery of Perth was formed in 2023 from five previous presbyteries. It stretches from Montrose to Drymen and is the largest in Scotland in terms of its number of churches. Alan's appointment will last for a year. Congratulations, Alan!



Alan Reid and predecessor Donna Hays at June's Presbytery meeting



SEUSSICAL THE MUSICAL

LOCAL THEATRE-GOERS were in for a treat in June as a production of Seussical The Musical came to Loch Leven Community Campus.

Pupils at Kinross High School worked hard to put on three fabulous nights of per-

formances which wowed their delighted audience of parents and the community. Well done to all who took part in making and performing such a vibrant and colourful production – it showed great talent all round.

Just what the Doctor ordered!

CALEDONIA PLAY DEVICES A.S.N. SWING

A MILNATHORT-BASED outdoor play equipment manufacturer has launched a new swing specifically designed for children and adults with additional support needs.

The Super Swing is specifically created with special educational needs and disabilities in mind.

'Inspiration for the swing came from conversations we'd had with parents,' explained Caledonia Play's MD Jamie Bruce Jones. 'Many relied heavily on a swing because the

vestibular activity is calming and therapeutic.'

A world-record attempt provided the ideal scenario for a test run. Jamie said, 'We had an unusual request to build a swing that could endure a man repeatedly swinging on it over an extended period. We created a particularly tough bit of kit that would do the job.'

The job was the attempt by Kinross man Richard Scott's attempt to register the longest time (36 hours and 32 minutes) ever on a swing, as

recorded in the *Guinness World Records 2024*.

Richard proved the swing would withstand constant use over a prolonged period. The Super Swing shares its DNA with a world-record breaker!

Jamie said, 'We want it to be a permanent fixture in people's gardens, despite repetitive and spirited use.'

The new swing can be classed as zero-rated for those with a recognised disability or illness, making it exempt from VAT.

STRAWBERRY TEA AT THE DOLLAR MUSEUM



DOLLAR MUSEUM IS holding its popular annual Strawberry Tea in the Burnside Hall, Dollar, on Wednesday 17 July from 2.30pm to 4pm. Stalls will sell baking, books and items from the shop. This is an important fundraiser for the Museum, which is entirely volunteer-run and receives no public funding.

The Museum opens at weekends until Christmas: 11am-1pm and 2pm-4.30pm on Saturdays and 2pm-4.30 pm on Sundays. Entry is free. Contact dollarmuseum@btconnect.com or see the museum website.





Glendale Security

A New Era for security and fire safety



Glendale Security, a locally trusted name in security solutions since 1990, is under new management.

Adele Wilson, 41, steps up as the new owner, buying out her father and bringing a new energy to this well regarded local business. Adele, a mum of two, naturally has a passion for home safety when it comes to her two young daughters. She is determined to continue the company's legacy of excellent service when it comes to providing safe homes for Glendale customers.

'It's more than a business to me; it's about safeguarding our local community, their home's security and peace of mind, when it comes to ensuring fire safety for their families,' says Adele. 'I grew

up with the company and I am dedicated to upholding our ongoing commitment to excellent service, while also bringing new innovative solutions to home safety.'



In a field that is traditionally male dominated, Adele, whose team is mostly female, are all determined to provide top-tier service to the local community. Her passion for safety, especially in fire prevention, adds to the company's core values of trust, reliability and community focus. Glendale Security's commitment to customer service is evident in its tailored approach to each client's needs.

Adele continued, 'Every home in Scotland must have interlinked smoke and heat alarms under recent regulations. Being interlinked means if one alarm goes off, they all go off. You may not always hear the alarm closest to the fire, especially if you're somewhere else in the house. The truth is most homes still aren't compliant with the new law and I want to provide the very best value to my local community to make sure everyone's home is up to the required legal standards but, more importantly, safe.'

Adele wants to ensure that the company remains at the cutting edge of fire and security technology, recently launching their new wireless fire and security solutions for homes and businesses alike.

'The risk of fire in the home isn't something to be ignored – it should be planned for and prepared for with the simple systems that we can provide.'

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NO DRAMA AS BARBARA HANGS UP HER TAMBOURINE AFTER 23YRS

BARBARA BRETT, THE MUCH-LOVED drama teacher who has taught children's drama classes in Kinross-shire for 23 years is finally hanging up her tambourine to enjoy a well-deserved retirement.

Barbara has nurtured and developed children who attended the DramaKids drama school (previously Helen O'Grady) both in Kinross and Glenrothes and has seen a staggering 8,800 children go through her doors in that time.

The drama academy focuses on the development of young people, through dynamic and curriculum-driven drama classes, helping children to build their confidence and self-esteem and improving communication and social interaction skills.

Many Kinross parents will have fond memories of queuing on the stairs at the Kinross Church Centre with their excited offspring who could not wait for a Saturday morning to come round, so that they could let off steam and be creative, performing in a marvellous safe space every week.

Barbara says 'It wasn't the high days with the shows and the productions put on for parents to watch that gave me the most joy but the everyday milestones and moments.'

She says the greatest job satisfaction has come from watching the enthusiasm and stimulation of the children in her care.

'Feeding off their energy has been marvellous. I have loved every minute.'

Some of the children would have had a relationship with Barbara that lasted longer than that with most of their school-teachers, seeing her every week on a Saturday for up to 12 years.

One parent told us, 'I can't thank Barbara enough for all



her years of dedication and all she has done for my children. I have watched them mature into articulate, confident teenagers and I am very sure she had an important role to play in their development.'

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21 st July	Moses - <i>Robin Kent, LLC</i>
28 th July	Joshua/Communion Sunday - <i>Steve Osmond, SOLAS</i>
4 th August	Rahab - <i>Michael Forde-Hyde, Hope City Church, Edinburgh</i>
11 th August	Gideon - <i>Jim Crooks, Hillbank Church, Dundee</i>
18 th August	Samuel - <i>Stephen Jones, LLC</i>
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CART FIND ME LOVE?

Milnathort In Bloom seek help repairing old cart near primary school

COULD YOU HELP? Anyone fancy a project in aid of the local community?

The old cart based on Stirling Road, near the Milnathort primary school is getting near its end. The woodwork is rotten, and



it will not last into 2025. If Milnathort in Bloom cannot get it fixed, they will have to remove it completely. They have some funds saved to help pay for the wood.

It would suit someone who had a working knowledge of woodworking. Milnathort in Bloom have tried to get help from the various local organisations but despite expressions of interest have had no luck to date. Their own expertise is mainly horticultural.

Although they have planted it with nasturtiums as a holding action it is available whenever it suits you to take away. It is a decorative cart only and the wheels are on separate metal stands. It is dangerous in its present condition and is falling apart.

Peter Reeve, co-chair of Milnathort in Bloom told the *Newsletter*, 'In a perfect world, we just need something that looks like a cart, but will hold flowers. If all else fails, we will try to do it ourselves over winter.'



If you can help, please give him a ring on 07766 190358 or contact Milnathort in Bloom via their Facebook page.

End of Life Aid Skills (EASE) Training Course

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN attending a free course that aims to better equip the public on supporting those who are

caring, dying or grieving? The 'End of Life Aid Skills for Everyone' or EASE course has been developed by the Scottish Partnership for Palliative Care. P&K Health & Social Care Partnership (HSCP) plan on delivering this to public groups and individuals to build the knowledge and skills needed to support family, friends, neighbours and their community.

Individuals are sought who would consider becoming facilitators. The aim is that community members become facilitators and roll out the training themselves. This aims to develop community resilience.

The training will take place on Wednesday 31 July and Thursday 8 August at Murray Royal Hospital. If you would be interested please email Scott Sweaton, Clinical and Professional Team Manager at scott.sweaton@nhs.scot. For more information, please contact fmatthews@pkc.gov.uk. Alternatively, please visit: www.palliativecarescotland.org.uk/content/publications/18-End-of-Life-Aid-Skills-for-Everyone.pdf

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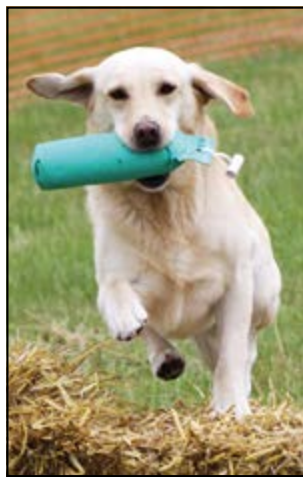
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Family Friendly

UNDER 16S ARE free at Kinross Show, (when accompanied by an adult). Parking is free and so are the buses that pick up around Kinross-shire on Saturday 10 August to make access to the show field at RSPB Loch Leven easy and affordable for all. The star attractions are the livestock and the show is the best place to see local farm animals looking their best. Judging takes place all morning and there is plenty space to watch the classes or wander down through the pens to see the sheep and cattle up close.



Over in the main show field you can find the goats and to the east of the field there are all types of horses and ponies. There are activities for children going on in the edu-

cation area and a couple of performances throughout the day by a magician this year. The tractor bouncy castle will return with a smaller inflatable for younger children too.

With more areas set aside for picnics, families can unwind watching the main ring or chill out at the entertainment stage. Pedal tractor racing will take place in the main ring in the afternoon – it's open to all so get in touch with the secretary to register your interest!

Business Friendly, Too!

KINROSS SHOW HAS a popular trade stand area with over 50 outdoor pitches for local businesses. The friendly and relaxed atmosphere offers a great opportunity to meet new customers or chat with established contacts. If you are an artist or crafter there are table top stalls avail-

able in the Arts and Crafts marquee to sell your goods from.

If your business would like to be involved then please complete the application forms on the website and send to the secretary at kinrossshow@gmail.com

Flower Show

THE FLOWER SHOW is open to anyone with green fingers. If you are a house plant enthusiast or your vegetables have had a good season, or if the flowers in your garden look like they will be blooming in August, then there will be a class for you. If you bring one entry or a car load then you will be made very welcome. The schedule for the Flower Show, which also includes children's classes and eggs, was printed in the May edition of the *Newsletter* and is available on the Kinross show website.

See the Kinross Show Facebook page for further information. Final details will be printed in the August *Newsletter*.





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MEET THE CANDIDATES

It probably hasn't escaped your notice that a **General Election will be held on 4 July. Here are the six candidates vying to be your next MP, telling you in their own words why they believe your X should mark their spot. The choice is yours - just make sure you vote and remember your Voter ID!**



SALLY HUGHES

Independent

MY NAME IS Sally Hughes. I'm an Independent Candidate for Independence.

I'm from Perth... lived here 52 years. I went to Perth High School and when I left I worked a variety of agricultural jobs throughout Perthshire. I became a lab technician at Burt Marshall Lumsden dyeing bleaching mill in Luncarty, before it closed, and in my mid twenties, I was fortunate enough to get my dream job, as a Police Officer in Tayside Police. I spent 25 years on the beat, all of it in this area. They said then, and it remains true today, it was a job like no other.

So, I should be feet up and retired. I look around however, and I see everything broken, including party politics. The left is not doing what it is meant to. The right is not doing what it is supposed to. That means there are no checks and balances.

I see the damage caused by Brexit, wars on two fronts – escalating. I see businesses closing and energy bills sky high, when energy is being exported from Scotland many, many times over its own needs.

I've never seen it so bad.

Independence for Scotland is now an urgent matter of survival and its going to take Independent voices to fight for it.

Scotland is a Powerhouse of energy production being made poor by the actions of Westminster. This must be rectified.

The damage caused by Brexit is away to be made worse ten-fold with the rolling out of Green/Freeports and Special Economic Zones, eighteen of which are planned for Scotland. 75 km in diameter, tax-free, self-governing, exempt from the laws of the land, with the power to carry out compulsory purchase. And ALL of the political parties are pushing this, and being extremely quiet about the details.

Meanwhile Grangemouth, Scotland's only oil refinery is to close, with the work, the jobs and the wealth going south... and it's Scotland's oil. Scotland is the 25th biggest oil producer in the world. For it not to have its own refinery is asset stripping at its worst and will impact every household in Scotland, every trip to work, every bag of groceries will cost more.

The Greenport in the Forth takes in Grangemouth refinery... Jim Ratcliffe has already submitted fracking license applications.

If you send me down to Westminster, I will fight, fight for my beautiful Scotland and our beautiful part of it.

My name is Sally Hughes, I am an Independent Woman, of Independent Mind and in an Independent Scotland, we can put the heating back on.



Sally Hughes

GRAHAM COX

Scottish Labour Party

WE ALL KNOW the saying that there are only two certainties in life; death and taxes. Well there is a third; elections....albeit this one was a surprise to even the most seasoned political pundit. So, in amongst the summer holidays and the late evenings in our area, we get the chance to vote for the party that will best deliver for us locally over the next 4-5 years.

The short notice election period arguably undermines its importance; the next government will be confronted with some of the greatest challenges over the last few decades. After serving our nation in 27 counties across the globe, many of which were in conflict zones, it's clear democracy should never be taken for granted. Watching people die through lack of medical facilities, war, and famine is a stark reminder of how fortunate we are in Kinross-shire.

Of course, things are not perfect in our area and many unnecessarily suffer through lack of healthcare, a reduction in sports facilities, a shortage of support for the elderly (offset significantly by Nan and team at the amazing Kinross Centre), the cost of living (mitigated by the wonderful team at Broke Not Broken) and a creaking transport infrastructure.

Following 28 years of national and international senior leadership experience I hope to offer you the change you want.

Living locally, I've witnessed first-hand the deep cuts we've seen across local bus services, healthcare, education, and road maintenance. Change is something we all desperately need.

Of course, you would expect nothing less of me to say that Labour will make a difference. For those of you who know me, I mean what I say (possibly a character flaw). Labour genuinely does have a costed and realistic plan to fix most of these issues. From additional doctors' appointments to lower long-term energy bills to a social care contract, Labour will make things better. What helps is having a Labour MP to represent your wants and needs within a Labour Government.

Indeed, as of 1st June, the polls show the SNP are 1st locally with Labour a close 2nd (*source: Electoral Calculus*). So, we may well have a Labour MP come 5th July but whether you choose to vote Labour or SNP, I just kindly ask that you vote, please. Many of my former team members and colleagues gave their lives fighting for our freedoms. You have the power to make the decision.

To ensure our local area has a strong voice in Westminster, please trust me to be that strong voice by voting Scottish Labour. Let's send a government – not a message.



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HELEN MCDADE

Reform UK

I HAVE BEEN lucky enough to live in beautiful rural Perthshire for 20 years, working locally for most of that time. I grew up in the far north of Scotland and, apart from a year working in Kent, I have lived in different parts of Scotland which has given me an understanding of the similarities and differences throughout the country. I qualified as a veterinary surgeon and worked as one for a number of years. Once I had children, I helped in a family business and then campaigned on ME at the Scottish Parliament. This led me on to work in charity organisations in communications and public affairs. I campaigned on environmental matters, latterly campaigning to protect our wild peatlands from industrial energy projects. I have been retired since 2019 and continue to campaign on key issues, including the need for a secure energy supply and the dangers of the Net Zero targets and the economic and social damage from the lockdowns. I was a member of the SDP in the 1980s standing as a General Election candidate in 1987. I was an Independent candidate for the Scottish Parliament in Mid-Scotland and Fife, campaigning to 'Save Local Hospitals'.

I have not been a member of a political party since the 1990's until joining Reform. I am dismayed by the decline in people's quality of life over the last two decades. Reform has a comprehensive costed contract, outlining how we would resolve key issues such as the failing economy, cost of living, particularly the costs of food and energy, health and social services and education. These have all declined due to policies which are often agreed by all the main political parties. There is no significant opposition. All the main parties support Net Zero policies which would stop exploration for North Sea oil and gas – costing Scotland over 100,000 jobs. Labour, Conservative and SNP would continue massive subsidies to multi-national renewable companies – to build huge wind and solar power developments, including the ones threatening the very special landscapes around Kinross-shire. These policies have led to massive job losses in the North Sea and in steel and manufacturing industries. Reform would revoke Net Zero policies and invest in energy which comes from within our borders.

Our farmers have been badly let down. Political parties have ignored the importance of having food produced in Scotland. Reform would put £3bn into farming subsidies in the UK. Family sized farms are hugely important in rural areas. Reform would reduce red tape on farms of under 500 hectares, allowing them to be managed by those who know best. Our children have been badly affected by loss of schooling in lockdowns and are now confused by being taught that there are multiple genders. Reform would ban critical race theory and gender ideology in primary schools, allowing teachers to restore Scotland's excellent education system.

Reform's policy on immigration would still allow NHS and social care workers to come into Scotland and indeed would give tax breaks to those who chose to work within the NHS for some years. However, it would tackle the immigration crisis. It seems obvious that if a net increase of 1.4million people have come into the UK in the last two years then that will have contributed to the huge increase in housing costs, pressure on health and other services and adversely affected job opportunities. This has an effect in Scotland as we then get less of the financial 'cake', through the Barnett Formula.

If you want to see Scotland reformed, vote Reform UK.

Helen McDade



LUKE GRAHAM

Scottish Conservative and Unionist

KINROSS-SHIRE IS A fantastic place to live and work. Over the past (almost) 10 years of living in Perth & Kinross-shire I have been fortunate to attend a range of events from the Portmoak Festival to Kinross Rugby Club events, local farmers' markets, as well as the recent Kinross Spring Market. Not to mention frequenting many local businesses, cafes and pubs around the county – all of which show the energy, history and heart of Kinross-shire.

Despite the many assets and opportunities in Kinross-shire, recent developments have led to a strain on local services and roads. Both of which have not received the level of investment they deserve. Any new MP should work with Holyrood and the local Council to address this.

Although politics has become increasingly negative, a local MP can still have a positive impact on their constituency. Especially if they focus on local priorities and use our voice in Westminster to secure more funding, more opportunities and work to find common solutions to common problems. This means working with all levels of government (Westminster, Edinburgh and the local council), as well as local people, businesses and charities to deliver real improvements.

I don't just think this can happen, I know it can – when I served as MP for Ochil & South Perthshire 2017-2019, I held over 300 advice surgeries and secured UK Government funding for Aerospace Kinross, as well as millions of pounds of UK Government funding for other projects across our area.

If I am elected, I want to be positive and ambitious for Kinross-shire, focusing on local priorities and make a tangible difference for the better. My plan for Kinross-shire:

- Support local businesses and secure more investment in our local services – Fight for business rate discounts denied by the SNP, set up a public investment body and secure more funding from UK and devolved governments.
- Stand up for our farmers and rural communities. I will be a rural champion in Westminster and ensure that rural Kinross-shire is not ignored – Demand fair funding from Holyrood, ensure food production and security are at the heart of agricultural policy, champion young farmers and establish partnerships to encourage more young people into farming and agriculture.
- Stand against more housing developments without proper investments in new health, educational and road infrastructure. Challenge the local council on new developments that do not meet quality standards, campaign for more road and path funding, fight for increased educational and NHS services, including restoration of an NHS dentist in Kinross-shire.
- Support the Kinross Open Spaces Action Group (formerly No Road in the Park).
- Campaign for a Perth to Edinburgh rail connection, with a stop in Kinross-shire.
- Fight against the proposed SNP cuts to the Perth Royal Infirmary and our community health facilities .
- Fight for more opportunities locally for young people, including for study, housing and work – Set up a 'young entrepreneurs' group with local businesses, work with local council and developers to provide more affordable housing, push for more funding for our leisure services, work with local council and MSPs to strengthen our local schools and provide more apprenticeships, training places and opportunities to build resilience
- Protect our natural environment, promote renewable energy, work to lower local people's energy bills.

I will of course hold the SNP to account for their failures, but my focus will be serving as a positive voice for our area, around our constituency and in Westminster.

I hope I can have your support at this election,

Luke Graham



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AMANDA CLARK

Scottish Liberal Democrat

I WELCOME THE opportunity to introduce myself as the Liberal Democrat Parliamentary Candidate for Perth and Kinross-shire. As a resident of Scotlandwell, I am proud to be standing in the constituency where I live. I recently took early retirement, after thirty years of teaching, to become a carer for our learning-disabled son, Archie. I balance my caring role with volunteering with various community groups in the local area and also fundraising for cancer charities.

There are an estimated 2.4 million of us unpaid carers in the UK. Many of you will be a carer or be cared for by an unpaid family member at some time in your lives. You may have seen the interview with our leader, Sir Ed Davey, talking firstly about being a young carer for his dying mother, and now for his disabled son, John. As a Liberal Democrat, I am passionate about caring for carers.

Indeed, it was my colleague, Wendy Chamberlain, of North East Fife that led the Carers' Leave Act through Parliament. This entitles carers to a week's unpaid leave. We have opened the door to give legal protection to those who are trying to balance the cost-of-living crisis with working and caring. Yet, we know there is so much more to do. If elected, I would be working hard alongside Wendy to continue to advocate for carers.

But it's not only carers that we care about. The Liberal Democrats' priorities at any election are health, education and the economy.

Everyone has a right to good healthcare. It can take weeks to see a doctor and there has been no investment in NHS dentistry leading people to resort to DIY treatments! Kinross is a dental desert. As an unpaid carer I have an hour's round trip to a dentist in Perth and have to pay privately.

As a teacher, I know that education is a devolved matter, but it is still a top priority. Scotland used to have one of the best education systems in the world. Alarmingly, we have tumbled down the international education rankings. It's time to give Scottish teachers the support and resources needed to make it the best again. I would hold the Scottish government to account for the promise of 3,500 more teachers and classroom assistants.

I am also extremely concerned that families are having to constantly fight to get what they deserve for their children with additional support needs. They are exhausted with paperwork and appeals, not to mention daily care for their special ones. I know because we've been through it too. Due to funding cuts specialist support staff are losing jobs and yet there are still limited places in special schools.

We need to repair the broken trade deals with Europe. My husband manages a small manufacturing business, employing local people, and exporting to European customers. Too often his attempts to develop the business have been thwarted by extra paperwork and issues with sending prototypes through Customs post-Brexit.

As a retired French teacher, I am looking forward to taking part in the 50th Anniversary celebrations of Kinross' twinning with Gacé in Normandy. It's a shame that people can no longer travel to and work easily in Europe. Liberal Democrats DO want to return to the heart of Europe, and eventually the single market but we want to take the rest of the UK with us.

If elected as your MP, I would be a Champion for Carers, and a strong advocate for parents, teachers and families as well as joining the vanguard to get us back into Europe.

Amanda Clark

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PETE WISHART

Scottish Nationalist Party

IT IS FANTASTIC to be able to introduce myself to readers of the *Kinross Newsletter*. There is certainly a lot at stake at this election, which will be just days away by the time this reaches your doorstep.

In these tumultuous times, and where trust in politics is at an all-time low, it has never been more important for you to be represented by someone who is experienced, trusted and reliable.

I have had the honour of being an MP for a Perth and Kinross constituency since 2001. My constituents have put their faith in me at the ballot box six times before, and in return, I have worked tirelessly to ensure that I represent them to the very best of my ability.

Whilst I haven't represented the Kinross-shire area in the past, I have thoroughly enjoyed getting out and about in the area recently to visit local residents, businesses, and charities such as the brilliant Rachel House. It will come as no surprise that the number one issue I am hearing is about the cost of living.

One such visit was to the Kinross Farmers' Market. It is hard to think of a sector that has felt the recent economic turmoil more acutely than the farming sector, largely as a result of Brexit and Liz Truss's mini-budget. My previous constituency was one of the most rural in the UK, and having previously been the SNP spokesperson at Westminster for the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, I understand acutely the issues that are currently being felt right across the sector.

It goes without saying that I voted against Brexit, the mini-budget and the many other policies that have caused such damage to the economy; and I have never shied away from holding the government to account on the policies that do not serve the interests of my constituents, or indeed Scotland.

I have also been the Chair of the Scottish Affairs Select Committee for almost 10 years; the only Westminster committee exclusively dedicated to enhancing the interests of Scotland. We have conducted countless reports over that time; including one on how to address the specific challenges of Scotland's rural communities when it comes to the cost-of-living crisis. We also produced a report on access to cash, which I know is a particular concern in Kinross and Kinross-shire.

But my commitment to standing up for my constituents hasn't just happened at Westminster. Throughout my time as an MP, I have assisted tens of thousands of constituents, and in the past year alone, have helped secure over £85,000 for constituents through the representations I have made on their behalf.

I have also got behind a range of community campaigns. Recently, this has included fighting to halt cuts at UHI Perth, helping to secure additional funding to address localised flooding issues, and fighting to save lifeline bus services.

I hope this gives you a flavour of what you could expect from me as your MP. With your vote, I vow to continue to use my position to help the constituents I represent and support local communities through the challenges they are facing, both locally and nationally.

The final point I would add is that this is a Westminster election, exclusively about a verdict on the UK Government under the Conservative Party. After 14 years of austerity, Brexit and the cost-of-living crisis, presided over by the likes of Liz Truss, Boris Johnson and Rishi Sunak, this is a vital opportunity for voters to get them out. In Perth and Kinross-shire, I am the only person who can do that.

Pete Wishart

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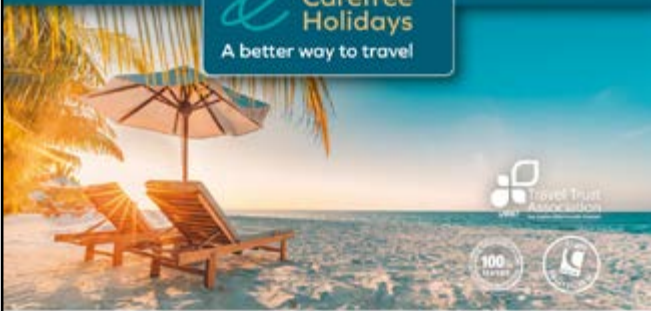
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Lindsay Ross Ballantyne

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SARAH RANKIN COOKS

ITS BARBECUE SEASON and, whether you're grilling sausages under an umbrella while everyone else sits indoors or slow smoking and roasting a leg of lamb while an adoring legion of hungry guests mill around on your beautifully manicured lawn, this is the time for cooking outdoors.

I always opt for sides duty. The thought of being chained to the barbie for a whole afternoon does not appeal. How on earth would I put away two bottles of prosecco with tongs and a meat thermometer in my hands?

So if asked what job you'd like; plump for



salads, these are easy to do, look fabulous and will give people plenty to pile on their plates even when the protein

is running low. They also double up as a rare sight at a barbecue – something for the non-meat eaters that isn't grated cheese. Not only adding a bit of colour and texture, they can be as imaginative and flavour-packed as you like. And secretly padding out the protein offering with bright and crunchy veg is affordable as well as healthier for your guests.

These are a few summer salad options that work beautifully with grilled meats or fish and are ready as quick as a flash – leaving you minimal time without a drink in your hand...

BBQ SALADS

CABBAGE, BEETROOT & APPLE SLAW WITH WALNUTS

A GREAT SLAW is a must for outdoor dining, there is something absolutely delicious about the crunchy, freshness of a cool salad that pairs so well with a hot, juicy steak.

This one is quick and simple, which is as you know my mantra for all things in life. Shred half a red cabbage and add to a large bowl. Grate in a large, unpeeled bramley apple and a small, raw beetroot. Mix 1 part lemon juice with 3 parts extra virgin olive oil and add 1 tsp wholegrain mustard and some lemon zest. Toast 2 handfuls of walnuts until they just start to go golden and add to the dressing. Pour over the slaw and mix well.

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THERE IS SOMETHING really special about this bitter leaf that I just love. It works cooked or raw with so many dishes, and is wonderful baked. In this instance though, we are just peeling off the leaves, add a few sliced preserved lemons and tossing the lot with a dressing made with lemon juice, extra virgin olive oil and some elderflower cordial. So simple and tasty and a perfect foil to oily fish like mackerel or salmon.

Simply toss them with oil, crushed garlic and some lemon zest and cook at 200°c fan for 30 minutes. Serve with...

ROASTED RADISH

A HERBY MAYO mixed with mint, parsley and more lemon zest. Don't waste the tops either which can be wilted and served like spinach. Do make sure to cook the tops, they have a rather unpleasant furry texture when raw which disappears once they've been wilted in boiling water with some crushed garlic.

GRIDDLED COURGETTES WITH LIME RICOTTA

I VERY OFTEN make these as a main for any non-meat eaters, but they will work very well as a plated side too. For serving as a main; split a mix of yellow and green courgettes in half lengthwise and scoop out some of the central seeds. Take a tub of ricotta and add the zest of a lemon and good twist of black pepper. Stuff the centres of the courgettes generously with the ricotta mix and wrap loosely in foil. Bake in the cooler part of the barbecue for around 20 minutes or until beautifully tender. Drizzle with olive oil and season with sea salt to serve.

For a plated version, slice the courgettes into lengthwise slices and brush with olive oil and grill directly on the grill or on a very hot griddle pan. Turn when nicely coloured and finish cooking. Place on to a large plate and crumble the same ricotta mixture over the top before serving.

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HAPPY 100TH, ALEX!



Alex Fraser with his family and Flt. Lt. Iain Eagle at The Green Hotel, Kinross.

WAR HERO ALEX FRASER REACHES HIS CENTURY

ALEX FRASER WAS BORN in Sandport, Kinross on 29 May 1924, the second youngest of six children: Marion (Mairne), David, Mary, Catherine (Kate), Alex and Richard (Dick). They were all born and brought up in Kinross and attended the local school for all their studies. Alex's parents died when he was quite young, and it was left to the family to bring them up.

Alex left school aged 14 to go into apprenticeship with local carpenter, Bobby McGee and, when war broke out in 1939, as this was a Reserved Occupation, he was not eligible to join the forces until he was 18, which he did, joining the RAF in 1942.

His first posting was to Donibristle in Fife, near Dalgety Bay for his basic training then, following on from this, Alex went to RAF St Athan in South Wales for Flight Engineering Training.

In 1944 Alex, found himself joining the first of the newly formed 'Night-time, Precision Heavy Bombing' squadrons, 630 Squadron at RAF East Kirkby in Lincolnshire, where at the age of 19, he shared a Lancaster bomber over Germany, to carry out Bomber Command's night raids over industrial Germany. In a time of high casualties and aircraft loss, Alex and his six fellow crew members made it virtually unscathed through their allotted 30 missions over Germany without losing either a crew member, nor their aircraft. However, due to the extremely heavy loss of flight crew and aircraft within 630 Squadron, there were insufficient crews left to complete the raids and so they were allocated a further six missions, again successfully.

Following the war, Alex married Jean Lafferty, from Dunfermline and had two sons who both tragically died at quite a young age. Alex did no regular flying for three years and instead went to RAF Lossiemouth, where he was based in the Maritime Reconnaissance

Unit developing his skills as a Flight Engineer on other aircraft including the Avro Shackleton. Following service there he was posted to Northern Ireland for 2-3 years to continue working on other new aircraft.

In the 1950s, Alex was transferred to RAF Lyneham in Wiltshire, home of the RAF Transport Command, where he began flying on more different aircraft, developing his skills further and,

Flt. Lt. Eagle presenting Alex Fraser with a gift from RAFA and RAF Leuchars





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when the fleet were transferred to RAF Brize Norton in the 1960s following withdrawal of the USAF, Alex went with them as part of 10 Squadron. Over the years he continued to progress and, as a result of this, found himself Flight Engineer on a Vickers VC10, where he was given status and security clearance to fly VIPs to and from their destinations.

He has great memories of the time he escorted Princess Diana and Prince (now King) Charles returning from their honeymoon and also several tours with Prime Minister, Margaret Thatcher, until he retired as a Warrant Officer Master Engineer in 1984 with a King's Commendation For Valuable Service In The Air from HM King George VI and a further Queen's Commendation For Valuable Service In The Air, from HM Queen Elizabeth II.

Since his retirement, he has lived for many years in Sidmouth, Devon where he has been an active part of his local community and was always ready and willing to help out whenever anybody had any engine problems with their cars.

Following the death of his wife Jean, he always liked to return to Kinross around his birthday. This year was very special, as it was his 100th birthday and he celebrated this with all his family of nieces and nephews, with their partners, who joined him, David Fraser and Pauline Sharp-Stevenson from Kinross, Nancy Barron from Perth along with others from Yeovil, Stirling, Tillicoultry, Arbroath, Alloa and Auchinleck, on Saturday 8 June at the Green Hotel in Kinross.

The Green Hotel is a very special place to Alex as he used to go past the hotel four times each day going to and from school and it



Alex with Flight Lieutenant Iain Eagle, 2nd in command at Leuchars

brings back lovely memories of his childhood and growing up in Kinross.

He was also overjoyed to be joined on the day by Flight Lieutenant Iain Eagle, Deputy Officer Commanding, Leuchars, who congratulated Alex on his centenary and thanked him for his 42 years' service. Flt. Lt. Eagle then presented him with a print of a VC10 that Alex flew in with 10 Squadron RAF. Alex still has many happy memories of his time in the RAF and was very proud to share them and show Flt. Lt. Eagle some of his logbooks from over the years.

It was a fabulous day of celebration and memories with maybe a few tears too! Alex had brought a few items of old memorabilia for everyone to see and we really must thank The Green Hotel and particularly the staff for the first class service and excellent meal they supplied us with and for going the extra mile to ensure this was such a successful day and that Alex's 100th birthday celebration was such a success.

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KIM GOES TO THE PALACE

ON 17 MAY I HAD the honour of being invited to attend the Royal Garden Party by the Not Forgotten Association at Buckingham Palace, along with my guest and neighbour Morag MacLeod and another ex-WRNS colleague Shelagh Fraser.

Garden parties have been held since the 1860s at the palace as a way for the monarch to recognize community members for their public service.



It was during Victoria's long reign that the first Garden Parties were hosted in the Buckingham Palace garden.

The very first event took place on 22 June 1868 with Queen Victoria describing the event in her journal: 'The afternoon splendid, & not too hot'..

quantities of people on the lawn whom I had to recognise as I went along...it was very puzzling and bewildering'.

The Not Forgotten Association

In 1919 American soprano Marta Cunningham visited a Ministry of Pensions hospital, having heard that there were 'perhaps a handful' of soldiers wounded in WWI still residing there. She called on the Matron and asked if she had a few lonely patients who would like to come out for tea. The Matron looked surprised and replied that there were in fact 600 injured patients



lying in the hospital, with many more across the country. Marta was horrified by what she saw:

'Could these wasted, listless men be the once adored youngsters, who, but a few years, nay months ago, went so dashingly, with a swing and a song to the Nation's rescue? Alas and this was their reward, suffering, silence and loneliness.' An avid charity worker during the Great War, Marta soon set about contacting her friends to organise tea parties, concerts and outings for those able to attend.

During one of these early



invitations one injured soldier said: 'We don't want no charity Miss, we are forgotten by everybody and we'd better stop so.' But, undeterred, on 12 August 1920, Marta formed the 'NOT FORGOTTEN' Association for the 'comfort, cheer and entertainment' of the war wounded and within a year some 10,000 men had been entertained.

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Unfortunately I was poorly at the time but the great GPs at Loch Leven Health Centre managed to get me well enough to travel down with a course of antibiotics. We arrived in London late on Thursday evening at the Union Jack Hotel. We had a quick bite to eat, then an early night, to be up early for the big day on Friday. Much of the activity at a Garden Party takes place on the 5-acre camomile lawn between the garden front of the palace and the lake with tea tents set up on the lawn. The weather held for us, not a bit of rain fell – the sun shone!

We set off in some special taxis that had been laid on for us to get us to the palace on time and in comfort. We shared the taxi with a wonderful woman from the RAF called Rosemary and her escort Tom, who was a real gem, getting us to the correct access points and letting us know what we needed to say and do. We managed to get into place well before the crowds arrived, as we were on a special guest list to be presented to the Not Forgotten Patron, HRH Princess Anne The Princess Royal and Vice Admiral Sir Tim Lawrence.

The royal party appeared on the terrace and we stood and sang the National Anthem. The salute was received by HRH the Princess Royal accompanied by Admiral of The Fleet Sir Benjamin Bathurst.

There were many celebrity guests to keep us entertained. As ever the Chelsea Pensioners were in attendance. We had access to all the gardens right along to the lake which was an oasis of calm away from the buzz of the party itself – it was beautiful. The Band of the Irish Guards played by kind permission of Major General James Bowder OBE, General Officer Commanding London District and Major General commanding (The Household Division and will perform under direction of Captain Peter Brydon).

We met a distant cousin of mine Andrew (Vern) Stokes Garrison Sergeant Major of London. He is the Organiser of State Ceremonial events that are the epitome of Britishness; a gentle man who is modest, exacting, understated, but always impressive.

He had the extraordinary task of overseeing ceremonies of a scale and significance not witnessed for 70 years. After a busy summer marking the Platinum Jubilee, the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II in September 2022, prompted the planning and delivery of a State Funeral and the Coronation of King Charles III.

We were invited to the celebration dinner after The Garden Party for Anne McGinley's 25 year of service celebration and to celebrate the work of the Not Forgotten and raise some funds. All in all it was a wonderful few days.

Kimmy Stokes



A MELODIC TRIBUTE

Kinross Pipe Band Receives Generous Donation

IN A HEARTFELT GESTURE echoing the spirit of community and remembrance, the Kinross Pipe Band has been gifted a cherished set of bagpipes, once belonging to the donor's Uncle John Galloway. This gracious donation, made by Marion Gray in memory of her daughter, Louise McAllister McAleese (nee Miller), resonates deeply with the band's heritage and Marion's familial ties to the area.

Louise, a vivacious soul with a passion for music, left an indelible mark on those around her. From her early days joining in with school performances to pursuing her

Marion's connection to Kinross, though forged through Louise's endeavors, extends further back through the legacy of her uncle, John Galloway. Born in Ballymena, Northern Ireland, in 1910, John's musical prowess and kind-hearted nature endeared him to all who knew him. His life's journey took him from Airdrie, where he started out as a coachbuilder, through the bustling streets of Birmingham, and eventually on to tranquil Devon, yet his love for music and teaching remained constant.

John's devotion to the bagpipes, coupled with his talent for composing tunes, enriched the lives of many. Whether leading the Birmingham Scottish Pipe Band or imparting his knowledge to eager youngsters, John's legacy of music and mentorship endured. His notes, penned in moments of inspiration, continue to echo through the generations, a testament to his enduring spirit.

Marion's generosity, rooted in love and remembrance, ensures that both John's and Louise's legacies live on, their melodies intertwined with the soul of Kinross itself.

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Marion Gray presenting her Uncle John's pipes to Pipe Major Stuart Scott, with her family and members of the Kinross Pipe Band



Louise McAllister McAleese 1977 - 2023

Marion's donation, their harmonious journey continues, each note a tribute to the past and a promise for the future.

In this act of kindness, we find solace and strength, a reminder that even in the face of loss, the music of the heart endures.

Nigel Kellett



Memorial plaques on the drones commemorating both John Galloway and Louise McAllister McAleese

love for music through higher education, Louise's vibrant spirit found expression in every note she played. Her journey eventually led her to establish the Airmid Herbal Practice in Kinross, where she blended her musical roots with her passion for herbal medicine.



John Galloway 1910 - 1978



EIGHTY YEARS ON

A party from the King's Own Scottish Borderers went to Normandy to pay tribute to their fallen comrades and were welcomed with open arms



JUNE 2024 MARKED THE 80th anniversary of the D Day landings and the beginning of the Normandy campaign, in which 1 KSOB and 6 KOSB fought, both taking heavy casualties, especially in the break-out battles around Caen.

A KOSB party of 35, led by the author, recently conducted a five-day Battlefield Tour to mark the 80th anniversary of the KOSB actions during the Battle for Normandy. 1 KOSB landed on Queen/Red beach (part of SWORD) on D-Day itself, taking low casualties that day. 6 KOSB landed later, unopposed, on D+9.

However, 225 KOSBs from both battalions were later killed in action in the Normandy Campaign, most of them in the breakout battles around Caen in Operations Epsom (The Scottish Corridor – the famous 15th Scottish Division), Goodwood and Bluecoat.



Andy with The French Mayor of Grainville Sur Odon, Normandy, Emmanuel Gilbert and Mr John Pollock, KOSB member.

The tour focused on 1 and 6 KOSB's actions in Normandy, France, covering the pre-battle history and preparation of the battalions, the beach landings, the fighting in and around Caen, and the subsequent break out battles in Normandy. The tour placed 1 and 6 KOSB's actions within the wider context of the Battle for Normandy, and some generic sites (non KOSB specific) were also visited, including Pegasus Bridge and the sensational British Normandy Memorial at Vers sur Mer, overlooking Gold beach.

There are numerous, immaculate CWGC cemeteries, and we vis-

ited four of those where Borderers lie, and told some of their stories. The tour concluded with an Act of Remembrance, taken by our own Padre at the very beautiful, quite small, and least visited of all – St Charles De Percy, CWGC Cemetery, SW of Caen.

The party were very kindly given lunch at Chateau Belval, where a terrible battle took place on the River Odon area, and the Regiment lost 160 casualties. They then marched into a tiny village, Estry, which we liberated, with a full French reception, and a 'Vin D'Honneur' party. Even now, the French do not forget what we did for them.



Very special for us, our evergreen 98-year-old, Douglas Baldwin of 6 KOSB, joined us for parts of the tour – an amazing gentleman. The Mayor met our bus with tears streaming down his face. It was a very humbling and emotional tour.

Andy Middlemiss BEM DL



LOCAL VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Millbridge Hall

Booking Secretary: an essential role in managing hall reservations, liaising with the caretaker and treasurer. Your contribution will directly impact the accessibility and use of this community space.

Treasurer: responsible for monthly invoicing to the various groups, payment of bills and budgeting for the halls, working with the management committee, to ensure ongoing sustainability. Email invoicing@millbridgehall.org

CATCH Loch Leven

Raising our profile with the community is becoming a top priority for us. If you have relevant skills and experience in social media communication and are looking for a worthwhile outlet for your energies we would love to hear from you at info@catch-lochleven.org.

The Potager Garden

A small community garden in Bowton Road Kinross. Contact Amanda James on 07963 476803, or amandajames1577@gmail.com.

Broke not Broken

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

Greyhound Rescue Fife

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

KLEO

(Kinross-shire Local Events Organisation): If you enjoy local events on your doorstep, like the monthly Kinross Farmers' market and the winter festival events (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@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.

SSAFA

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

Kinross-shire Day Centre

We are looking for volunteers to serve meals and help with day trips and activities, such as bingo and singing, for a lively bunch of over-aged teenagers (over 65s). Pop in and speak to Nan or telephone 01577 863869.

Milnathort Town Hall Committee

We are looking for volunteers. For more information please contact us at milnathorttownhall1@gmail.com.

Volunteering with Aberlour!

We are currently recruiting new volunteers to support Aberlour, Scotland's Children's Charity. Visit www.aberlour.org.uk/volunteer.

SPARKS

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

Scotland's Gardens

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

Duke of Edinburgh

The Kinross-shire Duke of Edinburgh Open Group has a wide range of adult volunteering opportunities available. Contact us at dofekinrossshire@gmail.com.

Interested in Guiding?

Volunteer with Girl Guiding and help make a difference to the lives of girls. If you would like to volunteer call Alison on 07764 750212.

Friends of CHAS Kinross

Do you enjoy meeting people? Making a difference? Planning fun and creative events? Then please think about Friends of CHAS – Kinross. Contact community fundraiser Lyndsay Stobie at: lyndsaystobie@chas.org.uk or 07557 370746.

Kinross-shire Volunteer Group & Rural Outreach Scheme

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

Guide Dogs Kinross

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

1st Kinross Cubs

1st Kinross Cubs is a part of the 1st Kinross Scout Group and offers the young children of Kinross-shire the opportunity to gain new skills and experiences under the guidance of the Scout Association. Contact Daryl kinrossbeavers@hotmail.co.uk.

Kinross in Bloom

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

ORGANISATIONS: To add an appeal, email the Editor. Please let us know if you no longer need your appeal to be listed.

Councillor Richard Watters



Decarbonising Council Refuse Vehicles

AT A MEETING of the Climate Change and Sustainability Committee in February, Elected Members agreed to trial the use of HVO fuel (Hydrotreated Vegetable Oil) as an alternative to diesel in six of the council's refuse vehicles for a period of three months.

After some initial work on the fuel storage tanks at the Friarton depot in Perth to accommodate the new fuel, the trial period commenced at the beginning of May and will finish on Sunday, 4 August. If the trial proves to be successful, the council will consider extending the use of HVO fuel throughout all the refuse vehicles and more widely throughout the council's councils fleet of larger vehicles.

This trial is an exciting step forward for the Council, making changes that will have an immediate impact to reduce carbon emissions from our fleet. This is the first step we are taking to decarbonize our fleet, but it is a significant step and I'm confident that at the end of the trial, we will see the results we are looking for and lay the foundations for further carbon reduction measures going forward.



Cllr Liz Barrett, Vice-Convener Climate Change & Sustainability Committee, and myself at the PKC Friarton Depot in Perth.

The hope is that through this trial we can gain experience in the use of HVO as we seek to embrace measures to move away from traditional fuels, including rolling out the use of HVO fuel to our larger vehicles over 3.5 tonnes. This will provide a considerable step forward in reducing the Council's carbon footprint generated by its larger fleet vehicles, without the need for significant capital investment, to introduce the use of Hydrotreated Vegetable Oil (HVO) as an alternative to diesel. Changing the type of fuel we use will allow us to reduce CO2 emissions from our HGV fleet by up to 90%.

It is estimated that the Council's fleet creates over 2,690 tonnes of CO2 each year. Replacing the Council's cars and vans with electric vehicles could also help reduce the Council's carbon footprint by 600 tonnes per year but will be more challenging as it will require a significant amount of investment in the vehicles and supporting infrastructure.

Councillor Richard Watters

Councillor Willie Robertson



Westerloan, Milnathort

THE RECENT HOUSE fire in Westerloan which led to the closure of the road clearly showed the vulnerable position residents relying on Westerloan to access their houses are in. I and many others protested when the planning application for the Pitdownies housing site was lodged as all the traffic from these new houses would need to use Westerloan as their access. This also applies to the Pacehill housing site. I said that the requirement of a road linking the Pitdownies estate to Stirling Road should be a planning condition to both relieve traffic pressures in the village centre and allow an alternative access route if Westerloan was closed for any reason. I was told my request was an unreasonable ask of the Pitdownies developer. Now we can all see the problems local people have encountered with the closure of Westerloan. I am of the strong opinion that we can't allow developers to build more and more houses without insisting they provide the necessary infrastructure to accommodate them – in this case the greatly increased traffic volumes now totally dependent on Westerloan.

Verge Cutting

I AM ALREADY getting complaints from drivers trying to exit onto roads like the A91, the A977, the B9097 and the B996 that their sight lines are being blocked by tall grass and vegetation. One of the outcomes of this year's budget cuts is that the verges on road entrances are only being cut once a year rather than twice. The Council have been trying to delay the cutting until the middle of the summer to get maximum effect.

Road Drains

THE COUNCIL USED to have a drain cleaning rota where all road drains were cleaned out as part of an rolling programme. Through budget cuts this has disappeared and now drains are only cleaned out when the Council are told they are blocked or nor operating as they should.

I think there is a strong case for a drain-cleaning rota to be reintroduced. We should concentrate on road drains in known flood problem locations – this is still done but only in a small number of areas. There are surface water drainage problems I know about in Glenfarg, Milnathort, Kinross, Keltybridge and Portmoak. I will try and find out what it would cost to get at-risk streets covered and have them included in next year's Council budget. To send out the gully-emptying vehicle to clear blocked drains here, there and everywhere when reported must be both costly and inefficient.

Occupational Therapy

THE OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY service at PRI has been struggling to cope with a surge in demand due to increased throughput and increasing complexity of people being admitted. This has been exacerbated by a number of vacancies within the service. Some of these vacant posts are out for recruitment, and some are being held to support staff being redeployed.

This is having a serious effect on patients trying to access the service, even those who have been identified as a priority. There is also a lack of Adult Social Work & Social Care OT capacity for assessment for aids and adaptations. This has impacted on waiting times (currently over 400 people) and the service not being able to meet response times for non urgent cases. I know of cases where people, although classed as being a priority, have been waiting for nearly six months to get assessed for adaptations to their homes.

Councillor Willie Robertson

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Councillor Dave Cuthbert



202-Bus Service

THE 202-BUS service between Kinross and Tillycultry has been very disappointing following its allocation to a new service provider. The buses on the route have regularly broken down, been replaced by inappropriate vehicles, missed bus stops, been late or never turned up.

I have been working with the Glenfarg Community Transport Group, to facilitate the fantastic work, they are doing, and they have agreed to take on the 202-bus service. To do this, they have been liaising with Fossoway Community Council who are getting volunteer drivers trained, so that they can help with the service. From what I have heard, the volunteer drivers love what they do, and they go out of their way to help passengers, taking and collecting them from Sainsburys and even dropping people at their homes. So, if you have a driving licence and fancy driving a small bus for a while, why not volunteer.

Community Minibus Policy

HISTORICALLY, PERTH AND Kinross Council have disposed of Community minibuses by auction once they have reached a pre-determined age. This policy was changed at a recent committee meeting which I took part in. The council have now decided that they will not sell the vehicles at auction but will donate them to Community Groups. I think this is a fantastic step forward and said so at the meeting.

When Glenfarg Community Transport started, they basically used a community minibus to take residents who were housebound to a coffee morning held every Thursday morning in the village hall. This service grew and grew with field trips to supermarkets, IKEA, and other attractions, until they were ready to take on a school run and the 55-bus service.

I believe that this model can be rolled out to other communities across Perth and Kinross, however, the sticking point for me has always been the need for the community minibuses to be available when needed. If the Council can gift minibuses to the fledgling groups to allow them to have dedicated use of them, then who knows, perhaps other groups can take on their own bus services.

My role in this has been to work behind the scenes challenging officers to commit to allowing an untried and untested group to run a public bus service, helping to obtain funding for the service and to encourage and support the change of minibus policy. The two people who have driven the Glenfarg Community Transport Group forward and who made all this all this possible are two Glenfarg residents. The first of these is Drew Smart, who believes passionately in community transport and wants to move at a very rapid pace to implement change. The second is Douglas Fraser, who from what I have seen is the steady hand ensuring that all the necessary paperwork, finances and logistics are in place. They are a couple of stars, so well done gents.

Perth and Kinross Community Campuses

IT WAS A decision of the Council Administration that there was need to find a way to use Council assets much better. This was particularly the case with the Campuses funded under a PFI contract. Loch Leven Community Campus for example is costing the Council £4,000,000 a year!

I am pleased that this has made good progress, and the Campuses are now overseen by a new Strategic Lead Officer with specific responsibility for Property and optimising use.

Kinross is the first to be assessed, partly because it is the only Campus that is the sole Council-owned building in our ward, barring Primary Schools. The Strategic Lead is gathering information on usage throughout the campus and on the booking system and processes. In the budget in March the Independent Groups proposed a small fund of £50,000 which might kick start exploring adaptations which might be needed to enable better usage. This was accepted at Council. This process is going some way to acknowledgement that this is an issue and steps to remedy imbalances are sought. Loch Leven Campus is now 14 years old.

Broke Not Broken

AT A MEETING I attended, it was pointed out that Broke not Broken were looking for somewhere to pack their parcels for those in

need. The group have been using accommodation which required them to pack up their work each evening and to start again in the morning. The strategic lead for property at the Council intervened at my request and I understand that a room has now been found at the Campus which will allow the group to set things up and to keep them running. The next phase is to try to find a space which they can use on a permanent basis.

Additional Support Needs

I HAVE BEEN inundated with requests for help from parents who are struggling with the Council's systems relating to additional support needs. As a result, I joined the Council's Learning and Families Committee and managed to wrangle a place on the Council's Learning and Families Executive Sub-committee. The experience has been eye-opening to say the least. Behind the scenes I am doing my best to implement changes. I will write more fully on this next month.

Flooding Event on 29 May

KINROSS-SHIRE WAS HIT with a flooding event on 29 May with rainfall believed to equate to 60-90mm of rain in an hour. The main areas badly affected were Bowton Road, Smith Street and Cleish. One property was reported as having internal flooding. Council officers are investigating and I have asked for all the drains in these areas to be cleaned as a priority.

As ever I am keen to hear your views and you can find more of my activity on my Facebook page, Dave Cuthbert Independent Councillor.

Councillor Dave Cuthbert

Councillor Neil Freshwater



Burglary and Vandalism

IT'S DISAPPOINTING TO have seen a number of rural crimes in the area. The graffiti at the Hatchbank Road bus stop and dog bin by mindless idiots is infuriating. Sadly I have noticed a spate of graffiti on a number of road signs, not just here but also along the road toward Falkland, so it is quite possible it is chancers who are driving past who decide it's a good idea. Furthermore, there was a burglary at a house near Cleish a few weeks ago. This is particularly upsetting because house break-ins are thankfully rare, and rural crime tends to be targeting farm gear such as trailers and quad bikes. Whilst of course all crime is awful for the victims, it is particularly violating when people break in to your home. We thankfully have good local police officers in Kinross and so I do hope the perpetrators are brought to justice.

Fire Scotland Consultation

THE SCOTTISH FIRE & Rescue Service is undertaking a national consultation on the future of fire and rescue services. The consultation document, which is thankfully quite an easy read, highlights the change in the role of the fire service in recent decades, with a large fall in house fires, but an increase in other issues such as flooding. The consultation is seeking views on how best to reflect this change including (possibly) the location of fire stations and the job profile of fire crew. Whilst it is not yet making detailed proposals, it is important that those who value the Kinross Fire Station make their views known. A reminder of this was the recent fire in the centre of Milnathort. You can read the consultation and respond at <https://www.firescotland.gov.uk/get-involved/consultations/shaping-our-future-service-your-say/>.

Flooding In Kinross

POIGNANTLY REFLECTING THE changing role of the fire service, PKC officers visited Kinross Community Council recently to discuss establishing a local resilience resource in the town, to deal with situations such as flooding and snow. Only the following day I was driving to Perth for a council meeting in glorious sunshine, only to return to flooding in Kinross which came about after a very short, but heavy rain period. A sad sign of our changing climate. A



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number of people have been in touch about this and it seems from council reports that Kinross-shire saw the brunt of this downpour. I was also advised that despite the flooding, most of the drainage was working correctly but the sheer volume of water meant it took a while to clear. For example I noted flooding on the B9097 at Cleish Mill, something I don't recall having seen before.

Road Safety in the Muirs area

I AM STILL trying to get an update on the Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS) which are meant to be going on the Muirs. Regarding double yellow lines at the corners of Broom Road I understand are in process, but timescales are still to be confirmed and I am trying to get some clarity on this. I have also been contacted about speeding on Acremoar Drive. This I believe will be subject to the 20 mph national roll-out, but I will discuss with the road safety team what else can be done to reduce speeding in this area, and advise the police who are responsible for enforcement. I would also use this as an opportunity to again plug Kinross-shire Speedwatch (<https://www.facebook.com/KSpeedwatch>).

Councillor Neil Freshwater

Liz Smith, MSP



JUNE HAS BEEN an unprecedented month for mountaineering. Whilst snow occasionally falls on the mountain tops in June, it is most unusual for this to happen on several consecutive days. The records of last 30 years show this to be the case so it is little wonder the mountain safety groups are warning of the dangers.

I can only recall one occasion in my lifetime of climbs on what was a wild snowy day on top of the vast summit plateau of the isolated Ben Alder in June 1986. It is a reminder to us all that while winter mountaineering is an advanced skill in itself. Even climbing mountains in the summer requires basic knowledge and understanding of navigation, gear, and what to do when things do not go to plan.

We must always ask ourselves – would we still have the knowledge and confidence to safely descend a mountain if the fog came in and visibility lowered considerably. Indeed, what we have seen this June are days with whiteout conditions. This is when snow, wind and fog combine to create an environment where everything around you becomes completely indistinguishable and is testing for even the most advanced mountaineers. It is not unheard of for these situations to be considered so dangerous that mountain rescue teams will postpone their rescue operations for casualties out of safety for its own volunteers.

Outside of winter conditions, Scottish Mountain Rescue and Police Scotland put out a rare statement warning against the terms 'easy' or 'beginner' Munros that we are now continually seeing online. Tayside Mountain Rescue reported a 500% increase in rescues from Ben Chonzie alone which they attribute to these terms being used frequently on social media platforms such as YouTube and Instagram. These statements are misleading because a Munro is only as easy as the experience of the walker and the conditions one finds themselves in. Many so-called 'safe' mountains such as Ben Chonzie may appear flat and grassy in clear conditions, but with little visibility these mountains become featureless, vast plateaus which expose walkers to the full impact of the elements and with scarce cover; sometimes the 'easiest' Munros can become the most disorienting of all.

Scottish Mountain Rescue recently published its annual statistics report for 2023 which showed volunteers of the service clocked up 32,762 hours over the course of last year, responding to 572 independent incidents and assisting 677 individuals, with callouts occurring on 278 days of the year. These figures match the trend of ever-increasing total callouts each year and it is putting the time and budgets of mountain rescue at breaking point. It is therefore crucial that we all do our bit in increasing awareness of the dangers

associated with the Scottish mountains and the skills required in summer, winter, and, of course, even those rare occasions like now when we get winter conditions in summer.

Please take the greatest care when you venture into the mountains.

Liz Smith, MSP

Jim Fairlie, MSP



WELL, WE ARE now more than halfway through the year and time seems to pass quicker every year. I have been out and about across Perth and Kinross-shire, both supporting my SNP colleagues in the UK General Election, and on my usual constituency visits. I was lucky enough to be able to visit Lucinda Russell Racing, where I caught up with Lucinda and her team. A personal highlight was being able to meet Grand National winning horse, Corach Rambler. MSPs from across the political spectrum and from across Scotland were welcomed to Milnathort to hear more about the economic impact of Scottish Racing to the wider economy. I wish Lucinda and the team all the very best.

Last month I also hosted surgery appointments at the Loch Leven Community Campus in Kinross. I heard from a number of constituents and my team are busy taking up cases with various organisations on my behalf. We can't always resolve everything, but we will always try our best.

If you are reading this column shortly after publication, we will be days away from the July General Election. For the first time at an election in this constituency, you will be required to bring valid photo ID in order to cast your vote at a polling station. Please make sure that you take valid ID to the polling station on polling day, otherwise you risk being turned away. If you do not have valid photo ID, please feel free to get in contact with the Electoral Commission who can provide you with a free voter ID. My office is more than happy to direct you to the Electoral Commission if you are having difficulty. Please don't risk not being able to vote, as evidence from the local elections in England suggests that those who are turned away from voting first time, are unlikely to make the journey back to the ballot box.

The Scottish Parliament will shortly head into recess, which provides me with a bit more time to spend some time with family, but also to get out and about in the constituency on days where I would normally be expected to be in Holyrood. I look forward to getting out and about engaging with constituents, businesses and organisations across Kinross-shire. I always try my best to attend as many community gala days, agricultural shows and open days as I can, so please get in touch if you are involved in organising one.

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

Jim Fairlie, MSP

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Police Box

News From Police Scotland Tayside

ON SUNDAY 16 June 2024 PCs Duncan and Millar from Kinross Police Station carried out speed checks on Leslie Road, Scotlandwell, following several complaints of cars driving in excess of the speed limit. Several vehicles were stopped and given corrective advice.

On Saturday 8 June 2024 Sgt Craig and PC Duncan from Kinross Community Policing team attended at both Milnathort and Bridge of Earn Gala Days.

Emmi and Rosie had a cuddle with the Rights Respecting rabbit from Milnathort Primary. Their class focus was 'safety' so Emmi enjoyed helping to keep Rosie safe whilst she dressed up as a Police Officer in the back of our van. The children loved trying on the police uniform, speaking with officers and getting to have a play in the van. A very enjoyable day in the sunshine, thanks for having us.

Update: Fly-Tipping

After a joint investigation involving officers from Blairgowrie, Police Scotland and members of the Safer Communities Team at PKC a 36 year old male has been reported to the Procurator Fiscal for a number of fly tipping incidents within the North Perthshire area.

The illegal dumping of waste is a blight on our communities and countryside, and we will investigate all reports of fly-tipping. Fly-tippers face fines of between £500 and £40,000 and can even end up with a criminal conviction. Anyone with information on fly tipping is urged to contact the safer communities team at sct@pkc.gov.uk or call 01738 476476.

Fatal Collisions

Since 2021 there have been 25 fatal collisions within Perth and Kinross LPA, approximately 1/3 of these have occurred on the A9, as such dedicated patrols are allocated to the A9 nationally on a daily basis. The majority of fatal and serious collisions occur on fast roads (national speed limit), as such Road Policing Officers are tasked with patrolling these roads, all of which link our local communities.

Road Policing officers also patrol within the communities of P&K giving particular attention to areas such as schools. Whilst patrolling the fast roads, officers focus on education and enforcement based on the Fatal 5 offences: Speeding, Careless/Dangerous Driving, Using a Mobile Phone, Not Wearing A Seat Belt and Drink/Drug Driving.



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The Road Safety Calendar details the various initiatives which run nationally throughout the year. Locally officers are also involved in initiatives to improve Road Safety. These include Rider Refinement which is aimed at motorcycle safety, Young Drivers Presentation Scheme and the Good Egg campaign to assist with child seat safety.

Rogue Traders – Who Should I Call?

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

- Contact the police immediately on 999

...if I see something suspicious in my area, or want more advice about bogus callers?

- Contact the police on 101. Try and take a note of vehicle details or registration numbers, and descriptions of anyone suspicious

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

- Contact the independent charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111. You can visit www.crimestoppers-uk.org

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

- When circumstances allow, contact your local council for more information. Depending on your circumstances, you may qualify for a free security alarm.

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

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

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

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THE CAMINO

WINNING WAYS

by Jo Middlemiss

FOR ALMOST 14 YEARS, we have been heading off for a week at a time to trek along a section of the Camino De Santiago de Compostela. We can never agree why we started it. A book we read, someone we chatted to, a story we heard or a TV programme? What ever it was, myself, my husband and his sister decided that we would have a go.

If you have never heard of The Camino, in a few words, it is an ancient pilgrimage journey crossing from Le Puy en Velay, through France, across the Pyrenees and on through Spain to Santiago. It is 1600kms long.

We like to walk, and quite honestly we started out on it as a jaunt, and the last 100km is not too testing. We had absolutely no idea what an impact this 'walk' was going to have on our lives. It would take much more than this article to explain all of that to you, but suffice to say that it changed all of us, bound us in friendship and love, and enabled us to meet some of the most extraordinary 'ordinary' people and our own life challenges.

The book that we always recommend is written by Richard Frazer, a Church of Scotland Minister from Edinburgh. In *Travels with a Stick* Frazer tells us that 'you think you are doing The Camino, but the truth is The Camino does you'. This was true on our first trip, and has remained true on every trip. We have always done it in week-long sections, but others do the whole thing, taking about six weeks out of their lives. Whatever way it is done, it will have a profound effect.

There was just one small section that we had left out, the hardest section, starting at St Jean Pied de Port and ending at Pamplona. Only my sister in law and I wanted to do the walking – my husband became the tour planner. For some mad reason, we decided to squeeze five days into three, and set ourselves a very daunting task. Day One: 27km of up, up and up hill to Roncesvalles. We chose the steeper and harder Napoleon route in hope of fabulous views at the top. But we only met wind, rain and thick clouds. Was it disappointing? Not really, because everyone had the same experience, and we laughed a lot and looked like hump backed crows for much of the day, with ponchos covering our day sacks. Day Two: 30km of more up, and quite a lot of brutal down. We were grateful for the lack of rain, as slip sliding down those paths would not have been funny. We arrived in Akaretta (a tiny village with one gorgeous house, which we stayed in.) We were exhausted, but exhilarated, because the hardest part was behind us and a bottle of red was included with our meal.

Day Three was a reasonable 15 kilometres and the sun shone most of the day. We were supposed to virtually float into Pamplona, if we took the scenic route. But, we met an old man with a t-shirt saying KIWI on it. Shrewdly I guessed him to be from New Zealand, and he said we must climb a little hill with a



beautiful church, and an ancient bell. A Camino detour. That detour became our magical Camino moment. We encountered a gentle religious sister, who told us the story of the church, how thousands before us left their prayer requests on the wall, how we could climb the spiral staircase, see the

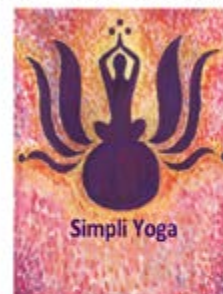


glorious panoramic views, and ring the wondrous bells. She told us that they never throw out the prayers, when the winter comes and the pilgrims are long gone, she and the other nuns scoop up the prayers, and pray silently for the peace and longings of the pilgrims. It was a very emotional, and special moment. We gave our cares over to them, and strode on down to Pamplona.

Our three testing days were over, and once again we bade farewell to another experience filled section of the Camino De Santiago de Compostela. Go if you can, but if you can't, know that every part of life is a Camino, that we are all on, which is what makes life an extraordinary adventure.

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Fossoway Community Council News from the June Meeting

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

Present at the meeting held on 4 June were Cllrs S Bruce-Jones, T Lamb, and N Marchant, Assoc Cllr C Farquhar; Cllrs N Freshwater, R Watters and 13 MoP.

Apologies: Cllrs A Cheape, G Pye; Cllrs D Cuthbert and W Robertson.

Declarations of Interest: Cllr Cheape has declared an interest regarding planning application 24/00744/FLL; Cllr Bruce-Jones has declared an interest in the Seamab issue as the company for which she is a director is linked to some of the construction work.

Community Police Report

From 7 May 2024 (last meeting) there have been approximately 28 calls to the Police from the Fossoway area and no crimes recorded on Police systems. Over the last month roads policing officers have been carrying out speed checks on the M90 at Junctions 5 and 6 which has resulted in drivers being reported for speeding offences.

MoP raised concern regarding speeding on B9097 and noted that a Land Rover had recently gone through a hedge and landed in a field. Cllr Bruce-Jones responded that the road is on the priority list of works for PKC.

Some residents have raised a concern about the police driver training using the A977 and local roads and excessive speeding. MoP also asked if motorbikes could be monitored on A91 over weekends. CC will raise with PC Samson.

Matters Arising

Windfarms

ECU00004654 Brunt Hill Windfarm

<https://www.energyconsents.scot/ApplicationDetails.aspx?cr=ECU00004654>

The CC has confirmed that as a named consultee we can submit a response of greater than 8000 characters. The CC has sought and been granted an extension of 28 June deadline by the ECU to 26 July. We have also requested a similar extension from PKC for the 14 June deadline but have had no response. This will enable us to consult with the community on our intended response at a proposed EGM in Tuesday 9 July, Crook of Devon, 7.30-9pm. Note that the only agenda item will be our response to the windfarm application.

The CC is currently reviewing the 184 documents against an issues report that we have developed from the CC survey. Issues include: impact on landscape; cumulative impact; environmental impact; connection to the grid; flicker and noise; construction impact with a focus on Carnbo; archaeology and cultural impact; use of local materials in construction; operational impact on local airfields; walkers; recycling of materials at end of life. As part of our response to the ECU we can submit a list of residents who are in support of our response.

We are actively seeking more input from our community especially Carnbo in particular regarding compensation funds during the construction phase.

Joint CCs Sustainability Group: an article has been published in the *Kinross Newsletter* explaining how the group of CCs plan to work together specifically in relation to Community Benefit.

Community Development Trust

The Trust has now received the funding for the development of a Community Action Plan and Local Place Plan and is actively working with a consultant. A MoP has noted that we do not have maps of our local pathways, and this could form part of our CAP.

Funding is being requested for benches and tables in Waulkmill Park. The Fossoway Primary School children are producing possible designs for an upgraded playground at Waulkimill. As part of this the children have made us aware of the fact that the current playground is not wheelchair accessible. The CC has written to PKC regarding this.

Scottish Land Fund Stage 1 application form for funding for the feasibility study for community purchase of Blairingone School has been submitted. PKC have already provided £5,000 towards this from the vacant property fund.

At the Kinross-shire Committee meeting in May PKC gave an update on the Blairingone School regarding valuations. PKC have given a strongly worded letter to the District Valuer stating that if the valuation was not received by 24 May a formal complaint would be made. The Trust has received a structural survey. The future of the school will remain on the CDT agenda until the Trust makes a final decision. Cllr Carter asked if the Government funding for Perth city could be used for projects like this. Cllr Watters replied that the monies had to be used for Perth City.

Road Safety in FDCC Area Including A977 Mitigation Measures

Carnbo: No update. MoP reported that they had the duck race last weekend and residents had to walk on the A91 due to verges being overgrown and no footpath.

Drum Crossroads: Residents' concerns have been submitted to PKC and we are awaiting a response.

Road Improvement Projects in Ward & Kinross-shire:

At the Kinross-shire Committee meeting on 16 May a verbal update was given by PKC Traffic and Network Services (which is split between two divisions: one dealing with road safety and the other with active travel.) A presentation was given by Brian Cargill who explained that due to a lack of human resources they have fallen behind in rolling out TROs on the priority list. The reasons are threefold: firstly the roll out of national 20mph strategy for Scotland which has to cover the whole of PKC and will result in 23 new 20mph limits by the end of 2025 just in Kinross-shire. This national campaign involves a consultative exercise for the council to assess where

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the new 20mph limits need to be implemented. Secondly is the implementation of the National Pavement Parking Ban. The council are having to assess all roads in PKC to determine where the hotspots are for parking and whether or not they can safely allow on street parking. Lastly, they are concentrating on the mitigation measures required for the A93 & A94 following the construction of the new Tay River Crossing. They have consulted with A93 and A94 residents on mitigation methods to make the route unattractive for HGVs and this includes cushions. Cllr Buce-Jones questioned the ongoing mitigation measures for the A977 which are still not fully completed and their priority. Cllr Bruce-Jones has asked for a full report on traffic movements on A91 and A977 to assess if the mitigation is achieving what it was set out to do. At the next meeting of the Kinross-shire Committee in August Daryl Mckeown, head of road safety, will be giving a detailed presentation on progress. The three new issues will not replace current priorities, but they are resource constrained. Cllr Freshwater agreed to bring a briefing on the new 20mph Scotland policy to the August CC meeting.

Fossoway Area Transport –

202 Bus Service & Community Bus

The 202 continues to be late and sometimes doesn't run. Cllr Carter noted that currently our district has no bus service on Sundays. There will be a public meeting (hybrid) of the Community Transport Group, chaired by Cllr Cuthbert, on 27 June at 7.30pm in Loch Leven Campus, where progress on the 202 bus service will be shared.

Crook Moss Travellers Site

Associate Cllr Farquhar met with Tracey Ramsey from PKC in May to discuss and agree a way to improve engagement with the Crook Moss traveller's community. Associate Cllr Farquhar reported that Tracey was very keen to improve relationships with the community and will be joining her in hosting an event on 19 June for the traveller community. Cllr Cheape, Associate Cllr Farquhar and Tracey intend to visit the site next week. Three main issues are that the fence needs to be repaired, rubbish needs to be collected and to stop burning of caravans.

Seamab School Construction Work

Cllr Lamb and Marchant met with MoP and separately with Seamab School to discuss issues raised at our last meeting.

We were provided with assurances that the safety of the children during construction had been carefully considered. There has been a structural survey of the bridge and Network Rail is aware of the construction work. Mr Provan, Chief Executive, has fed back to the education staff to be vigilant about keeping children away from the side of the bridge that overlooks a resident's garden. The contractor has confirmed that there have been no issues to date with asbestos or lead piping and that there has been no breach of any sewage pipes. Algo have volunteered to have regular sessions with a neighbour group. There will also be a construction office and a mutually agreed time slot to keep neighbours up to date on issues that arise. Algo will also inform neighbours in advance of any heavy equipment coming to the site.

PC Samson has confirmed that the Police have been called to the school on eight occasions since May 2023. They were last called to the school on Friday 24 May although a MoP advised that there had been two more instances since then. The MoP understands that Police Scotland have instructed him that if children abscond, they should stop all machinery and secure everything for the safety of the children.

MoP has notified PKC enforcement that builders were working on Bank Holiday Monday which breached condition 13 of the approved planning application. PKC have raised an enforcement enquiry.

King's Portrait

We are still waiting for a response from Crook of Devon and Carnbo Village Halls.

New Business:

PKC Draft Active Travel Masterplan for Kinross-shire

The draft plan was presented to the Kinross-shire Committee on 16 May. There were comments that there was not enough emphasis on public transport and the west of Kinross-shire was not covered sufficiently. It was raised that there was a need for a high level strategic east-west and north-south corridor through Kinross-shire. Cllrs are providing feedback and hope to have a final plan in place shortly. It was noted that NPF4 Policy 13 requires an Active Travel Plan and that this should inform LDP3.

Hydro Fund

The new Fund is now live and applications can be made via www.foundationscotland.org.uk/apply-for-funding/funding-available/rumbling-bridge-hydro-community-fund

Replacement Footbridge over River Devon

The Fossoway Community Development Trust has now taken over the replacement bridge project and has an active working group looking at the possible purchase and use of an old Rennie Mackintosh bridge.

Crook of Devon War Memorial

Mike Barnacle, Chair of the Fossoway Community Development Trust has advised that PKC Bereavement services are going to carry out repairs and cleaning.

Japanese Knotweed

A MoP has informed the CC that there are several patches of Japanese knotweed growing along the banks of the Devon between Crook and Rumbling Bridge. Last year, they flagged the issue with SEPA, PKC and several others but got nowhere. They have asked if the CC can help raise it with the correct organisation. Cllr Watters will look into this and report back to the CC.

Safety of Lithium Batteries Ion Batteries, E-bikes and Scooters

The CC had received an email from Ron Bailey, researcher for Lord Don Foster, who is seeking our support for his campaign to improve the safety of lithium batteries (used in e-bikes and e-scooters) and their disposal. Lithium battery fires are on the increase – there have been over 1000 in the past few years, nearly 200 injuries and a dozen fatalities. Homes have been destroyed. The cost to the UK runs into £billions. The Bill if passed would require:

- Third party independent testing of e-scooters and bikes before entering UK market
- Government to establish regulations for safe disposal of used lithium-ion batteries
- Agreed processes for the safe access, charging and storage of lithium-ion batteries.

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The CC agreed to provide an email supporting the draft bill.

Agree Dates For Next Year's CC Meeting

It was agreed that the CC will continue to hold meetings on the first Tuesday of every month rotating across the village halls. A schedule of dates and locations will be circulated to Halls and published on Fossoway website and the CC's Facebook page.

Consultations

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

PKC

PKC would like you to share your thoughts on the Consultation Draft Mobility Strategy and Action Plan to help finalise the work prior to adoption. PKC Officers will be attending the Kinross Farmers' market on 22 June to engage with residents. *Draft Mobility Strategy – PKC Citizen Space – Citizen Space (pkc.gov.uk)*

Consultation closes on 28 July 2024. CClr Lamb will respond on behalf of the CC.

Scottish Government

Meeting our 30 by 30 biodiversity commitment on terrestrial and freshwater sites: seeks views on the legislative proposals to support the implementation of 30 by 30 (protect 30% of our land for nature by 2030.) The aim is to create flexibility around designated sites and increase proactive management of important areas for biodiversity. CClr Carter has responded.

CC Business – meetings attended

CClIr Bruce-Jones – Kinross-shire Committee 16 May – noted that the Committee has funds and is seeking CC proposals on how this money could be spent for their August meeting.

CClIr Cheape: attended meeting 15 May regarding replacement footbridge over River Devon; 3 June Kinross Fund

CClIr Lamb: 13 April with MoP regarding Seamab School, 20 April Seamab School, 13 May with Glenfarg CT and Muckhart

CC secretary; 15 May online meeting with PKC and Glenfarg.

CClIr Marchant: 13 April with MoP regarding Seamab School; 20 April Seamab School.

Associate CClIr Farquar: 23 May with Tracey Ramsey to discuss engagement with Crook Moss traveller community.

Councillors' Reports

Clr Freshwater noted that the Scottish Fire and Rescue service are consulting on the role of the firefighter and asked if we could look at it: www.firescotland.gov.uk/get-involved/consultations/shaping-our-future-service-your-say/ The deadline is 30 June. Clr Watters requested that all residents respond to the consultation on PKC draft Mobility Strategy (link above.)



Planning Matters

Planning Appeals

23/02142/FLL Siting of two holiday accommodation units and associated works, Chapter House, Fossoway. The CC had previously objected, and no further comments are being made.

Planning Applications

24/00597/FLL Change of use of agricultural land to storage yard (Class 6), siting of storage building and containers, formation of vehicular access, erection of fencing and associated works at land 60 metres north west of Woodbine Cottage, Drum. The CC submitted a neutral comment.

23/01224/FLL Erection of 29 dwellinghouses and associated works (phase 1 – allocated site H53) at Land 80 Metres north west of Huize Baahock, Powmill. The CC was notified by PKC of revised drawings, but has not made any further comments. We were also made aware of a Powmill Residents group objection letter that was sent to PKC concerning the siting of the substation.

24/00744/FLL Erection of a dwellinghouse and associated works at land 250 metres south west of Broomhill House, Station Road, Crook of Devon. This is an update of planning application *23/01961/FLL* which the CC objected to and was refused by PKC. The CC agreed to object to this new application on the same grounds.

24/00752/FLL Erection of a dwelling house and associated works at land 50 metres south of Craigton Farm, Rumbling Bridge. PKC approved an application for a temporary home on 5 December 2023 under application *23/01213/FLL*. This is now an application for a permanent house on the land as the applicant states that the business is successful and sustainable. The CC will make a neutral comment – seeking the removal of the temporary accommodation, and a business case that clearly demonstrates the long term financial sustainability of the farm supporting the requirement for a permanent residence.

Planning Decisions

24/00366/FLL Erection of replacement garage with studio/gym, office and storage space at Acer House, Drum. The application was approved; the CC had made no comment.

24/00566/FLL Extension to dwelling house at 18 Mill Gardens, Powmill. The application was approved; the CC had made no comment

The next meeting of Fossoway and District CC will be an EGM on 9 July. The next CC meeting will be held on 6 August at 7.30pm in Crook of Devon Village Hall.

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Milnathort and Orwell Community Council News from the May Meeting

Present at the meeting held on 13 June were A Wanless, K Heneghan, A Macrae, Cllr D Cuthbert, Cllr W Robertson.

Apologies N Bingham, L Zamboni (MPS), PC Ben Samson, Cllr N Freshwater, Cllr R Watters, P Britton and two MoP.

Police Matters

Crimes Of Note

(since last meeting 19/05/2024)

26/05/2024 Vandalism to vehicle, Under enquiry

01/06/2024 Fire raising, Male arrested

04/06/2024 Vandalism to car, Under enquiry

56 incidents within the Milnathort beat Code.

Victoria Avenue remains a one-way street with diversions in place.

PC Ashleigh Duncan and Sgt Craig supported the Milnathort Primary School Gala Day last weekend. Children were afforded the opportunity to speak with them, play in the vehicle and try on clothes.

Actions From Previous Meeting

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. – no update.

Damaged Kerb Stones: PKC have fixed the kerb stones outside Light up my Heart.

Rubbish in North Queich: Cllr Watters send an update prior to the meeting to inform that Persimmon have cleared all the debris from the North Queich, that appeared to be parts of the sign along the M90 that were blown over in the high winds. Persimmon were grateful for the notification.

Correspondence

SURF – Scotland's Regeneration Forum

The 2024 SURF Awards for Best Practice in Community Regeneration has been launched. You can read the press release here: <https://surf.scot/2024-surf-awards-launched-online/>. The deadline for applications is 5pm on Monday 2 September.

Community Greenspace Team

According to provisional figures from the Met Office, the UK had its warmest May on record, together with it being a wet spring for many of us. As a result, grass in many of our green spaces in Perth and Kinross has grown more vigorously than usual for this time of year. In addition, we are experiencing staffing pressures in our ground's maintenance team, which are also impacting on service delivery. Therefore, you may see long grass, excess growth or longer edges on green spaces, while we continue to work on the grass cutting schedule in an effort to ensure every community receives a similar level of service.

These issues are unrelated to the extension of our Grow Wild trials for grassland management and once the grounds maintenance team have caught up on grass cutting schedules, the regular cut areas and Grow Wild areas should be distinct from each other, enabling communities to see and comment on the Grow Wild areas accordingly.

Additionally, the information on the grassland management page of our website (www.pkc.gov.uk/wildlife) has been recently updated to incorporate more background detail about the previous successful trials, as well as a link to a more interactive map about the new Grow Wild trial areas – Grow Wild Sites 2024 (arcgis.com). In due course more information about Grow Wild will be added.

Roads

Parking Limitation Sign

A new parking limitation sign has been erected on South Street outside the Funeral Directors; this sign details a 30 minute parking limit from Monday to Saturday from 8.30am to 5.30pm.

Cllr Robertson added that this sign was erected to help alleviate parking outside the Funeral Directors.

On Pavement Parking Outside The Chemist

A resident contacted the CC, local PKC councillors, local police, and Davidsons Chemist to complain about a delivery van constantly parking on the pavement directly outside the chemist and causing a potential hazard to pedestrians. The police response highlighted points to consider which are: this vehicle will be delivering controlled substances. How long is it parking for? Is it impeding pedestrians preventing passage? Is it increasing the risk for pedestrians stepping into the road at the crossing? Is there suitable parking nearby?

It was also asked about who is responsible for enforcing the new restrictions on pavement parking. The police responded that enforcement is the responsibility of PKC.

Parking on H-bar on Church Street

A resident posted on social media a vehicle parking on the H-bar on Church Street, which was then shared with the local police for comment. The police responded with:

'A white line is advisory and non-enforceable. The default consideration would be inconsiderate parking and causing obstruction? Each incident would be assessed on its own. If it's a significant and ongoing issue, then I would signpost to PKC for yellow paint and prohibitions on parking. We will of course provide passing attention.'

Cllr Robertson responded that yellow lines were requested to PKC approximately two years ago and in his most recent follow discussion with PKC officers, the reason for not painting yellow lines was due to objections from local residents.

In light of the recent discussion on people parking on the H-bar at last month's CC meeting and this recent discussion, Cllr Robertson will request that PKC officers look into this issue again to determine whether local resident objections are still valid.

Cycle Event Red Flags

Residents will have noticed that there is a semi-regular Time Trial Cycle event through Milnathort on the Thursday evening, and most recently there was one on Sunday morning. A local resident commented on social media what the red flag that the marshals were waving indicated to drivers, were they to stop, slow down or to distract the driver from the cyclist.

One of the CC's observed a marshal standing on the roundabout outside the town hall as well as marshals with red flags standing on each junction off the roundabout. Although it was quiet it was also raining lightly, and the CC observed two cars manoeuvring around the roundabout with the marshal still in the middle of the roundabout. Although there were warning signs up about the event there was nothing to indicate who had organised the event and unlike other local events there was no notification to the CC or posts on either of the various local social media pages to inform residents in advance that the event was happening. After some digging the CC member was able to email the organiser of the event, but the response was lukewarm and did not indicate in any way that they felt the roundabout marshal was unsafe. The email has been forwarded to the local community police for comment.

Traffic

U219 MILNATHORT

Temporary traffic regulation effective from 16 July 2024 for a period of four days.

The order will temporarily prohibit all vehicles from driving, parking and loading (both sides) on the U219 Milnathort from its junction with the U227 (308006, 704662) to the junction with the private access to the property known as Ledlanet House (308244, 705544), a distance of 1.47 kilometres or thereby.

From 20 July 2024 for a period of five days.

The order will temporarily prohibit all vehicles from driving, parking and loading (both sides) on the U219 Milnathort from its junction with the C413 (309851, 705924) to the junction with the private access to the property known as Nether Craigow (309077, 705786), a distance of 830 metres or thereby.

Pedestrian and emergency vehicular access to premises will be maintained.

Wester Loan

PKC as traffic authority being satisfied that there is a likelihood of danger to the public due to a dangerous building hereby prohibit all vehicular traffic on the following length of carriageway.

The order will prohibit all vehicular traffic on Wester Loan, Milnathort from its junction with Victoria Avenue (312076, 704892) to its junction with the A91 New Road (312055, 704710), for a distance of 188.40 metres or thereby.

Access for emergency vehicles will be maintained.

Alternative route for vehicles is via – VICTORIA AVENUE – A91 NEW ROAD – B996 PERTH ROAD – C420 – U228 – C499 – NORTH STREET

The fire at Wester Loan and the subsequent road closure, as detailed above, has highlighted the number and type of vehicles that use this road and specifically the number that are traveling up Victoria Avenue against the one-way restriction. A number of audience members highlighted that it is not just locals using this as a shortcut instead of the official diversion, but also delivery vans and construction vehicles. The CC would expect all residents to adhere to the official diversion and highway code to ensure road and pedestrian safety is observed and to ensure as little impact to the local residents while the diversion is in place.

It was also raised that the construction company tasked with making the building at Wester Loan safe have been asked daily whether they can reduce or even remove the barriers to allow traffic to pass and help ease the traffic situation.

The response from one of the PKC councillors present, was that when it is safe to move the fencing then, and only then, will it be moved back or removed completely and not before. The safety of residents, pedestrians and drivers is paramount, and the CC backs those that are making the decision, do so for the right reasons and do not put safety above convenience in their decision-making process.

Core Paths Update

Kevin of The Core Paths Group has been out the last two weekends, flailing and cutting back branches on the paths along the golf course, continuing up to the A911. We also flailed the paths going west towards Burleigh Castle and the field at Burleigh Castle itself.

Alistair MacLeod from PKC Community Greenspace and Kevin Heneghan waymarked Core Paths last month.

The infilling of the depressions on the Core Paths will take place over several evenings this month.

Planning Decisions

24/00452/FLL Extension to dwellinghouse and installation of air source heat pump, The Granary, 2 Arlary Steadings, Milnathort, approve the application

Large Planning Applications

Windfarms

Brunt Hill Ltd have submitted a Section 36 application for Brunt Hill windfarm to the Energy Consents Unit (ECU) on 8

May 2024 (ECU Reference: ECU00004654).

(<https://www.energyconsents.scot/ApplicationDetails.aspx?cr=ECU00004654>)

The application is for a total of 18 turbines where 10 are of 200m to blade tip and 8 are of 185m to blade tip.

The Craighead windfarm development planning application has not yet been submitted.

Speedwatch

It has been hard to schedule our first Speedwatch session due to volunteers' availability, the weather and also the lack of volunteers that are vetted. Can those volunteers that have yet to submit their vetting forms to Police Scotland please do so.

Comments And Questions From The Floor

VAS – Vehicle Activate Speed Sign

An audience member asked if there were any plans to add a VAS sign to the entrance to North Street, as numerous new signs have been erected in Milnathort. Cllr Robertson indicated that he believed there is one proposed for that location and will find out for certain from PKC officers if this is so and when it will be placed.

Road Closure Announcements

In today's road closure announcements, there were a number of references to unclassified roads – Uxxx, with very little information to actually determine where on the road is being referenced. The PKC councillors were asked whether there was anything that could be done to provide more information to these road closure announcements. Cllr Cuthbert responded that PKC officials are training new software related to determining the exact position for all road works and this might help with adding more detail to the descriptions and if we wait and see the outcome of using the software, no further action may be required.

Councillors' Reports

Cllr Robertson: From a meeting on the PKC scrutiny committee, a report on occupational therapies highlighted the long waiting list for occupational therapy assessments, with over 400 people on the waiting list. There is a nationwide shortage of occupational therapists, and short-term contracts being offered as there is no guarantee of funding from NHS Tayside.

Cllr Cuthbert added that they had previously asked Perth college to investigate running courses for any jobs that were short staffed in the PKC area that have been hard to fill, and the response was that they already do this.

Cllr David Cuthbert PKC typically sell off any minibuses after a certain number of years, but are looking to give these to local community groups that may need them as the resell price is small.

PKC are also looking to purchase a bus and lease it to Glenfarg Community Transport as this will be much more affordable for GCT and helps to enhance the already excellent service from GCT, who will be expanding their service to cover Tillicoultry in the near future.

The next meeting of the Kinross-shire Transport Committee will be 27 June, at 7.30pm in Loch Leven Campus.

AOB

Kevin will speak to the landowner about spraying the giant hogweed that is sprouting up along the Back Burn. The landowner has previously sprayed the giant hogweed and has indicated they would be more than happy to do so again due to the risk that these weeds pose.

The next meeting of Milnathort Community Council will be on Thursday 8 August 2024, 7.30pm at Milnathort Town Hall. There is no July meeting.

Kinross Community Council News from the May Meeting

Present at the meeting held on 28 May were: Cllrs L McKay, S Wells, W Freeman, C Willissher, P Chan and T Stewart, Cllrs D Cuthbert, R Watters, N Freshwater and W Robertson, 4 MoP and Mrs C Aird, minute-taker

Apologies had been received from Cllrs B West, E Leslie, K Spain and PC B Samson.

Police Scotland Report

There have been approximately 88 calls to Police from the Kinross area with 16 crimes being recorded on police systems within this period.

12/05/2024 Failure to provide a specimen of breath for analysis; threatening or abusive behaviour; possession of a knife; careless driving (Travelodge, Kinross Services) 1 x charged and reported to the Procurator Fiscal

14/05/2024 – 19/05/2024 Vandalism (MO – scratch a vehicle), (Green Hotel car park, Kinross) Subject to live investigation

19/05/2024 Vandalism (MO – Smash a glass window (Avenue Road, Kinross) 1 x charged and given a recorded Police warning

20/05/2024 Theft (MO – steal and use a bank card) (Day Centre, High Street, Kinross) Subject to live investigation

Community officers continue to make efforts to conduct speed checks across the area during patrols and on 9 May 2024, roads policing officers were on mobile patrol at the Muirs near to Sunnypark, Kinross where they observed a driver to be using their mobile phone whilst driving. The driver was subsequently stopped and charged accordingly.

On Thursday 2 May 2024, PC Samson and PS Craig attended Kinross High School to speak to a modern studies class who were learning about the work and role of the police.

Should residents have any questions or issues they wish to raise, please feel free to contact us by telephone (call 101) or by email (taysidekinross-shirecpt@scotland.police.uk) PCs Samson or Duncan we will endeavour to get back to you as soon as possible.

Community Resilience

Cllr McKay welcomed Frank Campbell, Parking & Civil Contingencies Officer, PKC, to the meeting advising he had asked to attend to highlight community resilience and discuss the possibility of setting up a local group.

Mr Campbell advised that PKC were working with social care partners and the emergency services in respect of community resilience and he was looking for the CC's opinions and thoughts on the possibility of setting up a community resilience group in the area to carry out welfare checks on the elderly/vulnerable, distribute sandbags during difficult times, whether that be flooding, power outages, storms.

Mr Campbell advised that SSEN were setting up resilience groups, which will be managed by PKC, to provide equipment (e.g., generators), battery packs, hi-viz vests, torches, urns etc for the community, with PKC providing funding for establishing and supporting the resilience groups in terms of training (first aid, water safety). In order to set up such a group, a plan had to be drawn up, specific to the local area, and help would be available to do this.

Cllr Willissher asked whether Kinross was part of the Perth and Kinross plan and had a couple of initial questions: What could we do? Where would the equipment be stored? What about insurance?

Mr Campbell replied that Kinross would be in the generic Perth and Kinross plan, but each local area's plan would be an appendix to that plan. He did not see an issue with storage and would work with the group in regard to this. Insurance would be via the CC insurance, which is ultimately PKC's insurance.

Cllr Wells asked if there were any other groups in Kinross, and Mr Campbell advised that Broke Not Broken may be an option, as they had been fantastic during the pandemic.

Cllr McKay commented that there had been feedback previously and liability and insurance were the main obstacles as people were worried that they would be personally responsible. She commented that if a group were to be set up, a lot of volunteers would be required, and she did not wish to add pressure to anyone.

Cllr W Robertson commented that it would be useful to hear what was proposed, and he believed there was a list of vulnerable people in the area; it would be helpful to get sight of this. In response Mr Campbell advised that there were a number of lists but unfortunately it was not possible to get access to them. Cllr Robertson suggested putting an advert in the next edition of the *Newsletter* to gauge interest in a community resilience group.

A member of the public suggested it would be beneficial for any group to plan for three specific scenarios and for boundaries/safeguarding. In response to a question from Cllr Freeman, Mr Campbell advised that funding was non-recurring so it was unlikely that PKC would take on the maintenance of equipment. He also confirmed that volunteers would be there to reassure worried residents, they would not be expected to go into burning buildings etc to rescue residents.

Cllr Freeman asked about the timescale for using the available funding and was advised that there was no timescale – it would be available until it ran out.

Cllr McKay confirmed that the CC would be willing to look at options and asked if there was a group set up in another area which they could speak to. Mr Campbell suggested speaking to the Blair Atholl group, and agreed to pass contact details to the CC.

Cllr R Watters commented that there had been discussions about an asset register for resilience groups and asked where this was – Mr Campbell advised that Fire Scotland have the register and he was trying to get access to this.

It was agreed that an advert would be included in the next edition of the *Newsletter* with a date for a meeting. It was also agreed that a separate email address be created for this purpose.

On a separate topic, Cllr Robertson asked what could be done to stop people from parking on zigzags and Mr Campbell suggested changing these to double yellow lines.

Cllr McKay thanked Mr Campbell for coming along to the meeting and confirmed that the CC were happy to be a link to the proposed group. Cllr D Cuthbert confirmed that he was also happy to be involved.

Matters Arising

Gallowhill Road Access

Cllr P Chan enquired about the access to Gallowhill Road and the possibility of reducing speed limits. Cllr Robertson advised that there are proposals from Scottish Government to reduce speed limits to 20mph and PKC offices are currently reviewing all streets to see if they are suitable for this. An announcement is due at the end of the month. He thought that PKC would be considering Gallowhill Road as part of this, and he hoped that the new Speedwatch campaign would also help to reduce the number of cars speeding in the area.

Cllr Robertson advised that he had met with TRACKS recently to see if a number of roads in the town could be made more pedestrian/cycle friendly, and if so, Gallowhill Road could be made into a 'green route' which would reduce the speed to 40mph. A request to make Gallowhill Road a green route previously had been refused.

In response to a question from a member of the public with regard to the connection of VAS in Gallowhill Road, Cllr

Robertson advised that PKC were still waiting on the signs being connected to the electricity.

Pavements

Cllr McKay raised the issue of the state of the pavements in the town and the number of potholes etc. Cllr Cuthbert advised that a mechanically operated sweeper is scheduled to visit on a daily basis but due to staff shortages this had not happened. Appointments had now been made and hopefully we should start to see improvements soon.

Kinross Town Centre

Cllr McKay questioned the narrowing of the barriers and Cllr Cuthbert advised that replacement barriers had been ordered and PKC were to check whether these had been delivered to Tayside Contracts. Cllr Cuthbert agreed that the area needs widened but that would mean road safety teams being involved and their work had been diverted to 20mph work instead.

There are currently 105 jobs on the work list and these need to be prioritised. In response to a question with regard to the impact of the shared space with regard to pavement parking, Cllr Cuthbert did not know the answer to this.

Cllr Wells commented that the issue may be helped by the removal of the parking restrictions at the bottom of the High Street.

Cllr McKay commented that Springfield Road was due to close in July for 3 – 4 weeks for works.

Cllr Wells enquired about the additional spaces in Millbridge Hall car park and while there was no update, Cllr Cuthbert advised that the current spaces were slightly smaller than they should be and any redesign works may result in a reduction of the number of spaces.

Cllr Robertson raised a concern re a slight sightline issue with the two vans parked on Clashburn Road and was advised that as the vans were parked on private land, there was nothing the CC could do about this.

Cllr Chan enquired about the repair of the wall at Greens and was advised by Cllr Willisher that the wall would be repaired once the insurance money had been received, and a team had been put together to repair it.

Planning Matters

Planning Applications Received

24/00720/FLL Erection of dwellinghouse, garage, installation of air source heat pump and associated works (revised design – plot 4) at land to the south of the A977 Balado.

Planning Applications Determined

2400154/FLL Erection of storage building (in part retrospect) at Turfhill Depot, Turfhill, Kinross, approved.

24/00607/FLL Extensions to dwellinghouse at 71 Bowton Road, Kinross, approved.

Reports from PKC Councillors

Cllr N Freshwater advised that the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service had recently issued a consultation: *Shaping Our Future Service: Your Say* and he asked for the link to be included in the minutes (*Shaping our Future Service: Your Say | Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (firescotland.gov.uk)*).

It was suggested that the CC review the consultation and submit a response.

Cllr Cuthbert advised that there had been two objections to the South Kinross Flood Scheme and if the objections cannot be resolved satisfactorily, then they would go to a public hearing. It was not possible to find out what the reasons for the objections were.

Cllr Cuthbert also advised that there would be a public meeting of the Community Transport Forum on 28 June (7.30 pm, venue likely to be LLCC) with regard to public transport provided in the area. It was noted that the 202 service was not

reliable and discussions are ongoing with the hope of Glenfarg Transport taking over the route.

It was suggested that this may be evidence that the route was required and could be used to show bus operators this. Cllr McKay also commented that the Ember service was excellent, with travellers having the opportunity book online, as well as track the services.

Cllr Cuthbert advised that the play park at Weaver's Gait was in a temporary position and once the 100th house had been built/occupied, the park would be moved to its permanent position.

Cllr Robertson advised that a resident had contacted him to ask if it would be possible to fund seats/benches along the Old Railway line and he confirmed that funding was available. Cllr McKay advised that this was spoken about when the land/park was being renovated and she was happy to submit an application. There was also a suggestion for seats/benches on The Muirs/road to the Health Centre and near the fire station.

Cllr Robertson also advised he had been reviewing the PKC LDP and suggested that a new community hospital be proposed as people often need palliative/recuperative care and often have to travel outwith the area which causes additional pressures/stresses on family. It was agreed that this should be looked into.

Cllr Watters advised that he had been contacted with regard to issues with paths in Lathro Meadows (Lath Dubh Lane) and that there were no paths on the Persimmon Homes plans. He advised that a PKC Enforcement Officer had pre-empted issues and had been chatting with Persimmon Homes who had already agreed to do this.

Cllr Watters also advised that a new bridge had been placed near Persimmon Homes and in response to a question from Cllr Robertson, he confirmed that once adopted, PKC would be in touch with Persimmon Homes.

Cllr Watters advised that the draft transport plan was out for consultation and also reported that PKC's trial of using vegetable oil to fuel refuse lorries appeared to have been successful with no issues being reported. PKC are to review the trial with a view to moving all vehicles over 3.5 tonnes to use vegetable oil as fuel.

Applications for both windfarms had been logged with the energy conservation unit. There was a meeting arranged for the end of June re the wind farm at Braco. An email re a memorandum of understanding with regard to distribution of funds has been sent to CC and all agreed to sign this.

Members were advised that the PKC report *Let's Talk Transport* is available (<https://consult.pkc.gov.uk/communities/lets-talk-transport/>) and it would be beneficial for as many responses to be submitted as possible.

Reports From CC Representatives

Cllr Willisher reminded those present that last year, PKC had stopped the Green Hotel from having a beer tent last year but that they had now given approval (for 3 years) for the same over the summer months. While Cllr Willisher was pleased to see the space being used, he advised that he had been asked by the Sir Alan Smith Gardens (SASG) residents association to raise an issue with regard to the facility, which is adjacent to their homes.

Cllr Willisher advised that the main concern related to the safety of children (some who appear to be as young as 3 years old), who are left unsupervised by the parents, as they are not allowed inside the enclosure, to play in the field. As you would expect, the children tend to gravitate towards the fence surrounding the pumping station to play ball games, which inevitably means the balls frequently cross the boundary into SASG or go into the locked pumping station enclosure. This results in children regularly crossing the wire fence as well as climbing the pumping station fence to retrieve balls and an example was given of an

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incident the previous weekend when a young child followed an older child over the fence and into the road when a delivery van was travelling in excess of the speed limit, and it was only sheer luck that a serious accident was avoided.

In response to a question from Cllr Mckay, Cllr Willisher advised that concerns had been raised with the Green Hotel last year without success so they had not spoken to them about the current issues. Cllr Mckay confirmed she would speak to the hotel on behalf of the resident's association.

While the SASG residents acknowledged that PKC had approved a noise management plan, which will be monitored closely by SASG residents, and the residents were mainly supportive of the application, it was noted that there now appeared to be a smaller marquee in the park which housed a pool table and therefore invited a different type of clientele to the park, and the CC were asked whether this complied with the planning approval which was granted. Concerns were also raised that with the forthcoming football competition, there would be TVs installed in the marquee, again increasing noise levels.

Cllr Freshwater advised Cllr Willisher and the residents association to raise their concerns with the Planning Department at PKC since any activities that are to be held in the Market Park would have needed to be listed on the planning application. Cllr Robertson agreed with these comments and suggested that the hotel management did not have total sight of what was happening in the park at all times. He also commented that if there serious concerns raised with regard to noise, licences can be revoked.

A member of the public commented that there was a duty of care to measure noise levels but they had no information as to how often this was taking place. They went on to advise that there are a number of vague statements made by the Green Hotel in their planning application such as children only allowed until 9pm and permitted access was only allowed if they were 'accompanied' by an adult – there is no specific instruction as to who this adult should be, e.g., a parent/guardian.

The hotel are advertising all types of events but there is no evidence of bouncers or gatekeepers and no indication of noise levels reducing after 11pm (as per the application) or being checked. Cllr Robertson commented that PKC can provide noise level checking equipment to residents to check on these levels and report back. He advised that there had previously been issues with other establishments whose events/customer behaviour were affecting the lives of nearby residents.

Cllr Mckay suggested that the resident's association look at the myPKC portal (<https://my.pkc.gov.uk>) where they would be able to record their concerns.

Cllr Willisher advised that he would contact PKC with regard to the marquee, liquor licence and noise levels and report back.

In response to a question from Cllr Robertson about the removal of the fence around the pumping station, a member of the public advised that the screening hedge planting appeared to be incomplete. Cllr Cuthbert advised that he had asked about the adoption of the road but had heard nothing further so he will chase for an update.

Licensing Applications

While no applications had been received, Cllr Wells enquired about the fast-food van which had appeared in the town. Cllr Mckay advised that she had contacted PKC for more information about this but she could not be given any information without submitting an FOI request. Cllr Wells advised that the application was dated 19 April but it was noted that the CC had not received a request to comment on the application.

Correspondence

While all appropriate correspondence had been circulated to Members, Cllr Mckay raised the issue of bike storage/shelters at Mill Street and while she had previously invited residents to attend a meeting, they had not taken up the offer. After discussion, it was agreed that the residents should be advised to contact Cllr Watters.

AOCB

Portrait of HM King Charles III

The portrait had now been received and suggestions were requested of where to place the portrait.

Kinross Market

A member of the public wanted to thank KLEO for their help with the parking at Saturday's market.

The next meeting of Kinross Community Council will be held on Tuesday 23 July 2024 at 7.30pm in the Masonic Hall. All are welcome to attend.

Portmoak Community Council News from the May Meeting

Present at the meeting held on 14 May were: Cllrs D Cuthbert and W Robertson; Cllrs A Miller, D Morris, A Davidson, S McGregor, K Donaldson, and D Paterson; M Craig (Police Liaison); and 3 MoP.

Apologies: Cllrs N Freshwater and R Watters

Matters Arising

Kinross-shire Committee Update, and Tayside Active Travel Master Plan:

PCC members had been reviewing and discussing the Tayside Active Travel Master Plan, with a focus on the Kinross-shire Active Travel Plan. Both the Chair and the Vice-Chair had attempted to join the scheduled ARUP (the contractors) meeting on 27/03/24 but had not been able to and had had no response from ARUP on this. As a result, there are currently omissions about connecting routes through Kinross-shire and Portmoak. PCC views on the Active Travel Master Plan are yet to be included in the Kinross-shire plan, as there had been no response from ARUP contractors following the March meeting. Cllr D Morris would be raising this at the KLC meeting on 16/05/24.

Cllr D Cuthbert commented on the upcoming KLC meeting on 16/05/24 and agenda items: the Kinross-shire Active Travel plan was a working document and would be discussed as the last item on the agenda. Lots of comments were expected and views would be welcomed, the document was still very much in draft phase. A roads update would also take place. Update on Blaringone Primary School, where a Community Asset Transfer was taking place and KLC were involved acting as a shield or buffer to protect the project, as there had been many delays, and KLC involvement was intended to time to put pieces of the project in place. Financial update outlining £50K of KLC funds which have become available from another project, so KLC will discuss this and try to identify other projects which could benefit from the available funds. Final update on South Kinross flood protection scheme: there are two objections to the flood scheme which need to be discussed and negotiated, and it is hoped these will be withdrawn. The building of an affordable supermarket can only be progressed at the BCA British Car Auctions site only if the flood protection is in place. Cllr D Cuthbert couldn't comment further as he sits on the Planning Committee.

Road Safety Action Update

Speedwatch was covered in Police Liaison update (see Item 5a). Chair reiterated that if there is enough uptake, we can get some traction on highlighting issues of speeding along the A911. Cllr D Cuthbert highlighted that people from any area can move to another area should they have concerns about visibility within

their local criteria, or can choose to stay in their own locality if they prefer. It was felt that most people had concerns about their own area and would be happy to work locally.

Cllr K Donaldson flagged the problem with the B9097 road surface which was badly needing resurfaced. Previous patching was already breaking up.

Cllr A Davidson had noticed on Portmoak Community FB page requesting signage for Children Crossing near Portmoak Primary School, as there were concerns about disregard by car drivers to children in the area. Cllr D Morris a crossing point around the Kinnesswood shop. One suggestion discussed was the creation of an extended shared use zone along the centre of Kinnesswood, similar to what is seen in Kinross centre from the roundabout down the High Street where a long part is 20mph. There is no single formal crossing point between Milnathort and Leslie. Chair agreed, thought speed pavements were the best solution, where speed cushions really had minimal effect.

Scotlandwell To Portmoak Church Path

The Chair had issued further communication this week, including the landowner of the lower Southern section between Church and Scotlandwell. Cllrs had been CC'd on this. It was hoped this would gain traction. Chair had initiated communications with TRACKS, arranged a meeting for an on-site meeting w/beginning 20/05/24. It was thought that half a path was better than no path and PCC were keen to progress as quickly as possible another section of off-road path before any possible funding was withdrawn. The crossing that is proposed will be a stand-alone section. Cllr W Robertson agreed and referred to the LLHT which was built in sections and partly delayed due to landowner objections. Cllrs K Donaldson and the Secretary were in agreement. The PCC members and Cllrs were in agreement to move forward with the path section between Community Woodland and the Church.

Play Facilities At Scotlandwell Green

The Chair had received correspondence from coordinator Susan Whyte at PKC Greenspace Communities. The work was supposed to be commencing in Jan/Feb 24 and tree surgery work was completed. However, the rain in the early part of 2024 had delayed the work as the ground was too wet to proceed. Now the tender process was delayed. Unfortunately, the Portmoak Gala has had to have been relocated in anticipation of the facility upgrade commencing. There is likely to be frustration and disappointment from Gala organisers that time, effort and money have been spent needlessly relocating the gala to another site along Grahamstone when work has been delayed until after the gala date. It was felt PKC Greenspace had dropped the ball on this item. Cllr D Cuthbert agreed and commented that delays were also happening in Davies Park in Kinross where work was being delayed until the end of the summer. Funds had been made available by ScotGov for playparks and there has been a surge in applications for play facility upgrade all across Scotland and the tender process was now being delayed as a result of the volume of tenders. Suggested looking at any local construction firms who may be able to step in. Chair hoped that work would start soon when the ground was dry during the summer months and not delayed again.

Portmoak Church – The Future For The Church And Car Park:

No significant move forward. The Chair thought it would be prudent to look for local funding opportunities like the Westfield fund. Cllr D Cuthbert supported the idea of moving forward with obtaining valuations and funding opportunities and supposed this would be another Community Asset Transfer from Church to Community and advised the value of having a Community Development Trust to handle projects like this. CClr D Morris confirmed Kinnesswood Development Trust were moving forward the project for the acquisition

of the car park. Chair suggested that funding initiatives could start even without a valuation, with any surplus used for other community projects. Cllr D Cuthbert suggested D Morris raise the question at KLC meeting. Lee Haxton is the Officer at PKC who manages Capital Asset Transfers. CClr D Paterson recalled at a previous meeting on this item, it had been indicated by Church representatives that it may be possible for the community to obtain a part of the Glebe. Chair deferred to KDT as the group who were managing this project. COS would be looking as a charity to raise a fairly substantial amount of money for the sale. Cllr W Robertson expressed minimal concerns due to the good communications between the Trustees and the KDT, and thought funding was likely to be available, and the Trustees did understand the importance of the car park to the community. They also did not want to see the Portmoak Church fall into disrepair, so it was also important to have the church in a position for development. PKC Planners have confirmed that the car park would not be looked at for housing.

Sustainability Group Meeting: Update:

Cllr D Cuthbert flagged two applications received by PKC for windfarms in the Ochils, one through the Energy Consents Unit which will come to committee in August and one that had come direct to PKC. Secretary did not have an update, pending next meeting on 19/06/24 but had recently reconnected with the Renewables Sustainability Group. CClr D Morris commented on a public meeting he had attended at the Campus in Kinross, it was a public meeting, there was no discussion about benefits to the communities, there seemed to be suggestion of considerable opposition to the windfarms, and that that the financial benefit was a massive bribe to keep communities onside and not object to planning. The wind turbines are going to be colossal to reach into the laminate air flow. In Norway they consider construction of windfarms onshore as ridiculous due to the uneven flow of air. There is going to be a significant move to off-shore wind. Cllr D Cuthbert said the purpose of the CCs getting together is to ensure that, if consent is given, then all the communities benefit. Three applications in the Ochils are likely to be forthcoming. NPF4 makes consent much easier and planning legislation may determine likely outcomes and make it more difficult for communities to resist. The Secretary commented that it was important to be in the discussions in a neutral framework, despite both sides of the argument for and against on-shore and off-shore windfarms. Developments in the Ochils are likely to be visible from most parts of Portmoak which was a visual issue, but we should continue to engage so that if planning policy was pushing the projects forward the community did not miss out. Cllr W Robertson suggested connection for the proposed windfarm would run through Portmoak to Westfield and was likely to be an overground connection

Scotlandwell Footpath Between Wellside Park & The Green

Issue with ironwork has become raised on the footpath and perceived to be a hazard. Local residents are looking at putting in some reparations themselves. Chair thought that it was not a good idea for residents to attempt any fix to the path as they may become legally responsible for the it and it should be the responsibility of the Council. A PKC planning letter from 17/01/14 stated the path would be adopted by PKC when Wellside Park was adopted. Residents would be responsible for any defects or repairs on a non-adopted scheme. Further consultation has shown that PKC Roads officer visited roads twice, to note defects for snagging, second visit was after these defects were remedied. Two questions need confirmation: the status of the Wellside Park adoption by the council. And secondly why the path between the Wellside Park and the Green has not been adopted. Developer has received bond back.

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Cllr D Paterson: as a developer has to do a road bond, councils only adopt a finished article, if road is up to standard required by council.. Cllr W Robertson was doubtful that the road had not been adopted. PKC would not have returned the bond if the road wasn't up to standard. W Robertson asked that the CC leave the issue with him to pursue further questions and information on the status and best way to proceed.

A resident of Wellside Park provided some context: PKC have never done any work on the path, but they did extend the path to the Well Park. The resident was the last house to buy in 2016 and no work had been done since then, the last planning approval advice states footpath between plots 9 and 10 should remain free from obstruction and shall be maintained by the applicants or their successor. Path sits within the communal part of the properties. The resident had made a request to PKC that because the path is used by the community and it was intended to be used by community that some contribution be made by the council for reparation. 16 out of 18 houses had agreed to proceed reparation work but some had raised concerns, which had then created doubt about the status of the road adoption also. The resident commented that on the latter point it seemed odd that there were regular bin collections, road sweeping and maintenance of lighting if the road wasn't adopted. Their deeds do state it was the responsibility of the developer to secure the road adoption. The Chair thanked the resident for their contribution and understood the concerns. It was agreed to leave the issue with Cllr W Robertson for investigation. The Chair reiterated the initial planning consent that path itself be adopted when the principal road was adopted. There was agreement that need to establish if the road is adopted, and clarification about the responsibility for the path going forward.

Police Reports:

Mark Craig, Kinross Police Sergeant, introduced Ashleigh Community PSYV role, also known as the Cobras. If there are any events on, please speak to Ashleigh. About 10 calls to local Police in the last month, of note only a residential house break-in on Leslie Road, currently under enquiry with good lines of enquiry so hopeful for a positive outcome. Half-marathon last week went quite well. A quiet month otherwise.

Community Speedwatch:

Alan Macrae of MOCC has taken the lead. Chair was able to explain that Portmoak has created a Portmoak Community Speedwatch page with link to MOCC, where potential volunteers can be coordinated. Link to MOCC to coordinate any volunteers directly. Seem to be a lot of local Portmoak residents who are keen to participate. Alan Macrae has offered to do a presentation when enough numbers of volunteers are registered. PCC members felt that speeding had got worse in recent months and hoped residents would get involved. The Chair hoped that the Speedwatch would gather data that may identify hazardous areas. The Police liaison were encouraged by this. Willie Robertson thanked Mark for his contribution. Cllr W Robertson highlighted complaints he'd received from residents about speeding on Leslie Road, and requested some surveillance on that road. Mark Craig agreed to add this item to the police patrol. Cllr D Cuthbert also thanked police on behalf of residents who had commented that the police had been more visible checking speeds. The Chair thanked the Police for attending.

Planning

New Applications:

24/00522/FLL Formation of hard standing and erection of a garage/workshop, The Lindens, The Cobbles, Kinnesswood.

PCC had looked at the plans. No substantial concerns. Comment that that the proposed garage was totally disconnected from the

main carparking area and appeared to be more of a workshop. Cllr D Morris had not looked at the application but commented that the existing garage was considerably separated from the house at present. The Chair proposed no comment from PCC. No comment from other meeting attendees.

24/00691/FLL, Installation of replacement windows and solar panels, Allandale, The Cobbles, Kinnesswood.

PCC had reviewed the planning applications. The Secretary confirmed the application was in the Kinnesswood Conservation Area. There was some discussion about the orientation of the panels. The Chair agreed to try and view on-site and make comment if necessary.

24/00245/FLL Part change of use agricultural building to dog breeding facility, land 40 metres north east of Glenheart Farm Glenlomond.

Additional new application highlighted by Treasurer. Secretary apologised for the omission and would investigate. PCC will review and discuss and make representation as necessary.

Planning Decisions

Progress with Developments

Westfield Community Liaison Committee: Cllr K Donaldson had attended recent meeting. Firing and testing this year, pending operation starting in 2025. At a recent meeting in Ballingry it had been discussed that the Westfield site would be used to collect electricity from Ochils windfarms before transmitting it onto other southern parts of the UK such as Northumberland and Norfolk. Cllr D Morris commented that there was no discussion on prospective power lines bringing power to Westfield and it should be considered if these would be underground or overground through Portmoak. Cllr W Robertson commented that he had posed this question to Ochils Wind Farm Developers and had been told incoming power lines would be over-ground.

Westfield Paths Feasibility Study: D Morris suggested this needs to be wrapped into the ARUP Discussions.

Paths Group Update

Current project underway for the top of the Cobbles to put in a large drain which will cost around £10k, fundraising is under way.

Treasurer CC Accounts:

CC Account: £829.29

Invoices finally received for Zoom licenses and these funds would be paid out to the Secretary

MB Account: £2183.71

Grant received by Paths Group for £500

Matters Notified To The Secretary

Funding Opportunities: Secretary had posted three funding opportunities to the Portmoak Community Facebook page. These were as follows:

The Toy Trust: Grants to UK registered charities, for projects working with disadvantaged children aged 13 and under. Applications can be submitted at any time, for consideration quarterly (applications submitted by mid-June will be considered at the July meeting).

The Bank of Scotland Foundation/Energise programme: Due to reopen for applications in 1 month. Next deadline: 6 June, 2024. Focus to be solely on helping charities who support vulnerable groups/people. Funding will be unrestricted, and can be used towards core costs, delivery costs, project costs and/or general running costs.

The Corra Foundation Boost Fund: Launches 30 April. Grants of £250 - £3,000 to support community-led activity addressing the challenges faced by children and families impacted by poverty. Boost Fund supporting children and families (*corra.scot*)

The next meeting of Portmoak Community Council will be held on Tuesday 9 July 7.30pm.

TRAFFIC NOTICES

JULY IS ANOTHER busy month for roadworks, with several closures in the Kinross-shire area.

Sewer repairs will slow the High Street traffic flow between Smith Street and Montgomery Street for an eight-day period beginning 2 July.

There are also one-day restrictions

on Mill Street in Kinross and Main Street in Kinnesswood.

The most notable of the upcoming closures, however, will be the three-week closure to traffic of the section of Springfield Road between Muirs and Whinfield Drive, beginning 8 July.

All traffic will be re-routed along

Muirs, High Street, Station Road and back down Springfield Road from the Sainsbury end. These severe restrictions will be caused by the gas mains replacement works scheduled for Springfield Road.

More Temporary Prohibition Notices for July are shown below.

B996 HIGH STREET

**Scottish Water Sewer Repair works
2 July 2024 for eight days.**

B996 High Street, Kinross from its junction with Smith Street (311882, 701886) to its junction with Montgomery Street (311913, 701979), a distance of 96.44 metres or thereby.

A922 SPRINGFIELD ROAD

**SGN Gas Mains Replacement works
8 July 2024 for three weeks.**

The order will temporarily prohibit all vehicles from driving, parking and loading (both sides) on the A922 Springfield Road, Kinross from its junction with Whinfield Drive (311489, 702958) to its junction with the A922 Muirs (311669, 703012), a distance of 189.17 metres or thereby.

The alternative route for vehicles is via – B996 MUIRS – B918 STATION ROAD – A922 SPRINGFIELD ROAD

MILL STREET

**Scottish Water Ironwork
22 July 2024**

Mill Street, Kinross from its junction with the B996 High Street, Kinross (311939, 702148) to its termination point, a distance of 106.10 metres or thereby.

A911 MAIN STREET/BRUCE ROAD – KINNESSWOOD

**Scottish Water Ironwork repairs
26 July 2024**

A911 Main Street, Kinnesswood from its junction with private access to property known as Woodlands (317668, 702755) to its junction with private access to property known as Lomond House Hotel (317605, 702862), a distance of 123.88 metres or thereby.

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Kinross and District Art Club

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Our spring term came to a close on the last week of May with healthy turnouts on both the Tuesday and Friday painting sessions. Maybe the strawberry and chocolate treats at teatime had a small part to play in this; nevertheless, members were still creatively productive whilst enjoying the cheery camaraderie.

We are now in recess until Tuesday 20 August/Friday 23 August. However, there are a few planned opportunities for members to attend over the summer. The next outdoor painting day is on Friday 26 July and a date is still to be identified for painting our display boards. All the details will be sent to members. Although in recess, members will also be busy creating and finishing off their artworks for the annual exhibition in September.

Towards the end of May, the 'Our Gallery' section of our website was refreshed with new artworks from many of our members. In the gallery you will find a real diversity of styles, subject matter and media.

The early days of June, however, brought the saddest news to members, when they learned that their dear friend and club member, Mary Nobbs, had passed away after an illness. Mary was a longtime,



Mary enjoying her art

dedicated member of Kinross and District Art Club, joining in 2007. She held the position of library coordinator for many years until November 2023. In that role, she tirelessly catalogued and displayed the club's art books and DVDs over the years and encouraged members to use the resources. Mary was a regular at painting sessions, attending on both Tuesdays and Fridays whenever she could. She was well-known for her gentle, cheery character as well as her kind and supportive manner. Mary was an exciting artist, always experimenting with different mediums to create her vision;



'STAY SAFE' by Mary Nobbs; a painting created during Lockdown 2020

she would paint a wide range of subject matters, which were always interesting and inventive. She loved creating art and loved chatting about it. Mary will truly be missed. Members have sent their deepest condolences to Mary's family.

If you are interested in joining the club and developing your own creativity, you will find more information and contact details on our website. The Kinross and District Art Club meets on Tuesdays and Fridays (2-4pm) in Millbridge Hall and starts back for the autumn term on Tuesday 20 August/Friday 23 August.

Kinross in Bloom



The bloom buggy has been dusted down and is back in action for the summer. Sunday 9 June was a very busy day. As always, Kinross Rugby Club members helped to put up the hanging baskets around the town. We are very grateful for this ongoing support.

Bloom members were out and about with their planting plans; filling the troughs and tubs with the summer displays and the polytunnel is beginning to look very empty. The watering rotas are in place and members will be busy up until the end of September ensuring that the displays are kept in tip top condition. The bloomers are always pleased to receive appreciative comments from members of the public about their work and also to get comments which could help with future planning. Thanks also to all our local sponsors who give their support year after year.



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Kinross Summer Market

There is no farmers' market in July but, like last year, KLEO will organise another, bigger summer market at the Market Park on Saturday 24 August at 10am-3pm. This market will be a community event to celebrate summer with a great variety of food, drink and craft stalls and there will hopefully be some great entertainment from local musicians too!

If you would like to book a stall space at this market, please send an email to info@kleo.org.uk.

All the farmers' market stalls are fully booked but there is still space to bring your own gazebo stall. We can provide a trestle table if needed. The fee for a stall space is £40, or £20 for community groups and charities.

The 28 September and 26 October markets will be back on the High Street again. The festive street market is on Saturday 23 November.



Barbara Dickson Concert and Flamenco Show

The headline act for this year's Kinross-shire Winter Festival is Barbara Dickson who will be doing a concert with Nick Holland on Friday 29 November, 8pm at Loch Leven Community Campus. They will be supported by Irish singer songwriter Anthony Toner. Tickets are £25.

The Daniel Martinez Flamenco Company will do a fabulous show on Friday 8 November, 8pm at the Campus. Tickets are £20.

Tickets for both shows are available at Morgans Estate Agency in Kinross and Light Up My Heart in Milnathort.



Alternatively, you can purchase tickets online by visiting our website.

Leven Voices and Kacophony Orchestra

Both groups are now on a summer break. Sessions from Leven Voices will start again on 3 September (Kinross Parish Church) and the Kacophony Orchestra will start on 4 September (Loch Leven Community Campus).

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

For more information about KLEO events see www.kleo.org.uk

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Trees in Conservation Areas and Tree Preservation Orders

Trees in Conservation Areas and trees or woodlands that have been granted a Tree Preservation Order (TPO) are protected by law. Anyone wishing to carry out management work or remove a tree in a Conservation Area or protected by a TPO needs to get permission from the local planning authority.

The legal protection is for trees with a stem diameter of 75mm measured at 1.5m from ground level.

It is an offence for any person to cut, lop, top, uproot, wilfully damage or destroy any tree located within a Conservation area or covered by a TPO unless notification has been made to the local planning authority and consent has been granted.

Formal action can be taken against persons who have carried out unauthorised works to trees covered by a TPO or in a Conservation Area. A Tree Replacement Notice may be served and in certain cases offences may be reported to the Procurator Fiscal and can result in fines up to £20,000.

Conservation Areas and trees and woodlands covered by TPOs, together with other heritage features such as Listed Buildings, can be found on PKC's interactive heritage map at: pkc.gov.uk/heritagemap

Sunnypark Woodland was granted a TPO last year. The other TPO in Kinross is called Gallowhill Road, but it really covers Mavisbank and Whinfield Gardens.

Kinross Conservation Area is larger than you might think. It covers the High Street from Sandport up to the area around 22 Muirs and many of the streets and properties off to the sides. It is worth checking.

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Coming On Leaps and Bounds

We have written a few times about the ponds that have been created at the South Queich flood plain, which we hope will provide new habitat for amphibians in particular. However, with habitat creation comes other issues. Imagine a couple of frogs wandering over to set up home in the new ponds only to be washed down one of the 13 drains surrounding the flood plain. Game over? No, not thanks to the creations of Trevor Rose who has made it possible for amphibians to use ladders to escape and continue their journey to the new ponds! We and the amphibians are grateful to Rose Design Services.

On 20 May the Trust hosted another planting day at the ponds with some hardy volunteers planting dozens of wetland plug plants. Even after four weeks it is worth a wander to see how the ponds are progressing. As well as the plants, we used 'Birds, Bees and Butterflies' mix from Scotia Seeds to help increase the flora and fauna of the South Queich flood plain.



*Protecting the new inhabitants in Kinross (note the very apt registration number!)
Photo: Trevor Rose*

Danièle Muir of Tayside Amphibian and Reptile Group led the planting day and reviewed progress. The large pond now has evidence of its first amphibians in residence with tadpoles swimming happily in their new home. Apart from this, there was clearly a variety of macroinvertebrates populating both ponds.



KCT volunteers at work

This was a successful day and thankfully the Scottish weather was kind to the dedicated volunteers. In October there will be another planting day and this will be announced in due course.

A final couple of points. Firstly, the work carried out by Kinross-shire Civic Trust on the Raingardens Trail is aimed at replacing habitats lost which has led to a severe drop in the numbers of amphibians. There has been a 68% reduction in common toad in 30 years. Secondly, without volunteers this work cannot proceed.

Kinross-shire Civic Trust would very much welcome new members from people who care about the environment and would like to support. You will all be very welcome.

Portmoak Hall 100 Club

May Draw

1st No 38 Tracy Lawson Kinnesswood

2nd No 23 Alistair Morgan Kinnesswood

3rd No 63 Louise Batchelor Scotlandwell

Inner Wheel Club of Kinross and District



www.innerwheel.co.uk

This year has been a very busy time with our Centenary celebrations. We have taken on many challenges featuring the number 100 during the year, to raise funds for various charities.

June was our last meeting before the summer break. We enjoyed lunch at the Kirklands Hotel after which the president's chain of office was handed on from Liz Pottie, the current president, to Tricia Lucas.

Our next meeting will be in September when we will welcome our district chairperson, Jean Hale, as speaker.

We look forward to an enjoyable summer during featuring outdoor events for all members and we look forward to meeting everyone again in September.

Anyone interested in joining Inner Wheel or who would like further information about the club, please contact Tricia Lucas by email at triciaciw@btinternet.com.

Kinross Centre

The weather has been very strange! Last month it seemed that things were starting to heat up but the winds from the north are certainly cooling things down now. We might have to ask our the service users to do a sun dance to try and heat things up a bit!

The service users have been really enjoying the curling lately and some are playing very well. It is great to see how quickly their skills improve and it really is a fun game for everyone to play.

Our exercise classes have been very well attended this month. It is great to see everyone keeping their muscles moving with chair exercises that are suitable for all abilities.

We have managed one or two trips out in the trishaws in between showers. It is most enjoyable. It is lovely to get a bit of wind in your hair and feel all the cobwebs have been blown away. Thank you to all the trishaw pilots, we really appreciate what you do.

We will be back at Ratho later in the month enjoying a trip on the barge.

We are always happy to see new faces in the centre so please come in, have a coffee and try some of our delicious cakes. If you fancy attending the centre, ask to speak to a member of staff. They will be happy to show you round and explain to you what we have on offer.

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.

Fairtrade in Kinross-shire



This year is the 30th anniversary of the Fairtrade mark and Fairtrade fortnight is from 9–22 September. As well as providing farmers with a fair price, the Fairtrade mark also means that they get an extra amount of money, the Fairtrade premium, to be spent in their community on whatever is most beneficial for them.

In 2022 the sales of Fairtrade goods in the UK produced £30 million of Fairtrade premium for producers in the global South. Every time you choose to buy a Fairtrade product you make a difference.

We are holding a Fairtrade coffee morning in the Kinross Centre on 21 September at 10am-12noon. Between July and September,

we would also like to have 30 people or businesses who contact us to say that they will stock or serve Fairtrade products. For individuals, we ask people to commit to buying Fairtrade goods (for example, coffee, tea or bananas). Please get in touch if you would like to make this commitment. Email kjarvie@btinternet.com. #ChooseThe World You Want.



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Tuesday	10am-7pm
Wednesday	10am-6pm
Thursday	10am-7pm
Friday	10am-6pm
Saturday	10am-1pm & 1-3pm*
Sunday	Closed

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

Come along and join our fun storytime and storytelling sessions with your child every Tuesday at 4–4.30pm. These drop-in sessions are for pre-school and early primary aged children and there is no need to book.

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.

Summer Reading Challenge 2024

Each year this event motivates over 700,000 children of all abilities to read for enjoyment over the summer holidays. It is aimed at primary aged children from those due to go to school in 2024 to those in their final year of primary.

This year, the theme is 'Marvellous Makers' and children can sign up to take part at the library.

Making Marks On Paper

The library is proud to host a summer series of guided drawing visual art workshops with Comrie artist, Liz Kemp in July and August. Participants will be invited to try a range of different drawing materials and techniques to make a set of drawings, both individual and collective, thematically inspired by listening to selected writings and texts from the library collection. This is a fun and engaging workshop that draws upon the mind's eye to create distinctive images in response to the written word and encourages people to discover and develop the core skills of creative art; perception, observation and imagination.

These workshops are suitable for all levels of experience and skill. Participants will benefit by attending all six classes. Sessions will run at 5-6.30pm on 11 and 18 July, 1, 8, 15 and 22 August. The workshops are free. Please donate if you can. Booking is essential.

Let it Fly, Thursday 18 July at 2pm

Calling children aged 5-11! Join us for a special STEM Summer Reading Challenge craft activity. Make your own aeroplanes, helicopters, rockets and more and see them fly! Under 8s should be supervised by an accompanying adult. Booking required by contacting the library. Tickets are £3.

Reminders

If you have any overdue items still out on loan, did you know that you can now bring them back to the library without being charged a fine?

At a time when more people are struggling with the rising costs of living, Culture Perth and Kinross hope that ending fines will remove one of the barriers that prevent people from using their libraries, making them accessible, inclusive and welcoming to everyone living or working in the area.

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Blast Off! At Loch Leven Community Library

Step into 'space' this summer and enjoy our cosmic playscape at Loch Leven Library as Blast Off! goes on the road again! Created by the Perthshire Design Studio, Fun Makes Good, Blast Off! is an intergalactic, interactive playscape where children and adults can build, dress up, read and spacewalk together through the galaxy.

Discover Blast Off at Loch Leven Community Library from Saturday 13 July until Thursday 18 July. This drop-in, unstructured playscape is suitable for children under the age of 7 years. An adult must accompany children.

Activities In Your Library

Are you interested in writing? The next Creative Writing Group sessions will be on Wednesday 3 July at 7-9pm. Please contact the library if you would like more information.

Knit, Crochet and Natter and Board Game Group

Come along to our free Thursday morning (10am-12pm) get-together with your needles and pins for a morning of crochet and knitting, a chat and a hot drink.

IT Support Sessions

Would you like to learn more about your tablet, phone, laptop or any digital device? Taking the first step and booking a 45-minute, face-to-face session might just make a huge difference to you. Book a time slot by phoning the library.

Common Grounds

www.spanglefish.com/
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May proved to be a successful month, possibly due to some warm sunshine. At the time of writing, June is still quite cool. A warm welcome is always available at Common Grounds, and it is good to see our old and new friends each week.

Our chosen Charity for June was Comfort International, a Scottish Charity set up in 1999 to support Rwandan partners in the recovery of genocide survivors. It encourages individuals and communities in transition from requiring basic needs to self-sustainability. They are also currently active in the Congo providing education and support for ex-child soldiers in N.Kiv and also in Burundi rescuing children from the streets.

On Tuesday 6 August we are holding another Project Lunch starting at 12noon. Our speaker is from The Ripple Effect charity. This is a worthy charity which we supported in April. It was set up in 1988 by farmers sending cattle they no longer used for milking, but given further life in Uganda, Rwanda, Kenya and Ethiopia communities. Families are given help in growing their own food and sharing the surplus with friends and neighbours. Those who are successful are encouraged to pass on seeds, livestock, tools and knowledge to other community members who need support; hence the ripple effect. A power point presentation will show how our money has been used, or will be used in the future.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all volunteers and regular customers for your continued support and generous donations. Our thanks also to our bakers and duty volunteers for their hard work which we are always in need of! James is continuing to recover well in hospital and we send him our best wishes.

Kinross in Bloom 200 Club

June Draw

Aileen Sorbie

Catriona McLeodl

Jim and Catriona Marshall

Molly Dobson



Kinross & Ochil Walking Group

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www.ramblers.org.uk/kinross-ochil

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Tuesday Short Walks

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

Tuesday 2 July, Blairadam Forest

The mix of landscaped woodland and industrial history to be found at Blairadam means that each visit can feel like a completely different experience. Bring packed lunches to be enjoyed when we make a stop at some of the forest's picnic benches.

Tuesday 16 July, South Queensferry

This is a circular walk around Dalmeny Estate, mostly in woodland and open countryside with a small section of pavement walking toward the end.

Tuesday 30 July, A Walk with a View

An undulating walk around Fossoway with views and wildlife in abundance. Look forward to coffee and cake in Powmill Milk Bar at the end.

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.

Saturday 6 July, Aberdour to Burntisland and return via Binn Hill, 8 miles

Starting out from Silver Sands beach in Aberdour we set out along the coastal path to Burntisland. The walk leads on along the beach, then through houses to the base of Binn Hill. We ascend the hill to experience views over the Forth and from there we return to the start through woodland.

Sunday 21 July, Glenfarg, 6 miles

This is a re-run of Kinross and Ochil's first ever outing and is an easy circular walk mainly on tracks and farm roads, which features beautiful views over Bridge of Earn and Abernethy.

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

Kinross (Marshall) Museum



It has been another month of steady research by our volunteers at the museum. One positive development has been the upgrading of our museum computers. The museum is always hampered by a lack of space for its artefacts and documents, so it is good to have the computers as useful devices rather than historical artefacts.

Amongst the documents the museum has always made space for, is the complete collection of Kinross Community Council Newsletters, since its first edition in July 1977. In fact, the museum collection is greater than that of the National Library of Scotland which, for some reason, has been missing issues. We have been able to supply copies for most of the 200 or so missing editions, but there are still two missing. If you happen to have a surplus copy of issues 113 or 114 (November and December 1986), we would be happy to forward them on to the National Library.

Looking ahead, we will be recommencing our survey of Kinross-shire graveyards on Sunday afternoons, starting from 14 July, weather permitting. If you are interested in helping, please get in touch. The museum study rooms are open every Thursday from 10am to 7pm and every Saturday from 10am to 1pm. The current exhibition can be seen during library opening hours.

Kinross Garden Group



In June the group had an excellent outing to Pitlochry where we visited the Scottish Explorers Garden, which is 'part' of the Festival Theatre grounds. We had a brilliant tour given by Caroline Bavey, the Head Gardener. It was extremely interesting. Caroline she was a fount of gardening knowledge and we would definitely recommend a visit.

Our next visit will be on 11 July. We will head to Haddington and then on to Stobshiel House near Humble in East Lothian. The bus will start from Milnathort at 10am. Members can pay for this trip by dropping off a cheque or cash for £26 (made out to Kinross Community Garden Group) to Ann Walker ASAP, or pay online. The visit after this will be to Hospitalfield House in Arbroath on 8 August. Payment for this is due by 25 July. There are some seats available on this visit.

More details about the outing programme, and also for more details about membership of the Kinross Garden Group, contact Caroline Anderson on 01577 864589.



Best Anchor

Boys Brigade and Girls Association



Our annual awards evening took place at Kinross Church Centre on the last Friday evening in May.

Captain William Constable welcomed parents and family members as the Company paraded in their three sections accompanied by the colour party. Rev. Alan Reid opened the proceedings with the traditional praise, 'One More Step along the Way', followed by a prayer. Anchors, Juniors and Company members then presented a short display of items showcasing some of their Friday night activities.

Captain Constable then gave his annual report. This session has been busy and filled with events. We have had quizzes, badminton, bowling, parties, pantos, dodgeball, swimming, 3-a-side football, evening hike (sadly no first place again this year), chess (unfortunately we didn't retain the Junior Section trophy. However, Samuel Main came a solid second and we recognise his achievement in doing so well in his first competition), and athletics (well done to Grace Mather who strived so hard against some good competition).

None of this has been possible without the commitment of the young people of the company, the support of their parents and the dedication and hard work of the officers of the Company.

At this point we would like to ask parents to consider volunteering some of their time to help us. It would not need to be every Friday

night and would not mean becoming an officer. However, we are in need of more volunteers to keep things running.

We also need a couple of extra people to help us to put up our marquees. They help keep us self-sufficient as a Company and help us do everything that we do. Our 40 foot by 20 foot marquee is available for hire at £250 per occasion.

Christine Reid then presented the awards to members as follows: Promotions (Anchor–Junior), Dexter Baird, Matthew Hill and Harrison Mann;

(Junior-Company): Grace Mather and Louisa Smith;

Best Member Anchors (First Year), 1st Magnus Miller, 2nd Christine Grant; (Second year), 1st Allicia Munro, 2nd Noah Sharp, 3rd Thomas Mann; (Third Year) 1st Matthew Hill, 2nd Harrison Mann, 3rd Dexter Baird;

Juniors, 1st Cailean Young, 2nd Grace Mather, 3rd Clara Almond;

Best Squad, Squad 3 - Clara Almond, Lilliana Rempert Wilson, Billie Smith, Cailean Young, Erin McNab;

Company Section, Neale Trophy (Citizenship), Sgt. David Savage;

Melville Trophy (best member), Pte Catherine Savage.

The evening was rounded off with refreshments for members and their families.

Best Junior (left) and Best Company (Right)



Broke not Broken



Over the past month we have been lucky enough to be invited to attend a few local summer markets.

Portmoak School Fair and Milnathort School Fair gave us the opportunity to chat to families about what we do and raise awareness of the support available in the hope it could break down some of the stigma accessing support can have.

We also gave an informative referral agents open day. It is a great way to share information about our projects but also to enable referral agents to meet each other and share learning and knowledge.

As summer heats up, so do our summer projects. Alongside the ongoing food bank support and energy support we also have Tuesday Trips, School Uniform bank and our new Summer Child Payments support. 73% of families accessing our support are not eligible for free school meals. Families are held back by policies such as the two child limit, benefit caps and levels of social security not meeting the costs of food and energy. This summer we will be supporting families referred to us with £100 voucher payment per child to support them over the summer holiday period. We will be monitoring the impact of these payments and sharing this with local authority and Scottish Government.



Susan and Hannah at Milnathort Primary School Fayre



Above: Cooking up a storm in the rain. Below: Volunteers enjoying a barbecue



We also got a chance to celebrate all our fantastic volunteers during volunteers week which culminated in a volunteer's barbecue. Huge thanks to Hannah's mother and father in law for cooking up a storm for everyone. Our volunteers are what makes not just Broke Not Broken function, but what makes our whole community tick.

At the time our writing, our wonderful garden is due to be a feature of Marie Curie Open Gardens on 29 and 30 June. We would love you to visit our productive, calming space and learn a bit about Broke Not Broken at the same time.

To apply for any of our support please contact us by email at admin@brokenotbroken.org or call us on 07518 913107.

Milnathort Bridge Club

During the week of 9-15 September this year the Scottish and English Bridge Unions are joining in a celebration of Bridge and have invited affiliated, non affiliated Clubs, beginners and 'Kitchen' bridge players to take part.



The aims are, firstly, to raise awareness and interest in the game of Bridge and secondly, to raise £10,000 in Scotland for Cancer Research UK. They have asked for suggestions of different types of events that could be staged during this week.

MBC aims to take up the challenge and, at present, the committee have a number of ideas in the melting pot and will put together a plan of action over the next few weeks. Further ideas are very welcome. Our numbers attending each week are being maintained so it is important that you do keep our secretary informed of your intention to attend as the capacity of the hall is at its maximum.

RESULTS

North/South

East/West

27 May

Pat and Ian Cook

Liz Pottie & Jessie Mitchell

3 June

Pat and Ian Cook

Jim & Catriona Marshall

10 June

Jim and Catriona Marshall

Richard & Ruth Baty

17 June

Diane Parmenter/Cynthia Reekie

Jessie Mitchell/Jean Bennet

Our Tuesday trips are all full and booked starting on the first Tuesday of the holidays, and include breakfast, lunch and a snack plus transport and entrance tickets for each venue. We just need the weather as well!

Our Parents and Tots group continues to support local families, with some lovely feedback for all our volunteers who run it including:

'For over two years, Yvette has made sure all the kids (and parents) at our Wednesday toddler group have fun. She is very kind and cares so much. She is one in a million!'

'He loves coming to baby group on a Wednesday! Michelle is always so helpful and gets involved with the kids! She's also great to chat to X.'

If you need a partner any evening or for further information on playing bridge with Milnathort Bridge Club contact MBC secretary Gloria Wilson on 07961 795812 or Gairneyview@gmail.com



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Kinnesswood in Bloom



It has been a busy few weeks for us. We have received initial plans for the Michael Bruce garden refurbishment and these will be firmed up after a meeting with Graeme Palmer. The fundraising to start the project can then begin in earnest.

Garden sessions at the school have continued and most vegetables are growing well with a few failures to remind us that nothing in gardening is guaranteed. A great crop this year has been radishes and most children were ready to try tasting them.

After our Friends of Kinnesswood cards went out we have been receiving regular contributions and, so far, have gathered about £1600. This has helped greatly to fill the gap left by the reduction in funding from PKC this year. We have already spent money on new tubs, paint and flowers.

Fame at last! Beautiful Scotland nominated us to be interviewed for *Saga* magazine. Could it be something to do with the white hair of some of our members? We had less than a week to gather pictures, ask for some quotes as to why we enjoy being part of a community gardening group and take part in an hour long zoom call. We believe it will be published in August.

PKC also wanted to interview the children who take part in gardening at the school, one of the teachers and Kinnesswood in Bloom members. They managed to get some shots of the polytunnel and raised beds before the heavens opened and we had a heavy thunder and lightning storm. Hopefully words can be dubbed on to the film in some way. The film will be sent to other schools and allotment groups to encourage food growing in Perth and Kinross.

Our figures have gone out in the village. This year the theme is cakes and celebrations. Several windows have knitted and crocheted cakes made by the crafting ladies of the village. The biggest display is 'the Mad Hatter's Tea Party'. Look out for it in the Rose Garden. A brilliantly crafted dormouse has not made it to the party but will be displayed in a window and may even move around over the summer. Mary Berry is in the Picture Garden with a splendid star baker hat. Look out for cakes in the windows of the village houses and the teddy bears' picnic up by the school. Along with the gala and festival we have been 'celebrating birds'. There was a wonderful display of bird art in the Portmoak Hall during the festival and there will be a few birds round the village too.

Lastly you may have noticed more activity around the village recently. It is too early for judging time but it has been necessary to keep everything looking at its best. The BBC were to come and film around the village for a new gardening programme. The filming will be complete by the time you read this, but the programme will not be shown until next year. Thank you to everyone who has seen our messages about weeding and putting out extra pots. Next month we will let you know how it has gone.



Kinross Radio Model Flying Club (KRMFC)



www.krmfc.com

As we get to the summer months and the weather has improved, the club members have managed to get a great deal of flying done. Almost all of it took place without a bin bag for the journey home!

One of the members has been flying his large aerobatic biplane with very impressive results. Although he is still a little nervous to try some of the more advanced manoeuvres, we are hoping to see the full suite soon!

Aerobatics is something that is popular with RC models and there are several classes of aircraft that competitors can enter, the most popular being the F3A class where the aircraft are no longer than 2 metres and must not be heavier than 5kg. Pilots must perform a series of figures in front of a panel of judges who award marks based on the skill displayed.

An aerobatic plane at the club





One other local club (Glenrothes) is holding a Big Scottish Fly-in at their club in early August and some of our club's committee are helping out with the organising of it. This will also give the club more insight into what is involved in organising a big open day.

A few of our members have also taken part in a fun fly event at another local club, again great fun and all planes returned home safely. Fun Fly is where planes are put through a series of challenges like longest glide, triple thrash (touch and go's, rolls and loops), limbo (keep flying under a low bar), spot landings and water carrying.

Another area of the sport is flying very large models (from 25kg all the way up to 150kg) and there is a separate modelling group called the Large Model Association (<https://www.largemodellassociation.com/>) that supports this flying. At the time of writing, some of our members are thinking of attending their next event taking place at Teesside on 22 and 23 June.

If you want to see what we are up to, visit our Facebook page @ *kinrossradiomodelflyingclub*. If you are interested in joining the club, please use the contact form on our website.



Top: Birdsong walk. Above: Concert in the community orchard

Portmoak Community Woodland Group

www.portmoakcw.org.uk

Something they often say at the end of gardening programmes is, 'remember to take time to sit down and enjoy your garden!'

It is a message we should remember in our two community woodlands. We are often so busy pulling birch, pruning apple trees and so forth, that we forget to stop and absorb what is going on around us.

The Portmoak festival in June helped to put that right. As part of our contribution to the programme, we organised two bird song walks in Portmoak Moss, led by Scott Paterson, of Kinross Ecology.

Scott was great at helping us to identify which birds were singing and calling and also to figure out what the different species might be communicating to each other, whether it was about territory, mating or something to be alarmed about in the undergrowth.

Meadow pipits were very active in the centre of the peat bog, great spotted woodpeckers drummed on the trees and song thrushes sang brilliantly and inventively.

They were not the only ones with something to sing about; we had a lovely open air concert in the community orchard in Kilmagad

Wood. Vicky Gray and Sean McLaughlin, from Scotlandwell, organised the gig which featured a fantastic line-up of a dozen singers and instrumentalists performing traditional Scottish tunes as well as songs by the likes of Neil Young and Eric Clapton. This was Portmoak's answer to Glastonbury. The audience brought folding chairs and sat around in the sun for an afternoon of great music.

Across the road, in the village hall, there was an exhibition, by Portmoak Primary School, of beautiful pictures and craftwork inspired by the birds they have been learning about this year. It included photos and a write-up about the nest box project we did with them in February.

There is some good news on that front because the first blue tits have moved in. Again, you need to take a bit of time to stop, look and listen.

There was another chance to do that at the very end of June. As a result of our involvement with the Tayside Biodiversity Project we held a guided walk to tell us about swifts on Sunday 30 June. The birds were once a common sight in the area, and we hope to find out what we can do to encourage them to return. It is free and open to everyone.

Please keep in touch by checking out our website and joining us at our regular meetings at 7.30pm on the third Tuesday of the month. They generally take place in The Well Inn but, on fine summer evenings (ha, ha), we relocate to the orchard.





Kinross Guide Dogs

We had a wonderful time at the spring market which was, as always, well supported by kind Kinrossians. We raised a good amount of money and hope to keep adding to that figure at our next market.

Our beautiful guide dog pup has now left for the breeding centre, although it will be a few months before we find out if she is going to be a breeding dog or not.

As our collection dog tins fill, Sheila will be visiting all the businesses to empty them over the next few months. It really is amazing how the funds from these tins mount up. Just a reminder that we can collect your excess holiday money, folding notes and change in these tins; we are always keen to declutter your drawers of these items.

If you organise a group of any age, our speakers are free of charge and are always on the lookout for new audiences. Visit our website for more information on talks, fundraising, volunteering and cute puppies too.

We would love to welcome new volunteers, both young and not so young. For more information, get in touch by email at she61@hotmail.co.uk.

The Rotary Club of Kinross and District

www.ribi.org



Members of the club are immensely proud that Rotarian George Lawrie has been awarded the British Empire Medal (BEM) in the recent King's Birthday Honours for services to Rural Perthshire. George, twice past president of our club and presently secretary,



personifies the 'hands on' service to charitable and/or voluntary activity that this award recognises, and also the Rotary motto of 'Service Above Self'. Well done George, thoroughly well-deserved!

At a breakfast meeting on 21 May, Rotarian George Lawrie showed us some fascinating archive film covering Kinross Show. The show, held on the second Saturday in August every year, is a big event for the farming community and a popular family day out for local and surrounding communities.

Kinross Show is run by Kinross-shire Agricultural Society, which was formed and ran its first show in 1830. The main attraction at the time was working horses. The film showed scenes from 1954, when it was held at Balado Airfield. These were the early days of agricultural mechanisation and when everyone dressed up smartly for the occasion. We saw scenes from 1965, 1987 and 2020, with the venue moving to the grounds of Kinross House in 1961 and, more recently, to RSPB Loch Leven. We observed the growing popularity of continental breeds, bigger and more elaborate farm machinery, and spotted many well-known characters over the years. This year's show – the 194th – will be held on Saturday 10 August. Look out for our stall!

On 10 June we were visited by Lyndsay Stobie and Will McLean from CHAS (Children's Hospices Across Scotland). We are proud to have supported CHAS in a variety of ways since 1995; before Rachel House even opened in March 1996! We were reminded of the dedicated work carried out by staff and the huge impact this has on patients and their families. The building in Kinross is now nearly 30 years old and needs have increased and changed during that time. The building requires refurbishment and more modern clinical facilities. At present, 37% of income comes from the Scottish government, 12% 'other income' and 51% from fundraising. Lookout for ways in which you can contribute to their essential and admirable work.

We enjoyed meeting members of the community at the Farmers' Market in May. Many of you stopped by and chatted about our work. For further information, contact us by email at secretary.kdrc@gmail.com.

THE KINROSS NEWSLETTER

ALL PROFITS GO TO LOCAL GOOD CAUSES



Our featured photograph this month is by John Davie. It is called 'Shells' and was taken on Silver Sands Beach in Aberdour. A perfect shot for the holiday season.

Kinross Camera Club

During the summer we will continue our programme of evening meet ups. Members have already enjoyed being out and about with their cameras, visiting a great variety of locations. Last month, venues included Perth, Anstruther, Limekilns and Charlestown. This coming month (weather dependant) we will meet up in Dunfermline, Blairadam Woods near Kelty, Dunning and Bo'ness. A few of the evenings have been designed with beginner photographers in mind; we will have a few more experienced members available to assist with learning about camera functions and creative techniques such as how to take long exposure shots and ICM (Intentional Camera Movement).

If you have an interest in photography and would like to join us, or if you would like to learn more about Kinross Camera Club and the planned activities and events please contact us by email at 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 summer evening meet ups and see if you enjoy it?

Kinross-shire Partnership Networking Breakfast Meetings

On Wednesday 5 June we had our final Networking Breakfast of the season and what a fantastic way to finish up the year listening to Jo Middlemiss talking about her Ethiopia Medical Project, which she co-founded with her cousin, Maureen in 2009. Both woman fundraise all year round and travel to Buccama Health Centre in Southern Ethiopia every year, for a month at a time, to help in the Clinic and see how the generously donated money is being spent.

As always everyone had the opportunity to speak about their business or group over a hearty breakfast at Loch Levens Larder.



Although the event is only on for an hour (7.30am to 8.30am) local self employed and business people arrive early and regularly stay on, Networking and making connections. The purpose of our meetings is to promote your business or group, develop relationships and to build a support network with like minded people in the area.

The next season of Kinross-shire Partnership Networking Breakfast meetings will begin on Wednesday 4 September. If you would like to join us please email kpnetworkingbreakfast@gmail.com or text Richard on 07999 510 500.

If you would like to join us please call or text Richard on 07999 510500. Everyone is welcome.





BASTILLE

SUNDAY

Pétanque Melee

Shop Window

All at Loch Leven

Pétanque Competition 1:30 pm
entry fee £2 per person

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GALA DAY

14th JULY

Waiters' Race

Display Competition

Community Campus

Waiters' Race - 2 pm
entry fee £5 per person

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Celebrating 50 years of twinning

Kinross & District Town Twinning Association

50th Anniversary Celebrations

To celebrate our 50 years of twinning, Provost Xander McDade chose Kinross & District Town Twinning Association to launch Perth & Kinross Council's French twin towns' initiative of celebrating Bastille Day within their local communities.

To this end our local twinning committee has organised a Bastille Gala Day on the afternoon of Sunday 14 July featuring a Pétanque Mêlée, Parisian waiters' race and shop window competition as well as other supporting fun activities led by local groups. Local shops are invited to display a French theme between the 7-21 July. There will be a prize trophy for the winning display.

Permission has been granted to use the outside space at Loch Leven Community Campus as well as the use of their indoor toilet facilities for a fun afternoon featuring French style events.

The pétanque melee will take the form of individual entries being drawn together in threes to compete in a two boules, three end, shortened rolling competition over the two campus courts. This will cater for 12 players at a time with names being re-drawn after each round, each competitor keeping their scores throughout the afternoon. Players are asked to register between 1-1.30 pm, paying the £2 per person entry fee.

The waiters' race will start on the grass area adjacent to the rear car park and will follow the pavement and pathway around the campus perimeter, round the outside of the grass pitches and finish again on the grass area next to the rear car park. Those entering should register for the competition between 1.30-2pm start time. Waiters should dress in white shirt (waistcoat optional) and apron carrying a tray which will have a bottle of water, a plastic glass tumbler and a croissant. It will be a bit like an 'egg and spoon' race as competitors strive to keep the items balanced on their tray as they complete



the course. Competitors should bring their own tray but the water bottle, plastic tumbler and croissant will be provided.

A variety of side show attractions will also be dotted around outside the campus to add to the flavour of the day. Any local groups wishing to piggy back the event by running a stall, a challenge or a display are invited to book a space, free of charge, by emailing our secretary at d_g_munro@hotmail.com.

Host Families Needed

There will be a travelling party of 17 Gacéans coming to Kinross for a week between 3-10 August. We are looking for two host families for two separate single females who will be travelling. Please contact our secretary (email address above) if you could accommodate one or other of them. Obviously by hosting you would be welcome to travel to Gacé next summer when they will celebrate 50 years of people from Kinross visiting Gacé.

ENTRY FORM

NAME

CONTACT INFO

Phone:

Email:

I wish to enter the pétanque/waiters' race* and enclose the sum of £2/£5 (*delete as appropriate)

SIGNED

Please complete and bring along to the competition registration point on the afternoon of Sunday, 14 July.



Kandersteg International Scout Centre.

Loch Leven Explorers

Explorers' Excitement!

At Loch Leven Explorers, we get the chance to dream big, find our place in the world and make memories to last a lifetime. One of our mottos is Try more. See more. Do more. And that's exactly what we plan to do during Summer 2025 when 12 of us will join with Rosyth District Explorers and Network to go on an international camp to the World Headquarters of Scouting at Kandersteg International Scout Centre (Switzerland). The opportunity to join the trip is phenomenal and we have jumped at the chance to get involved!

Kandersteg International Scout Centre (KISC) in Switzerland is a World Centre belonging to the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM). Over 3,000 UK Scouts visit Kandersteg each year, taking part in adventurous activities, making international friends and experiencing the unique Kandersteg campfires. Opened in 1923, Baden-Powell intended Kandersteg to be a place where Scouts could experience a 'permanent mini-Jamboree'. KISC combines a campsite and indoor accommodation with programme support and a volunteer staff team from all over the world.

Kandersteg International Scout Centre is situated at 1,200 metres above sea level approximately 40 miles south of Bern, the capital of Switzerland. The Centre is at the southern end of the small, traditional village of Kandersteg and is open both to groups and individuals, Scouts and non-Scouts, throughout the year. It will be an excellent base for sightseeing, exploring the Alps and meeting Scouts from around the world.

UPCOMING EVENT: Mark your diaries! Our very first Jamboree Tea will take place on Saturday 28 September 10am-2pm at Millbridge Hall! A table-top sale with bric-a-brac, crafts, fun children's activities and, of course, lots of homebaking, teas and coffees, served by your very own Kandersteg crew!

Why not pop in during your visit to the Kinross Market that day, have a cuppa, and chat to us about our upcoming events and adventures? We can't wait to tell you everything we have planned!

If you would like more information or would like to have a stall, please contact lochlevenexplorers@hotmail.com
384 Days to Kandersteg!

KYTHE

Throughout the year, young people challenge themselves to complete nationally recognised Youth Awards in areas such as art, woodwork and graphic design. KYTHE supports the young people achieve the awards, and we are delighted to recognise their progress and achievements.



The KYTHE Awards Giving event on Thursday 30 May celebrated young people's achievement in completing Youth Awards in areas such as art, woodwork and graphic design.

KYTHE helps to support young people reach positive destinations and recognition of progress and achievements are so important in that journey.

We were delighted that Steven Greig from The Gannochy Trust presented the awards to the 31 young people, and it was lovely for them to be joined by family and friends to recognise their achievements. Youth Awards are nationally recognised awards and the details of these are included in SQA award certificates. Our youth work team are so proud of the progress the young people have made.

Gillian and Barry with Jodi (centre), who received two Dynamic Youth Awards





Milly with Steven Grieg, Development Manager, Gannochy Trust, who presented the awards to the young people

KYTHE is ready and prepared for a fun-filled summer holiday.

Experience has shown that many people take the first week of the school holidays to have their own holiday, and the Hub is often quiet then, so the youth workers and staff are having time off then too which means they will be ready and full of energy for the remainder of the summer holidays.

Check social media and the website <https://kythe.org.uk/calendar/> for details and any booking instructions as some activities will have limited space.

Drama Worship	Wednesday 10 and Thursday 11 July
Drop-in	Friday 12 July
Adventure Week/Bushcraft	Tuesday 16 July
Adventure Week/Willowgate	Wednesday 17 July
Adventure Week/Hunted	Thursday 18 July
Magnitude Residential	Saturday 20 – Wednesday 24 July
Family Week	Monday 29 July – Friday 2 August
Bamp Camp	Tuesday 6, Thursday 8, Friday 9 August (<i>showcase in evening</i>)
PYP Games	Wednesday 7 August
Mobile KYTHE	Wed 10, Thurs 11 July & Wed 31 July Thurs 1, Wed 7 & Thurs 8 August.

Sleepover fun for the Beavers



Congratulations to new Squirrels Hamish, Noah and Morgan

Kinross Squirrels

The Squirrels met at RSPB Loch Leven (Vane Farm) in May. It was a lovely sunny evening. We did some pond dipping and went on a mini beast hunt in the woods.

The following week the Squirrels were back at the Millbridge Hall and started working on their Navigator Stage 1 badge. We were learning about compass directions and played the game ‘Naughty Elephants Spray Water’. We were also learning about items to take in a bag and how to stay safe when going on an adventure.

At the end of May the Squirrels were back out exploring the woods next to the golf course for some den building. Everyone did a great job working in their groups, building dens which Bear Grylls would have been proud of.

On returning to the hall, we were delighted to invest our newest Squirrels into the drey. Congratulations to Hamish, Noah and Morgan.

As we entered June the Squirrels took part in the Big Help 2024 by completing a litter pick along the path behind Loch Leven Health Centre. The Squirrels did a fantastic job clearing the litter, helping to keep Kinross tidy. Well done!

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

Kinross Beavers

On 17 May the Beavers focused on their gardening badge, learning about the different tools to use in the garden and different types of crops and where they are grown. They also planted sunflowers.

The following week the Beavers attempted to climb East Lomond. Unfortunately, the weather and also time conspired against us, so we didn’t make it to the top, but everyone did really well and had a great evening.

On 31 May the Beavers were at Kirkgate Park completing the cyclist badge. Kinross Trishaws came along to give us an insight into the charitable work they do in the community. They also let the Beavers have a shot on the trishaws. We presented a cheque for £465.50 to Kinross Trishaws after we completed a sponsored walk last year. The funds will be used for the upkeep of the bikes and to keep this valuable community service going. An extra well done to all the Beavers (and families) for their amazing efforts.

We also said a huge congratulations to Lillian, Ben, Isobel and Joshua who were invested into the colony and we were delighted to appoint some new lodge and assistant lodge leaders. Congratulations to Jude, Fraser, Clarissa, Duncan, Ben and Gregor.

The Beavers took part in the Big Help Out the following Friday. We were doing our bit for the community with a litter pick in Kirkgate



Park. Well done to everyone for helping to keep our community tidy.

On the weekend of 8 June the Beavers held their second sleepover of the year. Meeting at Millbridge Hall on Saturday afternoon (and once everyone had deposited their luggage), it was off for a walk to the Phoenix Hide before we headed to Kirkgate Park for a good old play.

It was then back to Millbridge Hall for some games before everyone got stuck into pizza and chips. Finally, we enjoyed a movie before heading off to bed. On Sunday morning everyone was up early for breakfast and we played more games. Before heading home there

was a presentation to Ellis who was appointed the new assistant lodge leader for the red lodge. Well done Ellis!

Please contact us by email on kinrossbeavers@hotmail.co.uk for more information.

Kinross Cubs

The Cubs were working on their Backwoods Cooking badge in mid-May by building campfires in the garden before roasting marshmallows on them.

The following week we had to move our planned activity indoors



due to the rain so the Cubs were building tents in the hall. We were also learning about knots and were designing our own scout hall with some very interesting designs including a games room and a 'Cubs only' room!

The Cubs had a great time at the Scottish Gliding Centre at Portmoak Airfield at the end of May. We were learning about the phonetic alphabet and also had a great time on the flight simulator, flying a glider across Loch Leven and over into Fife across Glenrothes and Kirkcaldy; although many of the Cubs attempted to do 360's whilst on the simulator! We also got to view some of the planes and gliders at the airfield. A big thank you to Stephen and the team at the Scottish Gliding Centre for giving the Cubs a fun evening.

On the same evening we were delighted to invest our newest Cubs into the pack. Congratulations to Jacob, Matthew, Lachlan, Malcolm, Sinclair and Callum.



We had two great sessions in the first week in June. First up they were at the Scout paddlesports hub at Willowgate Activity Centre in Perth on Tuesday evening. The Cubs had a great time enjoying a taster kayaking session and then got to finish the session by jumping into the water.

The following evening we met at Kinross Fire Station. The Cubs had an amazing time; sitting in and looking around the fire engine, having a shot of the fire hose, learning about what fire fighters wear and fire safety. A very big thank you to the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service team members based at the Kinross Fire Station for giving the Cubs a fun and informative evening.

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

SWI

Carnbo SWI

Secretary Lyn Willsher welcomed all members and guests to our last meeting of the year.

Dorothy Fyfe welcomed Yvonne Boles Site Manager at RSPB Loch Leven to give an illustrated talk on the year at Loch Leven. Dorothy gave a vote of thanks to Yvonne.

Past President Heather Dennis was gifted a summer planter in recognition of her last three years as President.

New committee are: Lyn Willsher, Grace Paterson, Flora Douglas, Diane Mitchell, Sheila Reid, Dorothy Fyfe, Linda Band and Mhairi Lavender.

We had a walk for Macmillan Charity on 27 May which raised £101.

Our summer outing was on 12 June to Perth Museum and Stone Cafe and was enjoyed by all.

Competitions

Flower of the Month:

1st Sheila Hutchison, 2nd Linda Band

Favourite Bird Ornament

1st Christine Dawson, 2nd Linda Band

Our next meeting will be in Carnbo Hall on 16 September at 7.15pm. All welcome.

Cleish SWI

President Helen Buchanan welcomed 26 members and 2 tellers from Blairingone Institute (Irene Warnock and Fiona Matheson) to our May meeting and AGM.

After business we had an extremely enjoyable and sociable evening. Irene and Fiona tested everyone's logical thinking

and team skills with a 'Coin Quiz'. The winning team were Jane McGee, Faye Gibb, Helen Buchanan, Susan Smith and Nancy Gibb. The annual competition results, and new committee, were announced then we had a delicious supper provided by members. New Committee members are as follows: President Anne Doig, Elinor Craig, Carol Herd, Lynn Hewitt, Jane McGee, Agnes Thomson, Margo Wills.

Competition Results 2023/24

Monthly Points Competition:

1st Lynn Hewitt, 2nd Marion Laird, 3rd Anne Doig.

Flower of the Month:

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

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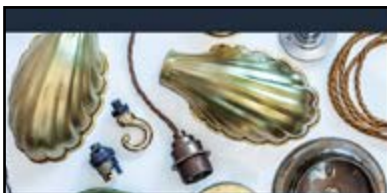
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Sports News



12&U friendly match with Fossoway

Kinross Tennis Club

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

Email: kinrosstennis@gmail.com/kinrosstenniscoaching@gmail.com

July is traditionally the busiest month of the year for tennis, with Wimbledon generating significant interest in the sport. Hopefully the weather will be decidedly more seasonal than we experienced earlier in the summer!

The club welcomes any new members who may be interested in playing tennis after being inspired by Wimbledon or the upcoming Olympics. Please visit our website for information on membership if you are interested in joining us.

Adult league teams have been enjoying success so far. At time of writing all are looking likely to avoid relegation and remain in the leagues they are playing. In one or two cases, there is potential challenge for promotion if players can put a good run together over the remainder of the season. It has been great to see so many members participating in league play, especially those joining us to play in such matches for the first time.

The junior teams have been enjoying a great season of tennis. Both of the 16&U teams are sitting mid-table in the Tennis Tayside league and players have enjoyed matches as far away as Arbroath, Dundee and Cupar.

The 12&U team have also had some great matches with home and away ties against Perth, Blairgowrie and Fossoway.

The younger 10&U players have also been busy playing some friendly matches up at Strathallan school and away at Bridge of Allan and Bathgate.

Spaces are filling up in our ever popular summer tennis camps. The camps are running weeks commencing 15 July and 5 August. To book, get in touch with coach Siobhan on 07443223408 or by email at kinrosstenniscoaching@gmail.com.

Kinross Hockey

Kinrosshockey.org



Kinross Ladies Hockey Club played their first match in August 1974 against Grove FPs from Dundee. The match took place at KGV playing fields on a very uneven grass pitch with a wooden hut as changing rooms. Needless to say, we did not win, but we were enthusiastic!

To mark the 50th anniversary of hockey in Kinross we are inviting all past and present members to join us on 24 August at KGV playing fields to participate in the following:

3pm: Walking Hockey Game (a first for us!)

4pm: Hockey teas in the club house followed by drinks and fun. Please come along and take part to mark this special anniversary. We look forward to seeing you all. For more information, contact Morag Donaldson on 07724 560769.

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Ladies Section

We played our first Kyocera matchplay against Lundin Ladies over the Montgomery course on 24 May. We are delighted to report that Kinross Ladies won 3.5 to 1.5 and now meet Panmure Barry at home in the third round.

Claire Milne and Linda King are representing Kinross Ladies in the Daily Mail Foursomes. To date they have beaten King James at Kinross and Milnathort away. Their next tie is against Saline at Kinross.

Jean Graham qualified for the handicap knockout stages in the P&K County championships but unfortunately lost on the 19th in the quarter final.

Gwen Tate and Karen Stephen are our qualifiers for the Coronation Foursomes and will go forward to represent Kinross Ladies in the Regional qualifying at Ladybank

Handicap League

Kinross beat Muckhart 4 & 1 in their first home match on 2 June. Next up, Alyth away on 9 June.

Scottish National 9's



David Whitley and Lyn Murray represented Kinross in the regional finals at Dundas Park but, unfortunately, did not qualify for the grand final at Royal Troon.

The Millennium Trophy

This is the only competition the club has where juniors, ladies, and gents participate together in pairs, in a Greensomes format.

There is a handicap section winning the Millennium Trophy and a scratch section winning the Jackson Cup. Winners of the Millennium Trophy (the handicap section) this year, were Jennifer Jackson and Alex Glancy.



Alex Glancy and Jennifer Jackson

Milnathort Golf Club



Club Fundraiser, Saturday 13 July 2024

Given the huge success of our Captain's/fundraising day last year, we have decided to repeat the event again this year. The objective of the day is to have fun. The event is open to members and their guests only so make sure that you tell your friends and get this date in your diary now!

We have some fantastic prizes up for grabs, including two incredible hole in one challenges with an opportunity to win a car, as well as £1500 cash! This has been sponsored by Winton's Deli who will also be supplying excellent food on the day.

What's Included: 18 hole individual stableford (non-counting) with prizes for gent, lady and junior; barbeque and one drink from the refreshment stall; various hole challenges including 'nearest the line', 'longest drive', 'nearest the pin' and a few other surprise challenges; win a £10,000 car with a hole in one; win £1500 with a hole in one; extras are 'beat the pro' (£5 entry); raffle

How To Enter: 1. Enter via the club website. This will be open for entries from Friday 21 June. 2. The event will start at 9am. 3. Pick your tee time and enter your details as prompted. You can play with your friends if you would like but we ask only 1 GIG or 1 junior per 4 ball. 4. If you do not have a handicap don't panic! You will then be allocated a handicap on the day. 5. Pay £20 entry fee which includes drink, food, golf. A great day out.

On The Day: Arrive in plenty of time for your tee time, remember that the car park may be busy; check in at the desk and receive your ticket for the barbeque and drink station; you will receive a note of the rules and challenges for the day at check in; make sure to bring along cash to get raffle tickets and to play 'beat the pro'.

The Clubhouse: The barbeque will run from 12-7.30pm and you will need to present your ticket which you will receive at the check in desk; breakfast rolls will be available to buy.

Social members and non-golfing guests are welcome to come along for £15pp. However, you will need to register your place by 6 July by emailing office@milnathortgolfclub.co.uk as we need to know numbers for our food orders in advance.

This is an important fundraising day for the club and is an opportunity for members to invest in the welfare and security of the club. We appreciate support from all members and guests. If you would like to donate a raffle prize, please drop these off in the bar or office. We look forward to seeing you all there!

FINALS DAY 2024

Sunday 16 June

Junior Final: Lucy Moran v Douglas Brown;
Gents Scratch Final: Iain Brown v Brian McCormick;
Gents Handicap Final: Charlie Payne v Callum Gillan
Ladies Scratch Final: Jacqueline Sneddon v Lucy Moran
Ladies Handicap Final: Gillian Pemberton v Jan Gibson
Gents Scratch Final: Iain Brown v Brian McCormick
Gents Handicap Final: Charlie Payne v Callum Gillan.

Results in the August Newsletter.

Dates For Your Diary

26 July Junior Open
31 July Ladies Senior Greensomes

The clubhouse opening hours for summer are Monday to Saturday 10am-8pm and Sunday 10am-5pm.

If you are interested in joining please contact us by email at office@milnathortgolfclub.co.uk. For more information please visit the club website.



Scottish U13 champions (2006)

Kinross-shire Cricket Club

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Senior Cricket

The weather continues to cause havoc with the senior fixtures. Only two of the planned six, mid-week and Sunday matches could be played. In addition to rain, we have suffered several player injuries (non-cricket related), holidays and lack of availability due to work commitments.

A very inexperienced, but keen Kinross-shire side hosted one of the strongest Dollar Cricket Club teams we have seen in several years. Batting first the Dollar batsmen showed their experience and ability as they breached the 200 runs barrier in their 25th over. They finished on 225 for 5. 13-year-old Robert Cooper was the top Kinross-shire bowler with excellent figures of 2 for 33 from 6 overs. In replay Kinross-shire never really got started and were all out for 38 in the 15th over. The Dollar fixture is one of our oldest going back to the 1860s for the first game. It is always a pleasure welcoming them and, over the years, has been an honour even in terms of wins. This year was Dollar's trophy.

Edinburgh South came to Loch Leven's Larder in a switched fixture as their ground was completely flooded under 2ft of water. Batting first Edinburgh found the early going hard as they lost regular wickets. A strong middle order stand helps as they finally reached 133 for 9 wickets. Kinross-shire made a strong start but found the middle overs tricky and lost several key wickets in only 20 balls. A valiant rear-guard fightback almost succeeded but in the end Kinross-shire fell 29 runs short.

The much-anticipated David Roe Memorial Test match takes place on 22 June and will be featured in next month's *Newsletter*.

From The Archives

Back in 2006 the club had launched our first juniors' season and entered the Cricket Scotland Under 13 National Cup competition. Having raced through the qualifying rounds we reached the finals weekend and played Edinburgh Carlton in the semi-final. With almost no issues we won the match and were in the cup final against favourites, Grange. In a tight match

Kinross won in the final over. The quality of that winning side was fully recognised the following year as five of the players were selected to play for the Scotland U15 team in the European championships in Denmark. In 2007 the club won both the U13 and U15 Scottish National titles on the same day. A feat that has never been repeated.

July Fixtures

Wednesday 3 July	KCC Softball 6's	6.30pm	Home
Sunday 7 July	Dollar CC	1pm	Dollar Academy
Wednesday 10 July	KCC Softball 6's	6.30pm	Home
Sunday 14 July	Edinburgh South	1pm	Home
Wednesday 17 July	KCC Softball 6's	6.30pm	Home
Sunday 21 July	Broomhall CC	1pm	Broomhall
Wednesday 24 July	KCC Softball 6's	6.30pm	Home

Kinross Otters

Call for Swimming Coaches and Teachers

As a growing swim club, Kinross Otters is looking for volunteers to join our team. If you have a passion for swimming and want to make a positive impact on our young athletes, we need your help!

We're reaching out to parents, guardians and the wider community to ask if you or someone you know is a qualified swimming teacher or coach? Would you be interested in spending an hour or two each week volunteering at our Club? Although we are a small club, we have a great track record with many of our swimmers competing at District and National level. Without new swim teachers or coaches joining us, we won't be able to offer the current training schedule for much time beyond



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the summer break and this will really impact our swimmers and their ability to attend both training and competitions.

If you are a qualified swim teacher or coach, or know someone who is and would be willing to help our talented young swimmers, please get in touch. Not qualified but interested in becoming a swim teacher or coach? Please get in touch! We'd love to hear from you – for more details contact Jennifer at secretary@kinrossotters.co.uk

Masters Swimmers

There is also an opportunity to join our Masters Training Sessions on a Tuesday evening at Loch Leven Leisure. These sessions are for any experienced swimmer or ex club swimmer, who is keen to join a structured session, improve their stroke technique and fitness and swim a variety of strokes. The hour session tends to be about 2500m in total but can be flexible for slower swimmers.

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We have recently played two friendlies. On Saturday 25 May we were away to Tillicoltray and we won 52 to 49.

Shots. On Saturday 1 June we had a home game against Menstrie. We also won this by 60 shots to 42 shots. The external competitions have started and results will be available next month.

At the time of writing, the next date for the diary is Sunday 16 June when we will be having a bowls and burger afternoon.

On the weekend of 12-14 July there are beginners evenings so come along and have a try. We can supply bowls and footwear.

We hosted the ladies county senior rink final on Wednesday 26 June and on Wednesday 3 July we have the county Finals. Please come along to support the games. We have the honour of hosting these games because Sandra Fullerton is the county president this year.

The fowling one-day games are: Sunday 30 June the Willie Dewar Quach, Friday 19 July the Haig Cup and Sunday 21 July the Scott Trophy.

Visit our website or Facebook for more information. Alternatively, contact the club using the details above.

If anyone would like to come along and try bowls, they would be very welcome, our address is Bowling Green Avenue, Milnathort, KY13 9YN, or call 01577 863739/07790 026589.

JKS Shojiki Karate Club

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We continue to work on our skills and develop new ones within Karate. We have started working towards the next grading which will be on 24 August. We aim to have all our students ready to attempt the grading at the headquarters in Dunfermline.

We have also continued to work within Kinross and Milnathort Primary Schools, delivering taster sessions. A number of these children have joined the club as a result of the tasters. These new members have been welcomed into the club warmly, and have already begun to develop and progress towards their first belt.

Volleyball

This year's Scottish Open Volleyball Tournament was a great success. Despite the rain on Sunday, the tournament attracted 143 teams from all over!

The Kinross men's team did well on Saturday winning four of their five matches to qualify for the trophy section of the tournament on the Sunday. Unfortunately their Sunday results did not match their Saturday performances and they failed to qualify for the knock out stages of the competition.

Local lads Jack Watson and Ewan Thomson's makeshift side made



Volleyball: Alex and Connor

it to the consolation final on the Sunday and just missed out to Calum's Cookie Pookies.

Club coaches have held introductory taster sessions for primary 7 pupils at Arngask, Fossoway and Kinross primary schools and continue to work with Kinross High School pupils on Wednesday lunchtimes and after school.

Active Schools and Live Active Leisure is running an 'Aspiring Coaches' scheme for senior secondary school pupils with two boys from Kinross High School participating in this over the month of June. Both Alex Morrison and Connor Scott are enjoying the volleyball coach tutoring sessions at Perth College.

Free outdoor 'pop up and play' volleyball sessions continue on the grass area adjacent to the rear campus car park on both Sunday and Monday evenings at 7-8.30pm, weather permitting. These sessions will continue during the summer months.

There will be two Kinross men's teams heading to Belgium in mid-August to take part in the 50th de Haan annual tournament. They will be joined by a mixed team from Perth who are also travelling to Belgium for this year's tournament.

Kinross Road Runners

<https://kinrossroadrunners.weebly.com>

The month was off to a great start with a good turnout by the club at Kinnoull Hill Race where our very own Stephanie Johnson took the race win in a great time of 33:13.

1st male KRR back was Alex Reily in 31:01, followed by Scott Strachan who was 1st M50 in 31:40, then Bart Burza 34:53, Tony Wallen 39:01 & Frazer Munro 39:13. For the women Karen Ritchie was 42:26, Gill Lopez 43:24, Wendy Grieve 46:27, Kirsty Higgins 47:46, Val Findlay 48:31, Anne MacIntyre 51:08, Catherine McAdams 52:49, Simone Young 53:57 & Sarah Eaton 58:21



Alex Reily was then back in action Friday evening at the Scurry around Cramond Island 5 mile race, finishing in 33:21 for 16th overall, whilst Michelle Murray posted 57:06 in the first of her own back to back races. The second one being the very daring Brocken Hurst Naked 5K in London on Sunday in 36:54.

The successes kept on coming the following week with no less than 7 KRR achieving PB's! 13 KRR members took part across the 3 events of the Edinburgh Marathon Festival. There were 12 in the marathon results from Sunday, a great turnout, even if the weather gods decided to play hardball with the rain. Our first male finisher was Murray Speight in 2:58:54 [PB] and our first female finisher was Caroline Jones in 3:19:21 [PB]. For the women next in was Angela Scott in 4:00:58 [PB] followed by Wendy Turnbull 4:50:49 [PB], Roisin ?? 4:52:32 [PB?] and Michelle Murray 5:42:59. For the men Iain Watson finished in 3:08:03, followed by Willie Bell 3:19:20, Richard Aldred 3:39:00 (Strava), Peter Etherington 3:56:42 [PB], Jim Reilly 4:09:41 [PB] & John Beveridge 4:29:13.

In the half marathon event we had a further 2 KRR with Claire Allison posting 1:50:03 and Kirsten Laurie 1:54:52.

In the 10K event Karen Birnie flew the KRR flag, posting 1:07:50

A touch further a field for our next update.. Everest & the Himalayas! The highest place on earth. Where else would our mountain goat Matt Newton go to satiate his quest for huge epic races. At 7am local time on Wednesday morning in Nepal, while we slept in our beds, he completed the world's highest marathon, the Everest marathon, in an incredible 6 hours 7 minutes 53 seconds to finish on the podium in the foreigner's category placing 3rd in an international field. Huge congratulations to him.

A bit closer to home, in Ochil purple Gregor M finished 5th at Cort-ma-Law hill race on Wednesday evening in a time of 49:44.

3 KRR made it to the Glen Lyon trail race on the Sunday - a stunning 25K circuit of Loch Lyon. Martin Hill finished a brilliant 5th overall in 2:05:01 with Gill Lopez posting 2:52:20 and Hannah Lopez 3:08:11

Dave Mudie opted for the 50k Glen Lyon Ultra on the Saturday, finishing in a time of 5 hours 23 mins 14 secs.

Sandy Freck took to the hilly Rattray Blair half marathon course on Sunday, just a training run, cruising round in 1:50:52.

And finally, Wendy Grieve rounded off the weekend at the Chariots of Fire beach race in St Andrews on Sunday, finishing 4th FV60 in a time of 27:44.

Another great turnout for one of our hill championship events as 13 KRR made it along to Hill of Tarvit race on Wednesday evening. First of our finishers were Murray Speight (6th overall) in 37:31 and Karen Ritchie 50:36. For the boys Matt was next in (2nd M50) in 39:42 followed by Joe MacKenzie 42:18, Tony Wallen 46:40 & Michael Atkinson 52:42. Kirsty Higgins was next of our ladies in 58:12, followed by Ann Malcolm 59:24, Anne MacIntyre 59:36, Alison Callaghan 60:03, Hannah Lopez 64:13, Simone Young 66:10 & Linda MacEachen 66:19

David Scott popped up in the results at the Templeton Trail race on Friday evening, finishing 4th overall (1st V40) in 36:44.

In a break from racing the club held a social evening in Milnathort on Saturday inviting Andy Douglas as guest speaker. Andy is currently one of Britain's most successful mountain runners, consistently performing well at European and World Mountain running Championships. Winning the World Mountain Running Association Cup in 2019.

Prior to competing on the hills, Andy was one of Scotland's top road and cross country runners, representing Scotland on the road and at cross country. He gave an inspiring account of his running history, leaving us all eager to get out the trails and hills.



The team at Hill of Tarvit

To the weekend and there was a highland vibe to the race locations.

At the Skye half marathon there were 3 KRR with Lorna MacDonald 4th FV45 in 1:42:24, Michelle Murray 2:25:01 & Allison Smith 2:30:20.

At Balquidder for the Mhor 84 half marathon were a further 9 KRR. John Beveridge was 4th overall & 1st M50 in 1:34:20, followed in by Richard Aldred 1:44:29, Ann Malcolm 3rd F60 2:17:36, Wendy Turnbull 2:25:46, Lynn Beveridge 2:29:17, Isla Craig 2:29:18, Hannah Lopez 2:36:23, Catherine McAdams 2:37:56 and Simone Young 2:44:16.

The Strathearn marathon on Sunday saw returning KRR Edinburgh



marathoners Willie Bell (1st M50) and Caroline Jones (2nd F40) post 3:25:00 and 3:34:31 respectively.

And nice to see KRR representation at the Birnam Trail race inc. Scottish mid-trail champs on Sunday where Iain Watson posted 49:26. Our guest speaker from Saturday evening Andy Douglas was 2nd overall in a ridiculous 34:13, just 9 secs behind Jamie Crowe, the pair of them over 2 minutes clear of the rest of the field.

At the risk of multi-events creeping into the results roundup a special shout out to Alex Reily who completed his first triathlon on Sunday at Lochore Sprint triathlon, finishing in 1 hr 26m 36s, with 750m swim/ 20K bike/ 5Krun splits of 19:11/ 41:50/ 19:48.

In another break from racing many members took the opportunity to attend the Scottish Athletics menopause webinar with their menopause expert Dr Juliet McGrattan on Thursday evening. The talk covered menopause and nutrition, fuelling runs, protein needs, supplement myths and foods that trigger menopause symptoms. KRR is a menopause friendly club and part of the Scottish Athletics #MenopauseFriendly campaign.

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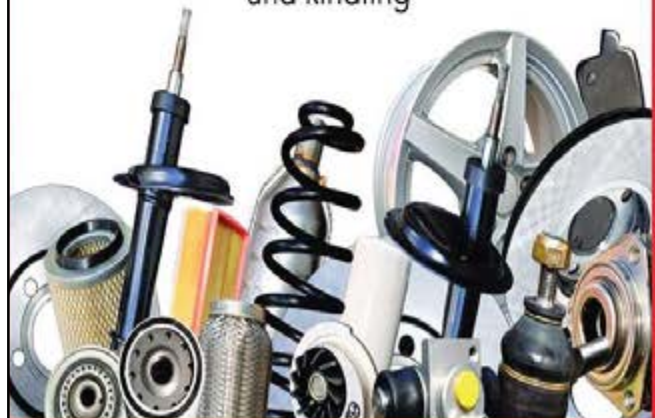


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We will also be officially opening our new hide, which is between the Pier and Vane Farm, so please come along and have a look out.

Over the spring and summer we have two groups of insect volunteers our every week surveying Burleigh and the old railway line. They have already been spotting plenty of damselflies such as azure, large red and blue tailed, and plenty of bumblebees as well, with large numbers of buff-tailed and red tailed. Sunny warm and calm days are the best for looking out for flying insects such as these, so if you fancy going out to spot some yourself that is the best time to do it.

St Serf's island has been the focus of our nesting bird monitoring this year, targeting Tufted Duck nests to monitor productivity and predation. Mid-June was when the first tufty nests started hatching, so keep an eye out for them and their broods of ducklings across the loch. The island is also home to hundreds of nesting gulls, herring, lesser black-backed and greater black-backed gulls, all of which will have young fledging by July. This year we also welcomed back a colony of black-headed gulls to the island. These nesting slightly later than their larger counterparts, and have some young still not quite fledged.

Another exciting species to spot over the summer are ospreys! Loch Leven is a favoured fishing spot for these birds, so we will be offering pop-up events to help people spot them. Our seasonal staff will also be hosting pop-up events over the weekends, such as pond-dipping/bug hunts/bird watching. So keep an eye on our socials for any updates, and if you see them don't hesitate to say hello.

Please remember that this time of year our water access states

to only launch from Burleigh or Kirkgate, and to stay 200m from the shoreline and away from the islands. This is to minimise disturbance to breeding birds and birds with young. We also ask, following SOAC, that nobody has any open fires, fire bowls or disposable BBQs on the reserve, as we have already experienced a large amount of scorch marks where vegetation has been damaged. SOAC recommends using a camping stove if you are wishing to cook.

To keep updated with whats going on the reserve have a look at our social media (Facebook, Instagram and Wordpress blog @LochLevenNNR), and feel free to get in touch with any of your own as well.

Sally Reay

Weather



Recent Weather Reports From Kinross

May 2024

Total Rainfall	102.9mm/4.11in
Heaviest Fall	27.1mm/1.08in (29 May)
Total Sunshine	138.5hrs
Sunniest Day	10.7hrs (17 May)
Max Temp Average	17.04°C
Highest Temp	23.30°C (11 May)
Min Temp Average	5.75°C
Lowest Temp	-3.2°C (20 May)

The Birds And The Bees

THERE HAS BEEN LOTS of activity happening here at Loch Leven since our last *Newsletter* column, with lots of chicks being seen at the reserve. The first black headed gull chicks have been seen recently on the islands and rafts from the Carden hide.

The majority of lapwing nests on the reserve have now hatched, and some of the lapwing chicks are starting to get very big now, and early in June we saw our first chicks make some small flights. It is hard to believe that just a few weeks ago they were just balls of fluff.

In the woodland we have been incredibly lucky to watch two tawny owl chicks in some of the branches close to their nest. In this 'branching' phase where they are not ready to fly they have

been sitting patiently in the trees waiting for their parents to feed them at dusk. The great spotted woodpecker chicks have also very recently fledged and can be heard making quite the racket as they call to their parents.

The wildflower meadow has finally started to bloom with flowers such as red clover, yellow rattle, buttercups and birds foot trefoil forming a blanket of colour providing feeding opportunities for lots of bee and butterfly species. Our practical volunteers have been working really hard on managing vegetation in the picnic area and along the paths while also tending to our gorgeous cottage garden which is finally awash with the colours of lupins and herb plants.



Common Carder Bee Photo: Daniel Wright

We've also been busy putting together our events program for the summer. Our Big Wild Summer self-guided trails started at the end of June and will run until the end of August. They're a really great way of getting the whole family exploring in nature, and are available to purchase at the reserve. We have two fun activity packs to hire too, for £3 each. The first is our pond dipping kit which provides you with everything you need to explore the ponds here at the reserve. The second activity pack we have to hire is our Explorer Backpacks, these contain mini binoculars, a magnifying glass, ID sheets and activities- all essential items for a young wildlife enthusiast to enjoy a visit here. We also have our Sensory Backpacks available to use for free, for both children and adults.

We've got lots of events for all ages coming up too, so do make sure you check out our events page (<https://events.rspb.org.uk/lochleven>) to find out more information and book your space. Currently planned we have our second-hand book sale on until 4 July, Optics Weekend on 6 and 7 July, The Tempest by the Festival Players on 20 July, Wellbeing walks in July, August and September, Bat Walks in August and September, and the Big Wild Pyjama Party on 2 August. We're hoping to add lots of more events to the planner soon too (hopefully including craft workshops), so watch this space and do keep an eye on our events page.

We hope to see you at the reserve soon. Keep in touch with us on our Facebook (*RSPB Loch Leven*) and Instagram (*@rspb-lochleven*) pages, or email us at lochleven@rspb.org.uk or phone 01577 862355.

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Farming

Troupers Trooping On

I'M PLAYING THE TROOPING of the Colour on iPlayer and watching it out the corner of my eye as I write this, funny the things that become of interest as you get older. The music from the pipes and drums of the Irish guards is helping me focus and if I'm lucky I can bring through their good rhythm to my writing.

Dare I say we are up to date with jobs on the farms, (this never really happens) but a bit of the silage has been made, the neeps went in mid-May and on inspection this morning they are peeping through, I can just start to see the emerging green rows and that's such a relief. The sunflowers went in the week after and their germination seems to be a bit longer. I walk the field every day looking for the seedlings to appear, but so far, it's a bit like a watched kettle never boils. Another job off the list is the ewe hoggs getting clipped, some of these were in the group that had a hard time with worms during the winter. The tough time was evident in their fleece as it didn't have as much rise, making them a bit stickier to shear. Thankfully the shearers take a lot of care so got the fleeces off okay with not many cuts. With their wool off, they will hopefully go on a bit of a growth spurt.

We did manage a holiday to catch up with our younger son who is studying in Stuttgart. We went early to avoid the price hikes of the airfares during the Euros and explored a bit of the Black Forest region as well as the city. The sun was up sharp on the balcony of the hotel every morning and shone brightly all day, it's a good climate for farming and we saw lots of good cereal crops as well as livestock outside on lush grass. We hired bikes one day and were lucky to buy cherries from an orchard honesty box. They were juicy and delicious picked straight off the fruit trees on the south-facing slopes. The sun and land in Germany are most certainly used for food production, we didn't see any solar panels in an agricultural setting. It does make me wonder why we may turn good agricultural land in Scotland over to solar farming when we have so little sun. How can it be efficient?

In the city we travelled on the tube, it was fairly busy and we stood up on quite a few journeys. Since all my operations my core strength has disappeared but Fraser noticed I was quite good at keeping steady without holding on. I explained to him that it was probably muscle memory as we used to do a lot of this when I was a student working at Wester Aldie. Most days I would stand on the trailer on the back of a tractor whilst heading down to the fields. If you wavered you got teased, so I mastered a slight knee bend, flexible ankles and staring straight ahead, this usually worked to keep me steady. It's over 30 years since



my year as an agricultural student and I'm so grateful they gave me the opportunity. Every day they taught me something new, from milking to rearing calves to fencing. I was the first girl they had ever employed and I wasn't very technical so some days were tough, the mower went through the fence a few times, my trailer of gravel landed in the ditch near Carnbo and my reversing skills took a bit of work. But Andrew and Eunice were patient and encouraging so every day I returned determined to make a good job and not get teased.

Onto the final paragraph here and the Royal family are assembled on the balcony of Buckingham Palace for the fly-past. Knowing the King and Princess of Wales are both going through treatment for cancer, like I have, I'm watching them carefully. I think I recognise the look of gratitude in their eyes, it is clear that being with their family means the world to them and I hope that, like me, they continue to regain their health and, like the ewe hoggs, can start to put the tough times behind them.

Fiona

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Gardening

Is It Summer Yet?

IS IT SUMMER YET? I have everything crossed that by the time you read this, summer has appeared and that we've seen the end of the cool days of June... I can but hope.

I don't know about you, but since I planted my annuals at the beginning of June, they've just sat there, glum-like, waiting on a bit of heat. On the plus side, they should flower until later in the season, giving colour for longer.

So, what's on the cards this month then? As some of my seedlings have been quite slow to bulk up during May, I'll continue to plant these out in the garden as they become ready. Rudbeckia (usually super reliable) and statice have sat around for ages, not growing at all from their post pricked-out size... I'm blaming the weather. The statice seedlings have now been told to get their big girl pants on and I've chucked them outside in their tray to get on with it. Hopefully they'll get big enough to plant out in the near future.

An advantage of the cooler weather I've found is that the weeds seem to have slowed down a bit. Don't get me wrong, there's still a never-ending amount of weeding to do, but it's at a manageable level at the moment. Same with watering... currently not too onerous, but that could change very quickly. I tend to water my hanging baskets every day, and tubs every other day or so, depending on the weather.

If you're a regular reader, you may remember that my hanging baskets over the last couple of years have been fairly disappointing. Well, I think I may have cracked it this year. I planted slightly more plants in them and have been religiously watering and feeding them – they're starting to bulk out and get a few flowers, so I'm really pleased. I think the cooler weather may be helping them to grow in a more controlled manner too.

July is still a great time to sow some biennials for next year – foxgloves, sweet williams, lunaria and hesperis are favourites



Sweet William

of mine. The sweet williams I grew last year are just starting to flower and the foxgloves are romping away quite nicely just now. Biennials are a great way to fill the 'flowering gap' between spring and summer bedding plants, easy to grow and well worth doing.

Now is also a good time to be sowing perennials which will come back year after year... growing them now gives them a bit of time to establish before the winter sets in. I cheated a bit this year and ordered some very cheap plug plants (I get a lot of Facebook ads) as I've got it into my head that I want to create a proper herbaceous border at the back of my garden. The border is currently home to two very large, woody shrubs that will need to be dug out, some fairly decent plants that can be replanted and a copious amount of invasive weeds and brambles. Watch this space.

In summary, weeding, watering, sowing and planting are the watch words for July in the garden. Also, keep an eye out for any early bird offers for spring bulbs which can be planted in the autumn. And don't forget to have a seat, relax and enjoy the fruits of your labours... if it ever warms up!

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

Otherwise operating remotely. Leave phone message or email.

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

Ordained Local Minister: Rev Margaret Michie

Session Clerk: Jaffrey Weir

Contact the Church Office for our weekly email of events and Zoom details. Events below are in the church unless otherwise indicated.

Most of our regular events have paused during July.

REGULAR SERVICES AND EVENTS

Sundays

No Choir practice in July - restart 13 August.

10.30am: Morning Service, gathering song about 10.25. Within the church there is a corner for parents with babies and toddlers or they can use the Upper Room and follow the service from there.

Refreshments and Fairtrade Stall after most services.

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

6.00pm: Sunday Evening Prayer, on Zoom

Tuesdays

No Stepping Stones in July

Wednesdays

11.15am Midweek Service, at the church centre.

1.30pm: Craft Group continuing through July.

OTHER SERVICES AND EVENTS: JULY

Mon 1 8am: Silent Meditation

Sun 7 10.30am: Morning Service followed by informal Communion. No refreshments or Fairtrade stall after the service.

Sun 14 No Let's Sing in July. **Next Let's Sing** in August.

Thurs 18 9pm: Evening service of Compline

Sat 20 No All Friends Together in July. Next meeting 21 September.

Sun 21 2.15pm: Afternoon Social Walk

Fri 26 12noon: Deadline to register for Family Week to guarantee a place.

Sun 28 10.30am: Morning Service to launch Family Week.

Mon 29 – Fri 2 Aug: Family Week – 'Starship Discovery' Holiday Club. Registration by 26 July – see website or contact church office. All age groups meet at Kinross Parish Church at 9.45am. Finishing at 12 noon.

ADDITIONAL FAMILY WEEK EVENTS

(meet at church, unless shown otherwise)

Mon 29 3.30pm: P6/7 trip to Bowlplex, Dunfermline.

Tue 30 2pm: (younger children), **3.15pm** (older children and teenagers): **Cosmos Planetarium**, at Church Centre.

Wed 31 3.30pm: Senior's Trip (St Andrews if fair, Perth Pool if wet).

AUGUST

Thu 1 2.15pm: (All ages), 6.30pm (P7 and Seniors): **Silent Disco**

Fri 2 6pm: Closing Celebration in church for the whole family, with barbecue from 6.45pm.



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>

JULY

7 July	11.15am	Morning Worship
14 July	11.15am	Morning Worship with Sacrament of Baptism
21 July	11.15am	Morning Worship
28 July	11.15am	Morning Worship



Fossoway, St Serf's & Devonside Church

Church of Scotland

(Charity number SC013157)

Church Road, Crook of Devon,
Kinross-shire, KY13 0UY

www.cleishandfossowaychurches.org.uk

Interim Moderator: Rev Beverley Stevenson

Telephone: 07584 902508

Email: BStevenson@churchofscotland.org.uk

Session Clerk: Anne McKay Telephone: 07766 418016

Email: annemckay90@gmail.com

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

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



JULY

7 July: 9.45am Sunday Morning Worship
Refreshments will be available after the service

14 July: 9.45am Sunday Morning Worship
Refreshments will be available after the service

21 July: 9.45am Sunday Morning Worship
Refreshments will be available after the service

28 July: 9.45am Sunday Morning Worship
Refreshments will be available afterwards

REFRESH THURSDAY

Refresh is taking its summer break. See you in September!

STEPPING STONES



...is taking a break during July.
See you in August!
Stepping Stones is for parents, carers, babies and toddlers.
ALL WELCOME

Churches

FILM NIGHT

Fri 5 July 7.30pm in the Church Hall: **Wonka (PG)**
Wonka tells the story of how a young dreamer named Willy Wonka becomes the world's greatest inventor, magician and chocolate maker. This big screen spectacle will introduce the young Willy Wonka and prove that often the best things in life start with a dream and, also that anything is possible!

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 morning before morning worship and our wonderful organists run through the hymns that we will be singing during worship. There is no need to read music as the organist helps us to learn what we need to know. We also meet from time to time to practice for special projects e.g. Easter, Christmas. We are a friendly group of people and would love to welcome new members with open arms.

FOSSOWAY BABIES AND TODDLERS

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

FOSSOWAY HOUSE GROUP

Our House Group usually meets every Thursday evening at 7.30pm but is having a summer break and will meet up again in September. For more details please contact Debbie Hill 01577 842268.

CROOK YOUTH CLUB

The Weekly Drop In is on a summer break but will be back again in the autumn. The monthly Youth Club will continue on the second Sunday of each month – next date being
Sunday 14 July 7-8:30pm

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!

MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP

The Men's Breakfast Group is taking a summer break. See you all again in the autumn!

HALL BOOKINGS

If you wish to book our hall or meeting rooms,
please contact **Mrs E Black 01259 742046**

*All are welcome at any of our meetings and services.
If you would like any more information please contact
our Session Clerk, Anne McKay, on 07766 418016.
Email: annemckay90@gmail.com*

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 not be meeting in July.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: JULY

4 July Ashley House Service at 2pm.

7 July Joint family service in Orwell Church at 10:30am
No morning service at Portmoak Church
Michael Bruce Service of Commemoration
in Portmoak Church at 6:30pm.

Address by Rev Professor Ian C Bradley

The Church Office and Shop is open 10am-12pm, Mon-Fri.

Office email: orwellandportmoakchurch@gmail.com

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Sunday and Wednesday morning services begin at 10am, unless otherwise advertised. We usually hold Eucharists (worship with Communion, sung with hymns on Sundays). 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.

Services are also broadcast via Zoom (please email us for weekly links). The Liturgy outline can be followed on the website via the seasonal e-booklets, the weekly pewsheets and the occasional extra supplementary.

JULY

Sun 7 Pentecost 8 (Proper 14)

10am: Sung Eucharist.

Sun 14 Pentecost 9 (Proper 15)

10am: Sung Eucharist

Sun 21 Pentecost 10 (Proper 16)

10am: Sung Eucharist

Sun 28 Pentecost 11 (Proper 18)

10am: Sung Eucharist

Loch Leven Church

(Charity No: SC049050)

info@lochlevenchurch.com



Loch Leven Church meets at Loch Leven Community Campus, at 10.30am each Sunday.

Our sermon series from July to August is *Heroes of the Faith* from Hebrews 11 and we'll be hosting the following services in July:

7 July: Noah (Fiona McDonald, Scottish Bible Society)

14 July: Abraham (Alan Reid, Kinross Parish Church)

16 July: Moses (Robin Kent, LLC)

28 July: Joshua/Communion Sunday (Steve Osmond, SOLAS)

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

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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 welcome.



Acknowledgements

DUNCAN: Helen and family would like to express their heartfelt thanks to all friends and neighbours for the support provided during **Donald's** illness and on his passing, for the cards, flowers, visits, telephone calls and offers of assistance; thanks are also given to Morag and her staff at the Rumbling Bridge Nursing Home who provided attentive and dignified end of life care to Donald, and to the paramedics who attended to him on his last day at home before entering the nursing home; thanks, in particular to the Rev Allan Reid for his kind words and comforting service, to Brenda and the church family who gathered around and supported us, also to Margaret Dow and her son Ewen from Ewing Funeral Service of Kelty for their kind and practical assistance, before and during the service, further, to all who paid their last respects to Donald, at the church and the cemetery, giving him a wonderful send off, it was heartening to see that so many people knew Donald and came to celebrate his life; finally, thank you to the staff of the Green Hotel for serving refreshments and to all others during this sad time. A special mention must be given to Fraser, who put himself and his car at our disposal whenever needed. The sum of £900 was raised after the service

and additional sums have been received making a total of £1000 which has been donated to Pancreatic Cancer Scotland and to Cancer Research UK. God bless you all.

BIRRELL: The family of **Betty Birrell** wish to express their sincere thanks to all who sent cards, letters and flowers following Betty's death on 27 April.

We wish to thank Reverend Beverley Stevenson for the heartfelt funeral service and to the many friends and family who attended the service at Cleish Church on 7 May, where a total of £1,000 was raised for Cancer Research UK.

We also wish to thank Dr Robert Balfour and all the community nursing staff at Loch Leven Health Centre for their exceptional care and kindness.

Betty will be sorely missed by many but will remain in our hearts forever.

GLENFARG FOLK CLUB

The Club meets every Monday evening
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	Exercise Class	11.30am
	Games: Indoor curling, quizzes, Scrabble, dominoes	1.30pm
	'Stride for Life' Walking Group	2.00pm
Tuesday	Vision PK (2 & 16 July ONLY)	10-11.45am
	Exercise Class	11.30am
	Beach Party – Wear What You Like! (2 July ONLY)	10am
	Trishaws (16, 23 & 30 July ONLY)	1.30-2.30pm
	Singing Group	1.30pm
Wednesday	Games: Curling, quizzes etc (16, 23 & 30 July ONLY)	1.30pm
	Church Service	11.15am
	Reminiscence Group Garden Room (3 July ONLY)	1.30pm
	Craft Group (10 & 24 July ONLY)	1.30pm
	Football Memories ALL WELCOME (??? July ONLY)	1.30pm
Thursday	Games: Indoor curling, quizzes, Scrabble, dominoes	1.30pm
	Chiropody Service (25 July ONLY)	10am-1pm
	Interactive Games	11.30am
	Games: Indoor curling, quizzes, Scrabble	1.15pm
	Art Group	1.30pm
Friday	Exercise Class with Kenny from Live Active	2.00pm
	Barge Trip (26 July ONLY)	10am-4pm
	Exercise Group	11.30am
	Trishaws	1.30-2.30pm
	Bingo	1.30pm
	Life Story Books	1.30pm
	Board Games	1.30pm



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Exercises • Chiropody
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Issue	Deadline	Publication Date
August	Friday 19 July	Saturday 3 August
September	Friday 16 August	Saturday 31 August

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2024 Market dates

- 27 April
- 25 May
Market Park, 10am-3pm
- 22 June
* No Market in July *
- 24 August
Market Park, 10am-3pm
- 28 September
- 26 October
- 23 November
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TERM ENDS: Thursday 27 June

Autumn Term 2024

In-Service Days

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Term starts: Wednesday 14 August 2024

Term ends: Friday 4 October 2024

Autumn Holiday:

Monday 7 October 2024 - Friday 18 October 2024

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Advice on Blue-green Algae (cyanobacteria)

Why it is important to be aware of them
Blue-green algae pose risks to public and animal health when they form blooms and scums in freshwater in warm summer months. They produce toxins that may cause skin rashes and more severe symptoms if swallowed. Dogs are at risk if they drink the water, or lick their coat after swimming, with severe symptoms requiring very rapid vet treatment.

Potential health effects

- Skin rashes
- Eye irritations
- Vomiting and diarrhoea
- Fever and pains in muscles and joints

Keep safe around a bloom

- Keep children and dogs away from the water
- Keep dogs on a lead
- Carry a bottle of water for your dog to drink and use it to wash off any scum

If you, or your pet, become unwell after contact with water that may be contaminated with blue-green algae, we'd recommend you seek immediate medical or veterinary advice.

How can I recognise a blue-green algae bloom?
Blue-green algae first develop as small green particles of 1-2mm [1]. If the bloom continues it can develop into more obvious green or turquoise wispy scum on the water surface [2-3].

How can you report a bloom?
Use the *Bloomin' Algae* app to report a bloom. You can also contact your local authority environmental health department if you suspect a bloom and public warning signs are absent.

Further guidance
The *Bloomin' Algae* website

Blue Cross advice for dog owners
Don't change leas. We change Pets.

Further contacts:
Perth and Kinross Council
Pillar House
35 Kinnoull Street
Perth
Tel: 01738 476476

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FOSSOWAY & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Extraordinary General Meeting

9 July, 7-9pm
Elizabeth Wilkie Hall,
Crook of Devon

An EGM has been called to discuss and finalise CC response to the Brunt Hill Wind Farm planning application.

<https://brunthillinfo.co.uk/section-36-application/>

Please come along and share your views

(N.B. the CC has received an extension to date for comments from the ECU)

KINROSS GARDEN GROUP

Summer Garden Visit

HADDINGTON, then

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THURSDAY 11 JULY

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Cost £26

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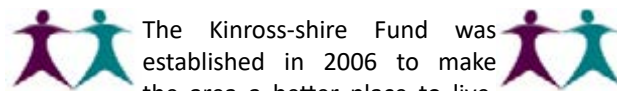
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To date, over 50 organisations within the 73 square miles of Kinross-shire have benefited from an award, with beneficiaries ranging in age from pre-school to the elderly.

The Fund is managed by Foundation Scotland and is currently open for applications, with deadlines quarterly on the first Monday of February, May, August and November each year.

Full details, including how to apply via our online application link, can be found at:

www.foundationscotland.org.uk/programmes/kinross-shire-fund

**MOBILE POST VAN AT
BUCHAN AVENUE,
KINNESSWOOD**

**MONDAYS 13.45 till 14.45
WEDNESDAYS 12.45 till 13.45**

Homes For Cats Wanted

Fife Cat Shelter, a Scottish Registered Charity, is always looking for homes for rescued cats.

Cats can be visited, by appointment, at Causeway Cattery, Scotlandwell.

Contact Rhona on 01383 830286.



**KINROSS DELIVERY OFFICE
ROYAL MAIL**

87 High St, Kinross KY13 8AR

MONDAY	8-10am
TUESDAY	8-10am
WEDNESDAY	8-10am
THURSDAY	8-10am
FRIDAY	8-10am
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

Water (loss of supply, foul water emergency) 0845 600 8855

Floods SEPA Floodline recorded messages 0345 988 1188

Perth & Kinross Council (PKC)

Customer Service Centre (Mon- Fri, 8am-6pm) 01738 475000

Reporting non-emergency Road and Lighting faults (CLARENCE) 0800 232323

PKC Out of Hours emergency numbers

Adult care services	0345 301 11 20
Anti-social behaviour helpline (voicemail)	01738 476173
Child protection	01738 476768
Council housing emergency repairs	01738 476000
Dangerous buildings	01738 476476
Environmental Health	01738 476476
Flooding	01738 476476
Homelessness	0800 917 0708
Mental health services	0345 301 11 20
Roads (e.g. reporting blockage)	01738 476476

Traveline Scotland 0871 200 22 33

Loch Leven Community Campus 01577 867200

Kinross High School 01577 867100

Community Councils

Kinross: Chair: Lynne McKay, 01577 531076
Email: kinrosscommunitycouncil@gmail.com

Milnathort & Orwell: Chair: Neill Bingham
Email: communitycouncilmilnathort@gmail.com

Portmoak: Email: portmoakcommunitycouncil@pkc.gov.uk

Fossoway & District: Chair: Nicola Marchant
Email: fossoway.cc@gmail.com

Cleish & Blairadam: Email: cleishandblairadamcc@gmail.com

Kinross Community Councillors

Bill Freeman	64 Muirs	01577 865045
Lynne McKay	5 Springfield Road	01577 531076
Tom Stewart		
Emma Leslie		
Chris Willsher		
Sharon Wells		
Brian West		
Pete Chan		

Have a look at our website www.kinrosscommunitycouncil.com

Portmoak Community Councillors

Andy Miller	Chair	E: Chair@portmoak.org
Dave Morris	Vice-Chair	
Ann Davidson	Treasurer	
Sue McGregor	Secretary	E: secretary@portmoak.org
Dave Patterson	Member	
Kenneth Donaldson	Associated Member	

Have a look at our website www.portmoak.org

Perth and Kinross Councillors Kinross-shire Ward

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**CONTACT DETAILS
FOR THE NEW MP
WILL BE DISPLAYED
IN OUR NEXT ISSUE**

Member of the Scottish Parliament for Perthshire South & Kinross-shire

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KINROSS RECYCLING CENTRE

Bridgend Industrial Estate

Monday, Thursday and Friday 9am-4pm
(last entry 3.45pm)

Saturday & Sunday 9am - 4pm
(last entry 3.45pm)

THE RECYCLING CENTRE WILL ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING MATERIALS

Bicycles	Engine Oil	Rigid Plastic Packaging
Books	Fluorescent, LED & Long Life Light Bulbs	Rubble
Bras	Fridges & Freezers	Scrap Metal
Bulky Goods	Garden Waste	Soil
Car Batteries	Glass	Stone
Cardboard	Household Batteries	Telephone Directories
Cartons and Paper containers with metal ends	Large Domestic Appliances	Textiles (Clothes & Shoes)
Cooking Oil	Non-Recyclable Waste (General Waste)	Timber
Electrical & Electronic Equipment (WEEE - remove & recycle batteries separately)	Paper	Car Tyres (maximum two per day, strictly household only)

Free compost available (subject to availability).
A maximum of 2 x 25kg bags per day

Diary

June

- Sat 29 [Repair Cafe at Milnathort Town Hall](#)
Sat/Sun 29-30 [Open Gardens Weekend in aid of Marie Curie](#)

July

- Wed 3 [Creative Writing Group, library](#)
Sat 6&21 [Kinross and Ochil Walking Group \(see club entry for details of walks\)](#)
Sat&Sun 6&7 [Optics Weekend, RSPB Loch Leven](#)
Sun 7 [Annual service to commemorate Michael Bruce](#)
Sun 7 [BBQ at Carnbo Hall](#)
Tues 9 [EGM, Fossoway and District Community Council](#)
Tues 9 [Portmoak Community Council meets](#)
Thurs 11 [Garden Group Visit](#)
Thurs 11&18 [Library event: art workshops with Liz Kemp](#)
Fri 12-14 [Orwell Bowling Club Beginners' Evenings](#)
Thurs 13 [Blast Off at Loch Leven Community Library \(Playscape for under 7s\)](#)
Sun 14 [Bastille Gala Day](#)
Wed 17 [Strawberry Tea at Dollar Museum](#)
Thurs 18 [Let it Fly! Children's STEM activity at the library](#)
Fri 19 [Deadline for July Newsletter](#)
Sat 20 [The Tempest \(Festival Players, RSPB Loch Leven\)](#)
Tues 23 [Kinross Community Council meets](#)

August

- Fri 2 [Big Wild Pyjama Party, RSPB Loch Leven](#)
Tues 6 [Common Grounds Project Lunch](#)
Thurs 8 [Milnathort and Orwell Community Council meets](#)
Sat 10 [Kinross Show](#)
Sat 17 [Discovery Day, Kirkgate Park](#)
Sat 24 [Summer Market, Market Park](#)
Sat 24&25 [Art Exhibition at St Pauls](#)

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