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Letter From The Editor

I'VE JUST RETURNED FROM the Better Place to Live Fair at Loch Leven Community Campus. It was a great day and a real reminder of the all good things about the Kinross community, with so many great organisations and local groups taking part. There is also much to get involved with in Kinross, so if you have recently moved to the area, welcome and enjoy making the most of all that your local area has to offer!

This was the first time Kinross has had a Better Place to Live Fair since 2018, as Covid put paid to it back in 2020. It was a great opportunity for local residents to find out about all the activities on their doorsteps and a chance to sign up to take part in something new. Well done to all the organisers and to everyone who contributed to making it such a success. I'm looking forward to receiving all the photos, which we will share with you in the May edition.

I enjoyed putting faces to the many names that I know only by email and it was lovely to meet those of you I hadn't met before, and equally good to catch up with some familiar faces. The Newsletter Team were pleased to talk to everyone who dropped by our stand – thank you to those of you who came to see us.

You can read all about the Better Place to Live Fair 2023 and see some photographs on p17.

Spring is finally here, and I'm looking forward to the return of the Kinross Farmers' Markets. The next one takes place on Saturday 22 April on the High Street. It begins to feel like summer might be on the way when they return!

We are really sorry but from next month the price of your *Newsletter* is increasing to £1.40. This is an increase we held off for as long as possible and have, in fact, kept the price down for a few years longer than we should. But due to sharp increases in paper and production costs, we sadly can't avoid it any longer.

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A Land Of Ice And Fire?

THIS DESCRIPTION IS commonly used for Iceland, but could equally be used for our beautiful land as the processes that have forged and shaped it have been ice and fire.

The lava flows that made the Ochils, and the volcanoes that formed the Lomonds were then sculpted by ice and meltwater from the ice age that also created Loch Leven. As well as the ice forming valleys, cols and the loch, the huge water volumes and debris formed deep channels (as at Glen Queich, the unique hanging valley of Keerie Glen, Corb Glen and the valley of the Water of May). A dam of ice and glacial debris blocked the River Devon near Crook of Devon, so it had to flow west forming the impressive Rumbling Bridge Gorge and Cauldron Linn waterfall*.

The deep glacial meltwater valley of Glen Queich has protection as a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) due to the rare flora that thrive in its unusual ecosystem but is particularly vulnerable.

The current proposals for two adjacent wind farms, Brunt Hill and Craighead, will have a profound impact on the landscape. It is, however, very difficult to visualise the scale of these developments. With 22 and 16 turbines and proposed turbine heights of 220 and 200 metres respectively (722 and 656 feet), they are so high that, to protect aviation, warning lights are mandatory. Based on the current submissions the average height above Loch Leven for the Brunt Hill turbine tips is 481 metres (1578 feet). The Craighead turbines are slightly lower, with an average height of 451 m (1480 feet). Both wind farms would therefore be higher than West Lomond which is 412 metres (1352 feet) above Loch Leven. They would overshadow the Lomond Hills and Ochils dominating the landscape for many miles around.

Such changes might be acceptable if the rewards in progress towards net zero are substantial. Unfortunately, due to an inadequate electricity distribution system (the National Grid) it is unlikely that this will be the case.

The National Grid did not evolve to take electricity from the widely dispersed but relatively small sources of electricity that wind farms represent. When the wind is blowing across Scotland current electricity production from existing wind farms may be too much for the ageing National Grid to accept and some must stop supplying electricity. To compensate them they are paid for the electricity they would have otherwise supplied (constraint payments). Some wind farms have periods when they are paid not to produce over 50% of their potential output.**

The National Grid must then buy the electricity needed from other sources (often gas fired generators). So, it ends up paying twice for the electricity it needs. These costs, borne by the consumer, are substantial and rising. They were £143 million in 2021 and £227 million in 2022.*** Unless action is rapidly taken to improve the National Grid, building more wind farms in Scotland will inevitably mean these costs increase, renewable electricity will not be produced, and the aim of net zero will be frustrated.

The solution is to increase the capacity of the grid very rapidly (especially the interconnections between Scotland, where most wind farms are, and England and Wales, where most electricity is needed).

Additionally, both more local electricity storage is needed (as batteries or pumped water storage (as happens at Cruachan Pow-

er Station)), as are ways to utilise excess electricity (for example, in the production of green hydrogen by electrolysis).

Until both the Scottish and UK Governments stop virtue signalling and urgently address these engineering and technological issues, electricity costs to consumers will needlessly increase, progress to net zero will be frustrated and much of Scotland's stunning landscape will become "A Land of Ice, Fire and White Elephants"

Bob Pass, Dalqueich Farmhouse, Kinross

** Jane M Soons, Scottish Geographical Magazine, (1960),(76,46-57) &(1958), (74.86-99) & PhD Thesis "The Geomorphology of the Ochil Hills" (Glasgow)*

***<https://www.ref.org.uk/ref-blog/372-why-are-unsubsidised-wind-farms-receiving-constraint-payments>*

****The Herald. 10 Jan 2023 "Windfarms receive £227million subsidies from cash-strapped public to switch off", and "Just two windfarms account for nearly half of £227 million cost" <https://www.netzerowatch.com/>*

Graveyard

THE GRAVEYARD AT ORWELL Church in Milnathort is full, and recently a Milnathort man, who was born and lived most of his life (a local character) was taken to the cemetery in Kinross because the Milnathort one was full. It was a shock to the local community.

The local Councillors have been trying for a few years for PKC to expand the graveyard at Orwell. The obvious place is the field north of the present graveyards at Orwell Church. It is facing the wooded motorway, and the wall at the south of the field marches with the present graveyards. The field belongs to Tillywhalley, the property of the Ferrand Trust.

The Parish of Orwell has blossomed in population with the building the last Local Plan allowing the farm buildings converted etc, and the present plan expanding the village of Milnathort. But there are many villagers who have parents, grandparents, relatives and friends buried at Orwell, and wish to be near them when their time comes.

Although friendly with Kinross the two towns have different traditions and it does not seem right that Milnathort folk should be buried in Kinross away from their roots and relatives.

Please email or write to Perth and Kinross Council, your Councillors for Kinross-shire Ward and Milnathort Community Council, or even better email all of them to show your concern. The contacts are at the back of the Newsletter (p95). Please do find the time to address this urgent matter.

Thank you – from a Milnathort person who has lived 74 of her 80 years in Kinross-shire, whose grandparents are buried at Orwell, whose parents married and daughter married there, and whose family all live in the parish of Orwell which serves Milnathort, and has for over 400 years.

Dorothy Thomson

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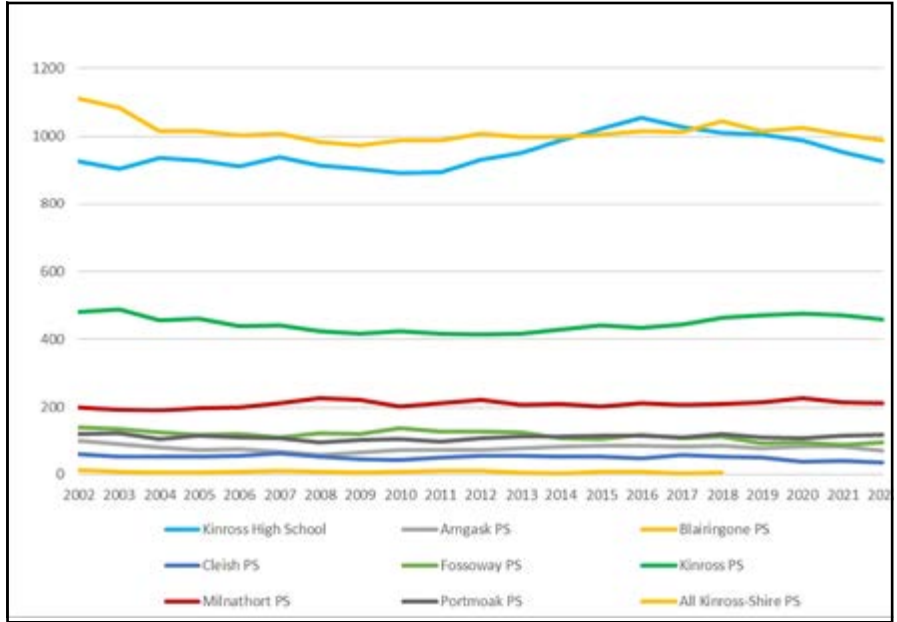
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Battle Of The Graphs

I HAVE BEEN ENJOYING the 'battle of the graphs' in the letters page over the last few months, so I thought I would add another graph and more data into the debate about the effects of the growth of the Kinross area population over the last 20 years.

In particular, I want to follow up on the Schools Capacity section of Cllr Cuthbert's 'Can Kinross Cope' article (*December Newsletter 2022*), where Councillor Cuthbert said he struggled with council officers' assessment that they 'do not foresee any pressure on the occupancy of any Kinross area schools within the next 5 years', given that there has been a lot of house building over recent years.

The annual school census data for all Scotland's schools is available on Scottish government websites, with the data going back to 2002. Each school takes a census each September. I have collated the data for Kinross area schools, and summarised the data in the graph shown here.



Looking at the data and the graphs we can see:

- *Despite the large increase in the Kinross area population since 2002, the number of pupils at each Kinross area school is roughly the same in 2022 as it was 20 years ago in 2002.*
- *All the graphs show a decline in pupil numbers over the most recent few years.*

Looking at the primary schools we see:

- *Kinross Primary School's pupil numbers peaked at 487 in 2003, was 459 in 2022, and has decreased by 4.8% since 2002.*
- *Milnathort Primary School peaked at 227 pupils in 2020, was 212 in 2022, and has increased by 6% from 2002 to 2022.*
- *Across all Kinross area primary schools, the pupil numbers have dropped from 1110 in 2002, to 987 in 2022, a decrease of 11% over 20 years.*

Looking at Kinross High School we see:

- *The pupil number in 2022 is exactly the same as it was in 2002 at 927 pupils.*
- *The pupil number peaked in 2016 at 1054 pupils, and has decreased by 127 since then.*

In summary, I think this data supports the council officers' view that there is no issue with Kinross area school capacities expected over next 5 years, as the historical school census data shows that the increase in the area's population has not lead to an increase in the pupil population, and the most recent data shows the school population actually going in a downwards direction.

Iain Reid, Kinross

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Well done, Mia!

Mia Fairweather competed in the Scottish Schools indoor athletics championships in January and finished second in the shot putt with a new personal best performance.

In February Mia competed as part of the Pitreavie Athletic Club 4 x200m relay team at the Scottish National Championships. A great performance from all four girls saw the team winning gold in the U15 age group.

On 18 February Mia set a personal best in the 200m to place 3rd in the Scottish National U15 indoor championships.

Mia has also been selected as part of Agility Team Scotland for the World Agility Open championships to be held in the Netherlands in May 2023. She will represent Scotland against over 20 nations.

But Mia isn't the only one with something to celebrate. She is not long back from Crufts where she was delighted to see her dog **Zip** do really well. Mia and Zip placed 6th in small age 12-17 Agility Dog of the Year and 2nd in age 12-17 small jumping.



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WHAT CAN LOCAL residents do when a much-loved park is threatened because it provides the access route to a field that a house-builder wants to develop?

Eleven years ago development of the field north west of Davies Park was made much less likely when campaigning by Kinross Action Group contributed to the site being removed as a housing zone from the first Local Development Plan. However, Local Development Plans change every five years and in any case there is nothing to stop a developer applying to build houses on a non-zoned site, as Miller Homes appear to be doing.



*Pic: Andy Masson
Davies Park, showing Springfield Road
and the M90 slip road.*



approach has hit a temporary buffer but it is the group's intention to add this to the second option – that of buying the land the park sits on.

They intend to use legislation which enables communities to buy assets belonging to public bodies and are launching a new organisation to take forward this transfer. It has been a long journey to get to this point but they are now confident that they have persuaded the Council to continue to maintain the park. The exact terms are yet to be resolved. The new organisation will also be able to seek funding to make the park better – putting in place the bigger vision for the park's future from

The planning system is heavily weighted in favour of developers; they can appeal to the Scottish Government if the local authority refuses them permission. Objectors to a planning proposal have no right of appeal if the decision doesn't go their way.

Campaigning clearly hasn't been fully effective so something more permanent is needed to safeguard the park for future generations.

Kinross Action Group has been looking at two options. One is to get a change in the deeds to prevent it being sold or its use changed. This involves an organisation called 'Fields in Trust'. This

last year's consultation.

So, what do they need from the community to help get this project over the line into reality?

Firstly there will be opportunities to express your support, both as an individual and through any organisation you are a member of as the project progresses. They are also looking for volunteers to come on board to help establish the new organisation. There is to be a public meeting at Millbridge Hall, on Tuesday 4 April at 7.30pm. For more information email kinrossaction@gmail.com.

Vandalism At Phoenix Hide

SADLY THERE HAS BEEN another incident involving anti-social behaviour from teenagers at the Phoenix Hide. It is particularly sad to see this vandalism, given that the Phoenix was recently constructed to replace the previous hide, destroyed in an arson attack.

Simon Ritchie, Nature Reserve Officer at Loch Leven, told the *Newsletter* 'Unfortunately, on the evening of Saturday 18 March, we had an anti-social behaviour incident at the newly built Phoenix Hide. The hide was used by a large group of teenagers, and the result was a large amount of litter, smashed bottles and vandalism along the trail. The teenagers were also seen climbing over the top of the Phoenix Hide.

'Along the trail, some of the willow hurdles have been smashed and litter was strewn along the shoreline of the Loch. It is certainly a saddening situation, given the importance of this com-



munity-built building. Again, I want to thank the community of Kinross for their support and offer of help. Fortunately, the CCTV system that we installed when the hide was re-built has captured all of this and the matter is now in the hands of the police.'

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Outside the AK Bell Library, Perth. From left to right: Catherine Lloyd from the Tayside Biodiversity Partnership, Cllr Willie Robertson, Professor David Munro, Cllr Dave Cuthbert, Andrew Flinn (Raingardens project), Brian 'Arcy' (Kinross-shire Civic Trust) Cllr Richard Watters, Depute Provost Andrew Parrott, Robert Willis (PKC Planning), Norma Smith (Kinnesswood in Bloom) and Eileen Thomas (Kinross-shire Civic Trust).

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE KINROSS-SHIRE CIVIC TRUST who recently received the UK 2022 Susdrain 'Community SUDS' Award for their raingardens project.

This national award for an innovative approach to sustainable drainage was handed over at the AK Bell Library by members of the local community, elected members and staff from PKC and Depute Provost Andrew Parrott.

The award will be displayed for all to see at the library and honours the 'Kinross Raingardens Challenge' which has brought together a wide range of partners to promote a variety of sustainable urban drainage (SuDS) features.

As featured in previous editions of the *Kinross Newsletter*, Raingardens are 'planted areas designed to accept rainfall runoff' and they enhance not just individual properties but also entire housing schemes and industrial estates. The idea was launched in 2019, seeking to enhance or create 20 raingarden features in 2020. The target was substantially exceeded, despite the pandemic.

Brian D'Arcy, Trust member said: 'The new Kinross Raingardens Trail runs along Junction Road and will extend down to

join the Loch Leven Heritage Trail. The Kinross Park and Ride is a point of entry for visitors to Kinross and is the start of the Trail. It needed to look good. Replacing the central grassy area with sowings of local wildflower seeds, plant plugs and wildflower turf not only restored the drainage but also created a feast for bumblebees and other pollinating insects.'

Norma Smith, of Kinnesswood in Bloom, volunteers at Portmoak Primary school, where a raised bed raingarden was retrofitted. She explained, 'The children learned about water management, flooding, combined sewers and climate change, as well as using rainfall to grow plants. It's popular and has enhanced the school activities'.

Brian continued: 'At the Park and Ride we welcomed help from children and staff at Kinross Primary, as well as Kinross in Bloom volunteers.' Depute Provost Andrew Parrott said: 'This is a fantastic achievement for the community in Kinross-shire.' Tayside Biodiversity Partnership Co-ordinator, Catherine Lloyd, said 'There is still much to do. Volunteers will still be needed to keep the raingardens, wildflower plantings and SuDS ponds in good heart.'

IS YOUR BIN UP TO SCRATCH?

THE STICK TO THE Six Recycling Campaign, aimed at reducing the amount of contamination in blue bins is entering its next phase. Bin monitoring is scheduled to take place in Kinross-shire beginning on Monday 27 March. PKC Waste Services Team is planning information stalls and community talks (details on www.pkc.gov.uk/sticktothesix).

Recycling Assistants will accompany bin crews on blue bin day. Contaminated bins will be left unemptied and



tagged. It will then be the responsibility of the householder to remove the contamination from their bin before their

next blue bin collection day, or arrange for a chargeable collection to clear heavily contaminated bins.

Recycling Assistants will conduct doorstep engagement with residents in poorly performing areas to answer questions, provide information and encourage participation. They will also conduct a thorough audit of communal bins. For a list of what can and cannot be recycled in the blue bin, visit www.pkc.gov.uk/sticktothesix.

LITTER-PICKERS OF KINROSS UNITE!

THIS IS A CALL out for people of Kinross to join in with recent local clean up litter efforts. Volunteers throughout Scotland have pledged to help keep Scotland beautiful.

Supported by environmental charity 'Keep Scotland Beautiful' the Eco Group from Kinross Parish Church is calling for volunteers to help protect the place that they live in.

Evidence shows communities benefit from coming together to improve their local environments. Last year more than 62,000 people the length and breadth of Scotland participated in the charity's Clean Up Scotland campaigns – helping to remove more than 615 tonnes of litter.

Join them on Saturday 15 April and pick up a litter picker and bags at Kinross Parish Church Garden between 9.30 and 10.30am.

For more information, contact the Church Office on 01577 862570.

Ten members of the Climate Cafe recently went litter picking along B9097 from Fruix towards Cleish. All sorts of rubbish was collected including a kitchen knife and 11-year old crisp packet. Some large items that are a sad result of dumping along that road were left but will be reported to PKC.

Do you know someone who deserves the Golden Litter Picker, as awarded to Gill Boardman?

PKC are looking for nominations for someone that has made a real difference to the litter in their community. Nominate them for the Golden Litter picker by emailing: wasteawareness@pkc.gov.uk.



Golden Litter Picker Gill Boardman

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HOT ON THE HEELS of their successful Thursday service, Glenfarg Community Transport Group have announced that from 1 April, they will be operating the 55 bus service between Glenfarg and Kinross six days a week – with up to 10 journeys per day in each direction.

The charity has entered into a Public Social Partnership with Perth and Kinross Council to make this possible and has received a generous donation from Smarter Choices Smarter Places to help set the service up.

Taking the 55 bus service over following the retirement of the Earnside Coaches team,



Douglas Fraser (second left) with Graham Dunn (right) and the team from Community Transport Glasgow



the Community Group realise they have a hard act to follow. The first three months of the service will be on an interim pilot basis to allow the trialling of some innovative transport ideas, and the service will be implemented in full on 1 July.

In the meantime, the Group are looking to recruit several permanent part-time and full-time salaried drivers to add to their team of volunteer drivers, who are continuing to deliver social, cultural, and

sporting outings for the community.

In March, IKEA, St Michael's Golf Club and the Grouse and Claret were some of the popular destinations – and Kinross residents have been discovering the delights of the Thursday morning Glenfarg Coffee Lounge and Glenfarg Community Cinema, making good use of the Community Bus. Further details, including the new timetable, are available on Glenfarg.org.

Heritage Trail Works Underway

REPAIR WORKS TO THE Loch Leven Heritage Trail are at last underway.

TRACKS are pleased to report that the repair work on the Loch Leven Heritage Trail between Kirkgate Park and Loch Leven's Larder commenced during the second week of March and is scheduled to continue until at least the end of April. During this time sections of the Trail will be closed whilst the work is being carried out. The patience of users of the Trail is much appreciated whilst this badly needed work is carried out. The short section between Mary's Gate and the North Queich bridge has been completed and is a great improvement.

To keep up to date with the Trail closures and ongoing projects visit www.kinross-tracks.org.uk and follow them on Facebook at www.facebook.com/TRACKSKinross.



Trail closed at Kirkgate Park



To help with the cost of the repair work, the maintenance of path links to the Loch Leven Heritage Trail, and to support wider projects to improve rural access in Kinross-shire and Glenfarg, TRACKS are seeking donations from the local community, local businesses and visitors to Kinross and the Trail. Charitable donations can be made via the following site: <https://kinross-tracks.org.uk/donate-to-tracks/>

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A PEEK INSIDE THE GOLF BALL

THE NEWSLETTER WAS PRIVILEGED to be among the special guests invited by Aerospace Kinross (ASK) to take a look inside the iconic ex-Ministry of Defence complex at Balado, which they hope to purchase and turn into an exciting new visitor centre.

Being inside the Golf Ball, as it is known locally, is a strangely eerie experience. Too small to be described as cavernous, too large to be roomy, the technical term is a radome – a 'structure protecting radar equipment and made from material transparent to radio waves'.

The dome is a former MoD/NATO communications base, whose official address was Balado Bridge. Construction began in 1985. It is 60ft in diameter and is dominated by the inclusion of a 50ft satellite dish. The surrounding buildings included staff facilities, generator housings and various pieces of mysterious MoD surveillance equipment, once almost certainly subject to the Official Secrets Act, now long gone.

For around 30 years it listened in to signals from around the globe – some friendly, others rather less so – until it was deemed surplus to requirements, decommissioned and finally put up for sale in 2006.

Bought by entrepreneur Bob Ferguson in the wake of the RBS bank crash ('I bought it to safeguard my cash!'), who originally envisaged holding on to it for six years before selling it. Various planning hurdles, now overcome, turned his six-



Alastair Stewart, head of Aerospace Kinross

year sprint into a fourteen year marathon, during which there was much interest in the structure, but with no concrete offers of purchase.

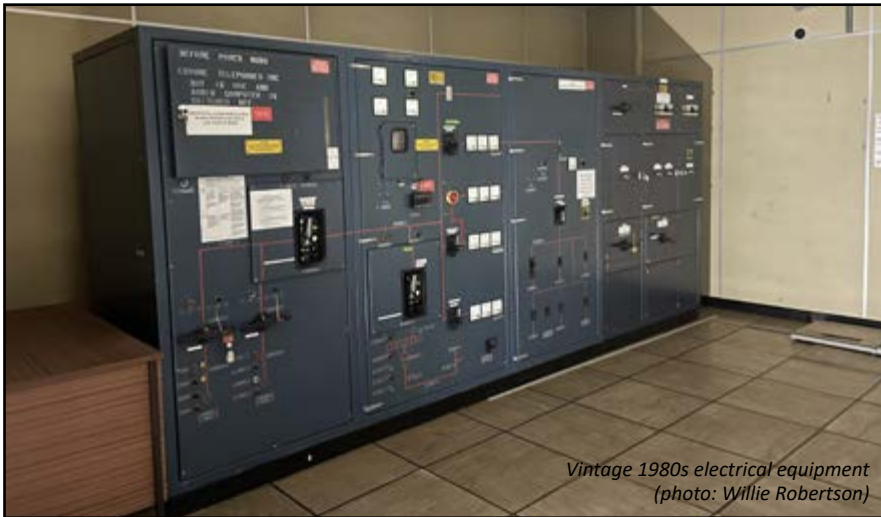
Enter Aerospace Kinross, headed by Alastair Stewart, with a plan to repurpose the existing site to make use of the current buildings, including the satellite dish,

and convert the site into a space museum and educational centre.

The plan has been met with universal local approval. Councillor Willie Robertson said, 'I really hope they are successful and that in the near future everyone can have the opportunity to visit this iconic landmark.'

ASK has been running for 10 years and has been doing projects about space exploration and aviation with schools all around the country. They have secured £1.9m funding for the Balado project so far, including £1.6m through the Tay Cities Deal. In their final push for funding they have raised nearly £88k and have every hope of reaching their final target of £100k.

Councillor Neil Freshwater commented, 'As well as being a great addition for jobs and tourism I believe the centre would add to Kinross-shire's growth in aviation, with the expanding Balado Airfield next door and the gliding school at Portmoak. Not to mention the model airplane club, hot air ballooning locally, and flying schools nearby at Scone, Dundee and Glenrothes.'



Vintage 1980s electrical equipment (photo: Willie Robertson)

NEWSLETTER PRICE RISE

DUE TO THE INCREASING costs of print production, the management and directors regret to announce that the price of your *Kinross Newsletter* will rise to £1.40, beginning with the next (May) issue.

Our price has been kept low for as long as possible but due to the sharp rise in paper prices and other associated costs, we are left with no choice but to increase our price.

Remember - all profits still go back into the community. We hope you agree that the *Newsletter* is worth those extra pennies and you will continue to support us.



Current site owner Bob Ferguson with Alastair Stewart

Lifelong Learning In The Heart Of The Shire

SOHO GREEN, THE MILNATHORT-BASED private finance firm, have opened the doors to The Reading Room at their flagship office, The Green House in New Street.

The Reading Room at The Green House is an intimate space for thinking, learning and connecting. The goal is to provide a place where big ideas that benefit businesses and the community can grow. The Reading Room will host a range of curated events led by the venue, along with opportunities to book the space for half or full days for private and public meetings, workshops and events.

The Reading Room launches with a range of informal and intimate Fireside Chat events, bringing together a series of inspirational business leaders to share their lives, stories and future plans. All events will be bookable via Eventbrite and The Green House Reading Room Facebook page www.facebook.com/readingroomgh.

'We are so excited to announce the opening of The Reading Room at The Green House in Milnathort. Our goal was to provide a space for meaningful discussion, where the visions of business and commu-



nity leaders can blossom for the benefit of all', says Steven McColl, of Soho Green.

Later in the spring, renowned nutritionist, Amanda Hamilton (above) will be hosting an event 'Midlife Solutions' where she brings an inspiring talk on nutrition and mindset to Milnathort. Tickets will be on sale via her website www.amanda-hamilton.com

Soho Green moved into Milnathort in 2022 and offer a range of private finance options. Their newest business Soho Green provides ethical Climate Positive finance to property investors. Their premises offer The Reading Room and The Green House as spaces ideal for business meetings, small conferences and events with excellent facilities in the heart of Milnathort.



DATE SET FOR LOCH LEVEN WALKATHON

CHEST, HEART & STROKE Scotland, the charity behind the Loch Leven Walkathon, has announced that the fundraising walk will now take place on Sunday 21 May.

The Walkathon was originally planned for Sunday 26 March but work on the Heritage trail resulted in a change of date. Those who had already signed up have been told of the date change and given the option to have their fee refunded if they can no longer take part.

Stephanie Wilks, Community Event and Corporate Fundraiser at Chest, Heart & Stroke Scotland, said: 'We're pleased to be able to announce a new date which will see participants walk 7k, 12k or 13 miles of newly upgraded tracks, making the trail even more accessible than before.

'We hope that people who had previously signed up will still be able to join us, raising funds that allow us to support one in five people across Scotland who are living with chest, heart and stroke conditions.'

A PKC spokesperson said: 'Unfortunately, Loch Leven Heritage trail is not currently suitable for the walkathon, however once repairs and improvements have been carried out the trail will be in a much better condition to host the event on the rearranged date.

'A three-year programme of works has been agreed and during these works there will be temporary path closures needed along the route. The repairs mainly involve resurfacing, but some sections require a more substantial upgrade to alleviate localised flooding and erosion, to retain the trail's all-abilities status. 'We're pleased to host the event and grateful to Chest Heart & Stroke Scotland for their understanding. We wish all participants a great day out on 21 May.'

To sign up visit www.chss.org.uk/support-us/fundraise-for-us/events/loch-leven-walkathon

Loch Algae Talk

THERE WILL BE A talk on the harmful effects of blue-green algae by Dr Linda May at the next meeting of Kinross Climate Cafe on 4 April at 7pm in Loch Leven Community Library.

Dr May is group leader of Freshwater Restoration and Sustainability at the Centre of Ecology and Hydrology, and she has researched Loch Leven ecology for 45 years. Her talk will centre around recent algal blooms in Loch Leven and their possible reasons (e.g. climate change or pollution) and will also introduce a new app for monitoring algal blooms. All are welcome to attend.

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SHEDDERS AT THE FIRE STATION!



MEMBERS OF KINROSS AND District Men's Shed (KDMS) recently visited Kinross Fire Station at their recent open day. The local fire crew were available to show visitors around together with refreshments and a huge selection of cakes and tray bakes.

Men's Shed is based on the idea of the shed at the bottom of the garden where men traditionally went to potter. Add that idea to that of a communal space where men can socialise and get access to a wide range of tools and advice over a cuppa and you get some idea of what a Men's Shed is. Sheds offer safe and uncomplicated places to men of all ages, skills, backgrounds and outlooks.

In Kinross we have a woodworking shop, stacked full of every possible tool, a metal working room mostly used for servicing and repairing bikes, including the electric kind. We also have a number of computers, a 3D printer and a CNC machine in a tech and craft room. The main focus is the common area and adjacent recently refurbished kitchen where members can sit and have a blether over a cuppa and a bacon role. Membership is free to all as we are generously supported by grants, donations and selling some of the stuff we make. KDMS is situated in Swansacre in the old Perth College outreach building. Come along and check us out.

A spokesperson from the The Fire Station said, 'We hosted our very first 'Brew with the Crew' community event at Kinross Fire

Station. It was a great success. Many thanks to the Men's Shed who joined us along with some local residents who popped in for a brew and some conversation. We look forward to running more of these events in the near future and meeting and getting to know more of our local community.'

Royal Company of Archers at Dollar Museum

DOLLAR MUSEUM HAS GREAT pleasure in presenting a talk by Lt Col Johnny Stewart on the King's Body Guard for Scotland (The Royal Company of Archers).

The talk will take a brief look at the history of the Royal Company before looking in more detail at the uniform, colours, membership, archery, Archers Hall and the setting up of the Charitable Trust.

Johnny has been a member for 30 years and was the Adjutant of the Royal Company from 2010 to 2020. He will recount some stories of his experiences and also the 10 days of Op London Bridge in September 2022. He will be happy to answer any questions on the Royal Company, his experiences in the organisation and also his 9 years as Lord Lieutenant of Clackmannanshire.

The talk will be in the Music Auditorium at Dollar Academy on Thursday 20 April at 7.30pm. Tickets are available at The Dollar Deli and The Sorting Office or can be purchased at the door. This is a fundraising event for Dollar Museum.

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Fiona Eastop told the Newsletter: 'Photos often give people the impression that the aurora can be seen by eye, but the camera picks up much more. I recently read that the human eye picks up about one sixtieth of a second of light (1/60) but the camera exposure is at least 20 seconds so it absorbs so much more. That Sunday evening, I could see the aurora moving in the sky. My camera lens is quite wide angled but it was so wide that I needed to merge four photos into one to create the panorama. Please note that there is minimal post photograph adjustment.'

PKC BIG PLACE CONVERSATION

THE BIG PLACE CONVERSATION is coming to Kinross-shire and Glenfarg between May and July this year.

The conversation is the start of the new Local Development Plan process. It's all about what people want to see in their locality; the type of housing available, where shops and businesses should go or how cycling or the environment can be improved.

PKC are working with community organisations across Kinross-shire to find the best times and places to hold public conversations, and they have events set up with

young people at the primary schools and the campus. They have also been in touch with local groups to let as many people as possible have their say.

Once the public events are finalised with community partners there will be more information. Keep an eye out for posters going up in April.

You may also see BPC comment boards popping up in towns and villages. Get in touch if you know a group or organisation that would love to talk about the future shape of their town or village.



For those who can't make an event here is an online survey. See www.pkc.gov.uk/bigplaceconversation or email LDPCconsultation@pkc.gov.uk.

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Return Of The Boats?

AFTER VACANCIES WERE ADVERTISED for positions at Loch Leven within Historic Scotland recently, many are hopeful that the boat to the island will be up and running again soon. In the past the boat trip taking visitors over to Lochleven Castle has run from April to September every year, and the trip has been a much missed local activity for the last three years.

Historic Scotland would not give a date for the re-opening of castle. When the *Newsletter* made enquiries, their spokesperson told us, 'We're finalising details of the re-opening of Lochleven Castle at the moment, so will make sure to send these on to you when we're in a position to share.'

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KINROSS - A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE!

IT WAS WONDERFUL TO see people enjoying themselves at the Better Place to Live Fair on Saturday 25 March at Loch Leven Community Campus. Olympian Eilidh Doyle opened the event, and a whole host of clubs participated on the day with lots to see and do for all ages!

A spokesperson from organisers The Kinross Partnership, said they were delighted that the day was such a success and ran so smoothly, and thanked all the stallholders for coming along as well as all the members of the public, who contribute to making Kinross the amazing community that it is.

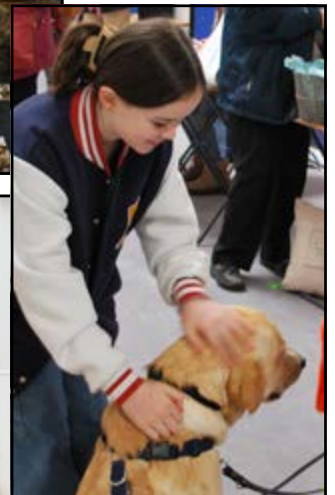
One stallholder commented, 'It was very well supported with over 70 stalls and was well attended'. Another told the *Newsletter*, 'It reminded me what a wholesome, engaging and thriving community we have. Talking to the majority of stallholders, I was stuck by how much Kinross has to offer, and it is continuing to grow and grow. A huge well done to the organisers.'



Guest Of Honour:
Champion athlete Eilidh Doyle



Pictured here are a selection of stall holders, from Friends of Kinross Library, through Kinross Bridge Club to Army Careers, showing the diversity of activities in Kinross and the surrounding area.





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50g chopped walnuts

50g hard cheese

150ml extra virgin olive oil

Sea salt and black pepper

75g breadcrumbs

1 tin tomato pulp

½ finely chopped onion

250g frozen peas

50ml single cream

I SLIT THE LOIN lengthwise down the centre, leaving an inch or so at each end, without cutting right through, making a pocket along the whole length.

I had some beetroot tops which I washed and chopped finely and added to various bits of left over herbs I had in the fridge or in my windowsill herb pots (chives, flat leaf parsley and basil – but any soft herb would work, or indeed the beetroot tops on their own) and mashed them in a mortar and pestle with 1 clove of garlic, a little sea salt, a few walnuts and some good quality extra virgin olive oil. You really have to do this by hand, using a blender will bruise the herbs too much and leave you with a sludgy green soup. You'll keep the chunky texture when you do it by hand. I added a handful of grated Corra Linn sheep's cheese, but Parmesan or Grana Padano would work too. I set a couple of tablespoons of the pesto aside and added some breadcrumbs to the mix to help it hold together and stuffed the pocket well.

I then laid the 6 slices from a pack of prosciutto, overlapping slightly, on a sheet of cling film and tightly rolled around the fillet to keep in the filling. I chilled it for 30 minutes, removed the cling film and seared the whole thing in a hot frying pan until browned on all sides.

Cook in the oven at 170°C for 15–20 minutes, or until the internal temperature is 63°C. This will ensure that the meat is cooked, but still juicy. Leave to rest for 5 minutes before cutting into thick slices.

Fry off the onion in olive oil until softened and add the tomato pulp, I used Mutti Polpa. Cook down for a few minutes and add in the reserved pesto. Season with lots of black pepper and a little salt – the prosciutto on the pork will be salty so take care not to overdo it – and add the frozen peas. Cook for a further minute or two and add the cream.

I served this with a 15 hour potato, the recipe for which is going out in my next newsletter!

Enjoy and support local!

We are lucky enough to have an array of local artisan producers in the Shire who provide high welfare meat, wild game, natural honeys and much more besides.

I try wherever possible to use those local producers for my private dining, Supper Clubs and cooking demos to celebrate their commitment to their craft and the rich culinary bounty that Kinross-Shire and Scotland can provide.

We now have not only one but two rare breed pork producers locally at Arngask Farm and Hardiston, truly a wealth of riches! I had previously picked up a fabulous pork tenderloin from Ian and Kerry at Rootin' & Roamin' Free Range Pork honesty shop, at their family farm, Hardiston near Cleish, and dug it out of the freezer for a bit of a mid-week treat this week. Arngask do the same thing, with a different breed of pigs and their pork products, eggs and preserves are absolutely worth checking out too.

I trimmed off the sinewy silver skin. This is connective tissue, which unlike fat, will cause the meat to tense and toughen and won't render away. It's worth spending a bit of time doing this, the end results are always the better for it.



Stuffed Pork Loin with tomato ragu



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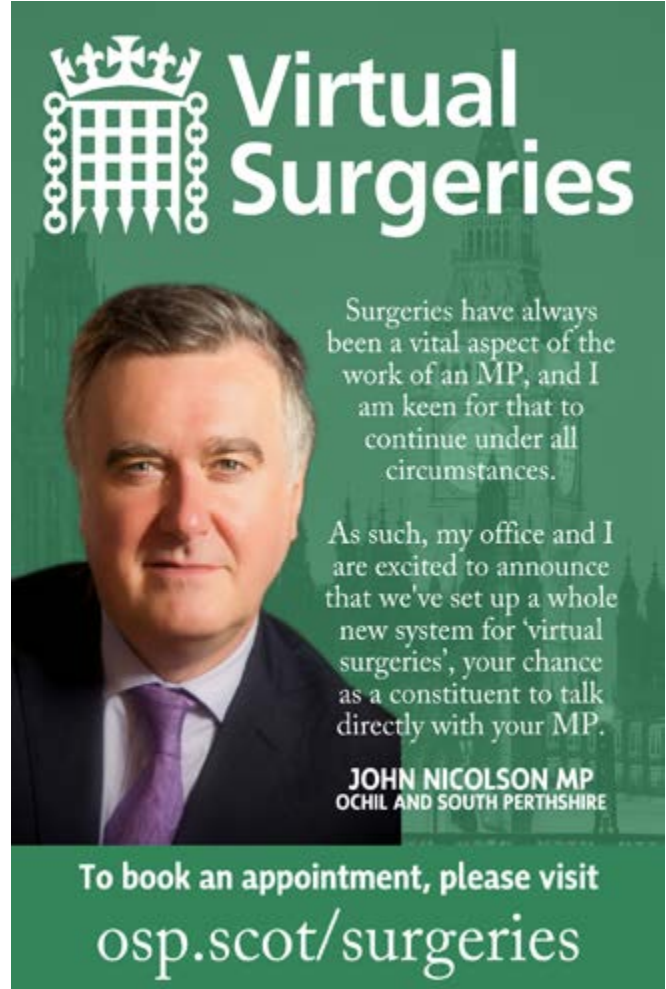
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PHOSPHATES IN WATER: As many of you will know I am trying to get action taken to reduce the amount of phosphate being discharged into Loch Leven in order to reverse the decline in water quality we have all witnessed and the resultant algal blooms. I was surprised to learn that it is normal practice for Scottish Water to actually add phosphates to our drinking water! The reason for this is to reduce the risk of lead poisoning from old lead water pipes in houses. Surely it would be a wiser idea for the Scottish government to launch a scheme to eliminate lead piping from domestic properties? It should be a national priority. Scottish Water shouldn't have to add phosphates to our drinking water. Especially when we know the damaging effects phosphates have on our environment, especially lochs like Loch Leven. A letter has been sent to Mairi McAllan MSP, Minister for Environment, Biodiversity and Land Reform asking for this to be considered. I have suggested that a five year target should be set and that grants should be made available to help householders with the removal of lead water piping from their homes.

CEMETERY PROVISION: As I mentioned in last months' Newsletter the cemetery at Orwell Church is now full. The cemetery at Portmoak is also at capacity. I am working with my ward councillor colleagues and the Council's Bereavement Service (BS) to see what can be done to address this situation. In the case of Orwell there is land north of the existing cemetery which could be used though the BS say that the ground conditions there are not suitable. I have queried this and am waiting for a detailed response as to why the area of ground between the existing cemetery and the M90 can't be considered for use as a cemetery extension. I have always thought that every parish should have its own cemetery so that people can have their loved ones interred near to where they have lived.

UPGRADE OF JUNCTION 7 ON THE M90: People are again asking why junction 7 at Milnathort can't be upgraded to a fully integrated junction. I enquired about this previously as I was aware of the number of houses allocated in the local plan for Milnathort and Kinross. I thought by doing this it would greatly reduce the through traffic in Milnathort and north Kinross. It would also allow for the commercial land on Stirling Road between the builders merchants and the M90 to be developed. When I contacted Transport Scotland and the Scottish government asking for such an upgrade to be considered I was told the following;

- Junction 7 is too close to junction 6 at Kinross and would require a clover leaf design to meet current motorway standards. Simple on/off slips would not be acceptable.
- Transport Scotland did not see the upgrade of junction 7 as a priority and therefore would not support it. They would not allocate any funding even to produce a design brief.
- However they would not object to an upgrade should a developer or someone else be prepared to pay for it. So although I and many others think that many benefits

would result from the upgrade of junction 7 it is very, very unlikely to happen. So it seems we will have to learn to live with all southbound traffic having to travel through Kinross to reach the M90 which is very disappointing given the number of new houses that have been and are being built in north Kinross and Milnathort.

AERO SPACE

KINROSS (ASK): I, along with my ward councillor colleagues were invited by Aero Space Kinross to see around the former NATO communications base at Balado. ASK have drawn up exciting plans to convert the 'golf ball' into a space museum and educational centre. Having seen inside the facility and viewed their plans I really hope they are successful and that in the near future everyone can have the opportunity to visit this iconic landmark. The photo shows the inside of the building giving a glimpse inside the dome and the huge satellite dish which is still housed there.



Councillor Willie Robertson



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Councillor Dave Cuthbert

WEDNESDAY 1 MARCH was budget day at the Council.

This was the culmination of a long process. It started in November last year when officers produced their preliminary executive summary. This forecast a gap between what the Council received and what it spent as a negative £30 million per annum. This meant there would need to be big cuts in spending if the Council was to achieve a balanced budget.



Thankfully, the Scottish Government shook the magic money tree and through a change in accounting policy, they made it possible for the Council to find approximately £31 million in their accounts (albeit, this could only be spent once).

The Council adopted this change of policy in February, so, at this time, officers produced a new set of proposals to balance the books, taking £17 million of the magic money in 23-24 and £7 million for the next two years, thereby reducing the cuts needing to be made. However, it should be noted that this money will need to be repaid in the future.

Putting this into context, the Council had a Net budget in 2023-24 of £417m, split roughly into: Education £213m, Health & Social Care £75m, Capital Financing costs £14m, Tayside Joint Valuation Board £1.5m, Housing & Environment £71m, Other services £42.5m.

Many of these services are protected, so for example teacher numbers could not be reduced.

Background

The way the budget works is that officers put forward their view on the financial pressures facing the council and then come forward with savings they would suggest making to balance the books.

The role of Councillors is to take a view on the proposed pressures and savings and either accept them or reject them. They then identify other savings proposals and put forward other spending proposals.

In December, I started carrying out a deep dive exercise into the Council's finances. The aim being to better understand how the Council spends its £440 million budget and to better understand the proposals being put forward by officers for savings.

I did this with several other Councillors and it has been a very interesting and illuminating exercise, albeit, an exhausting and sometimes confusing one!

On Budget Day, the Independent Group of which I play an active part, rejected 35 cuts put forward by officers, proposed 23 new savings and put forward 29 new spending proposals (many of which were spend to save).

To pick out just a few of these:

Road Safety is a big issue in Kinross-shire. The population has grown roughly 20% over the last 10 years. This has brought pressure onto local infrastructure. On top of this, the road safety team have seen staff leave over the last year and they haven't been allowed to replace them. The saving proposed by officers was to make this situation permanent. The Independent group rejected the proposed cuts and put forward a proposal to increase the Road Safety team budget. Thankfully, these proposals were partially incorporated into the final budget motion. So, hopefully we will see more road safety issues being brought to a successful conclusion.

School Based Music Instruction is hugely important for many children and for some, makes school life something to look forward to. Officers proposed cutting this budget and cutting the subsidy for music camps. As far as I was concerned, cutting it was not an option. Thankfully, the proposal was rejected.

Officers proposed closing campuses at the end of the school day, i.e. they wanted to turn them into schools. Personally, I found this proposal to be astonishing. Loch Leven Community Campus is one of the last Council owned assets in Kinross-shire! Again, this proposal was rejected.

Officers proposed cutting winter maintenance. This service is already patchy in Kinross-shire and cutting it could have left people stuck in their homes for weeks on end. This saving proposal was also rejected.

Local bus services in Kinross-shire were under real threat, with the 202 and 55 routes listed as being likely to be cut. I and Councillor Watters worked with the Leader of the Council on this and he kindly included £165,000 funding specifically for these services. This has allowed the Glenfarg Public Transport Group to start working on a partnership agreement with the Council to provide the 55 service and to take on a school run as part of this. In the wider scheme of things, we accepted the pressure of cost increases on public transport (£237,000) and agreed to the £525,000 per annum increase in expenditure on buses. Bus services are essential for people to be able to get to and from work and to access services. The Council Leader took the same view and these were both included in the final motion.

Whilst not listed as a savings proposal, the popular Kinross-shire Local Committee required funding to ensure that it would continue. Thankfully, monies were added for this purpose.

The Community Investment Fund (CIF) is a fund allocated in each ward by a CIF panel. Funding has been awarded to numerous local groups, like Community Councils, Broke Not Broken, Village Hall Associations, Transport Groups, you name it. The Independent Group put forward a proposal for £400,000 to be made available in 2023-24. The Council Leader also had this in his budget, so it was incorporated into the Budget.

As I have said, the Independent Group put forward 23 new saving proposals. Whilst most of these were not incorporated into the final motion, it is quite possible that some of these may get worked up over the next year or two into concrete proposals.

Capital Budget

In the Capital Budget, I asked for several items including, Additional Core Paths, Cemetery Extension Funding, Additional money for the A977 Mitigation Measures, Monies for the acquisition of Land for Affordable Housing in rural areas and an E-bike pilot scheme for Kinross-shire.

In the end, only the A977 Mitigation Measures got additional funding of £350,000. Hopefully we will soon now see the works completed, especially given that the Road Safety Team cuts have been reversed and the money is now available to complete all the works identified in 2017, when I managed to negotiate monies for the A977 for the first time!

Councillor Dave Cuthbert

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Aerospace Kinross at Balado

It was fascinating to visit the inside of 'golf ball' at Balado which is the proposed site of the Aerospace Kinross (ASK) visitor centre. The plan is to repurpose the existing site, making use of the current buildings including the mesmerising satellite dish (a work of art in its own right) which is inside the 'radome' (the technical name for the golf ball). ASK has been running for 10 years and have been doing some wonderful STEM projects with schools all around the country, looking into space exploration and aviation. As many readers will know, it's been a long-term ambition of ASK to build a centre in Kinross and they have secured some £1.9m funding so far, including £1.6m from the UK government through the Tay Cities Deal. In a final push for funding, ASK is now opening a bond to allow people to invest. To date they have raised nearly £88K, but you can find out more at www.ethex.org.uk/invest/asset.

As well as being a great addition for jobs and tourism I believe the centre would add to Kinross-shire's growth in aviation, with the expanding Balado Airfield next door and the gliding school at Portmoak. Not to mention the model airplane club, hot air ballooning locally, and flying schools nearby at Scone, Dundee and Glenrothes.

Illegal Parking In Kinross

I had a number of complaints about dangerous parking in Kinross town, including an incident of a van parked on a double yellow line and blocking access to the roundabout by the pharmacy. This is particularly dangerous because it can force traffic to risk entering the roundabout on the wrong side of the road. I have spoken with the Kinross police who have been very obliging in following up with those involved and will continue to monitor illegal parking.



Kinross High Parent Council

I was disappointed to learn that the committee of the parent council at the high school had chosen to resign. The parent council had been working through a number of concerns that they had, and have been putting in a lot of good work to try and address them. It is concerning that they did not feel able to stay in post. I have written, on behalf of all Kinross-shire councillors, to the director of education at Perth & Kinross Council, requesting a meeting to ensure that any underlying issues are addressed.

Fibre Broadband

Progress seems to be being made on the 'not spots' that are still awaiting high speed fibre in rural areas, but with frustrations. Residents of Maryburgh and rural Milnathort are frustrated because although they are now part of the national R100 roll-out programme, they can no longer take control of things and use broadband vouchers to do a community scheme, and will have to wait. Residents of Hatchbank have also been in touch wondering when they will get connected. Thankfully it does appear that some progress is being made, with ducting have been complete for Hatchbank to Caresgour, and pylons are now in place for the Boreland to Cockairney Feus area. I am led to believe that the final stage of connecting is imminent so hopefully we will see some progress around the Cleish area very soon, but I will continue to monitor and press for completion of the parts which are still slow to progress.

Councillor Neil Freshwater

Councillor Richard Watters



IN EARLY MARCH, the Council voted on an exceptionally challenging budget.

One element that helped alleviate some of the pressure on the Council's revenue budget was the 'Service Concession Arrangement' which will help contribute £17 million to the 2023/24 Revenue Budget. While this has not solved everything, the consequences of not having it would have been catastrophic on council services.

Given that we as the SNP, are a minority administration, we committed to reach across the chamber to ensure that the Council collectively, as the democratically elected members of Perth and Kinross Council, deliver the best outcomes for our people, for our businesses, and for the area as a whole—within the budget setting process.

The budget also reflected the priorities within the Council's new Corporate Plan and supports many of the proposals we have already committed to since taking over the administration last May.

As our first priority, tackling poverty, we are committing over £800,000 to tackling poverty. This will see the creation of a child poverty fund, a small grants fund and further funding for Warm Spaces, given the success of the current programme.

We also provided a further investment of more than £3.25 million to protect the most vulnerable across Perth and Kinross.

Tackling climate change and supporting sustainable places both stay a clear commitment for the SNP administration. To reflect this, we additionally committed £75,000 to support community projects enhancing biodiversity in our open spaces.

Reinforcing our commitment to climate change, we are also investing £250,000 to provide EV charging points at car parks in our rural locations.

Reducing the Council's carbon footprint is another key action within our climate change strategy. We are committed to support this with funding of £2 million for decarbonisation projects, including energy efficiency and energy generation measures. This will be funded by the savings and income realised moving forward. A big thanks to Cllr Liz Barrett and Cllr Dave Cuthbert for helping to get this over the line.

As part of adapting to climate-change 'storm events' the budget allocates £50,000 to provide an enhanced severe-weather service.

The budget also seeks to further support the local economy, and as such, it adds £300,000 into this priority. This includes funding for Growbiz to expand coverage and more funding for the highly successful Adapt Your Property scheme.

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young people to achieve their full potential, we decided against £870,000 of savings. This will maintain primary school swimming, music instruction, central groups, and music camps as well as educational psychology services.

Recognising the tough time our young people have had in recent years, the budget provides £100,000 for additional study support this Easter. This means that all secondary schools in Perth and Kinross will be open for senior pupils in the period before their exams.

Given the success of the virtual campus across secondary schools, the budget invests £61,000 to expand the course choice by a further 5 subjects from August 2024.

Recognising the value of our local communities being involved in local decision making and the need to address inequalities within the council area, we have allocated £600,000 to the Community Investment Fund and Local Area Partnerships for the next financial year.

The Kinross-shire local committee will be funded for a further £40,000 towards its ongoing work, while the review of community engagement is taking place.

In collaboration with other local councillors in Kinross-shire, extra funding has been assigned to maintain the much-needed Services 55 and 202 for Glenfarg and West Kinross-shire.

Additional funding of £2 million has been made available to enhance the local road network across the Council area.

In setting the Council tax, we needed to strike a balance between the inflationary pressures facing the Council and the financial pressures on households. This budget's careful and considered approach has allowed us to restrict the Council Tax increase to 3.9%. This is the lowest Council tax increase in Scotland and one of the lowest in the UK.

The budget invests in our children and families, it invests in our economic wellbeing, it invests in our communities, it invests in climate change, and in our infrastructure. It also minimises the financial impact on all our households with a Council Tax rise significantly below inflation.

Councillor Richard Watters

Liz Smith, MSP



ON SATURDAY 6 MAY, the Coronation of King Charles III and his wife, Camilla, will take place in Westminster Abbey. A Coronation is an event which increasingly few of us will ever have witnessed. I often hear mention from older residents who recall the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II when having a television at home was rare and many who recall the purchase of a TV for the occasion. The black and white footage still emphasises the solemnity and pageantry of the rituals that are centuries old. There is much symbolism and importance to the event, and I am sure for many of us it will be something we will want to watch, and the streets of London will be lined with those wanting to be part of this important moment in our nation's history.

At the centre of the Coronation will be the Coronation Stone which we know as the Stone of Scone or the Stone of Destiny, which has been used for centuries in the inauguration of monarchs. The Stone has been in Edinburgh Castle since 1996 and is visited by millions of people each year. The Stone will leave Scotland for the Coronation in May and will have a central role in Westminster Abbey. The Stone will of course then, in due course, form a central part of the new Perth Museum in the redeveloped City Hall. It is very much hoped that it will attract visitors from all over the world to come to Perth to visit the new museum and to then spend time, and money, in other parts of Perth and Kinross which will bring a very welcome boost to the economy. The fact that it will have been the focus of an event broadcast around the world so soon before it is due to be placed in Perth is very significant and will bring a boost.

With the Coronation on the Saturday, Sunday 7 May is an opportunity for communities to get together and celebrate with lunches, street parties and the Coronation Concert at Windsor Castle. I understand that Perth and Kinross Council can offer advice to anyone looking to arrange a local event who may wish a local road closure or similar. On Monday 8 May the day is being marked as The Big Help Out. The idea of a day when communities can come together, on a Bank Holiday, and arrange volunteer events such as litter picks, community tidy ups or similar events is fantastic. We saw the spirit of community across Perth and Kinross during COVID when people got together to ensure those who needed support got it and it would be a great opportunity for community groups to promote what they do and encourage people to get involved. Even if you are not a supporter of the Royal Family the events in May will give everyone an opportunity to enjoy spending time in their community and the opportunity to mark this weekend with friends and neighbours which I am sure will be welcomed.

Liz Smith, MSP



Politicians

Jim Fairlie, MSP

I WAS DELIGHTED TO raise a motion in Parliament to congratulate Kinross-shire athlete Laura Muir on yet another fantastic achievement following her Gold medal victory at the 1500m event at the European Indoor Championships 2023 held in Istanbul on 4 March. This was the fifth gold medal of Laura's career at the European Indoor Championships and establishes her as the most decorated athlete from the UK at the biennial track and field competition.



The motion received wide support from across party political lines with my MSP colleagues in agreement that when including recent gold medals at the 2022 Commonwealth Games and European Championships that Laura is one of Scotland's greatest ever athletes and an inspiration to young girls looking to participate in any sport, demonstrating that hard work and determination can deliver the rewards of international success. Parliament wishes Laura all the best for the future, including for the season ahead.

The celebrations of Laura Muir's accomplishments were well timed as Parliament brought into sharp focus female role models during a week focused upon gender based political issues, tying into International Women's Day on 8 March 2023.

I spoke on the subject of 'Women and Girls Safety on Public Transport in Scotland' following a new report from the Scottish Government based upon interviews with women between the ages of 14 and 86 in Scotland, revealing that each had at least one negative experience with harassment and unwanted attention when using public transport.

My comments focused on the need for men to change their attitudes and behaviours – not by becoming saviours or protectors. Women don't need knights in shining armour, but to be given the respect of their privacy, their dignity, their personal space and their right to live their lives as they choose, without fear of intimidation, harassment or even worse.

I accept that we have to have the safety measures right now to protect women and girls but we have to as men change the culture and attitude, so as to change the reality for women and girls in this country.

I believe that the Scottish Government should full heartedly consider ideas to make these changes, and I was therefore pleased to hear that a consultation has been launched on draft reforms that would create five new laws to provide police and prosecutors with new powers to tackle the effects of misogyny.

The proposals are based on recommendations made by a Working Group on Misogyny led by Baroness Helena Kennedy KC, and would expand current laws to include threatening, abusive or sexual behaviour directed towards women or girls because of their gender. Baroness Kennedy's research demonstrated that such incidences cause feelings of degradation, humiliation or distress.

I believe that the potential criminal law reforms will have a significant impact on addressing society's and particularly men's tolerance of misogyny and I will be asking the Justice Minister in Parliament what lessons can be learned from other countries about their experiences with this issue. The consultation is open from 8 March to 2 June 2023 and the Government is keen to hear from girls and women about what they think should be included in law. The Consultation paper is available on the Scottish Government's website.

Jim Fairlie, MSP

John Nicolson, MP

FEBRUARY WAS LGBT HISTORY month and the other day I made a wee video to celebrate. It's gone viral, with 300,000 views. It seems to have struck a chord with those who watched. And some of the comments viewers posted have certainly struck a chord with me.



I was born in the 1960s when homosexuality was illegal. I always knew I was gay. But everything I heard as a child about being gay was relentlessly negative. We were taught that we would lead a lonely life of relentless promiscuity. And of course at school 'gay' was the worst of insults.

I came from a religious family and I used to pray not to be gay. But of course the prayers didn't – couldn't – work. We are born gay or straight. No one chooses their sexual orientation. We have been gay and straight since the dawn of time and in every civilisation whether tolerant or intolerant. People have found same sex love despite the cruelest persecution and the most horrific punishments. Who'd have chosen to be gay in Nazi Germany or today's Afghanistan?

By the 1990s being gay had become a little easier. But still not easy. You could be sacked for being gay with no legal redress. If you were twenty one and your boyfriend was 20 – and under the then age of consent – you could end up with a criminal record for 'underage sex'. Just imagine how that would have affected your life opportunities. If you were gay you could be refused admission to the civil service, and investigated by the police if in the military and expelled without just cause. You were 'bad for morale' no matter how discreet your relationship had been. Sacked for hiding your identity and sacked for being open about your identity, LGBT people just couldn't win.

When clause 28 hysteria descended on Scotland the tabloids screamed about 'gay lessons in schools' and some religious leaders sought, shamefully, to conflate homosexuality with paedophilia.

I was lucky. I had a loving family, good friends, and a stable relationship too. But many kids grew up in very different circumstances. Gay boys have long accounted for the highest percentage of suicides in the country. Many have always ended up homeless when thrown out by their families.

So I'm pleased our Holyrood Parliament has done so much to make things better. Scotland now has gay marriage, an equal age of consent, LGBT inclusive education in schools, and the recently passed Gender Recognition Act which aims to make life a little easier for trans people. Scotland regularly now ranks amongst the most socially liberal countries in the world.

And while most of recognise that religious minorities are free to hold controversial views, most of us recognise too that they should not be able to impose those views on the rest of us. We live in a secular society. And that the tens of thousands of people who watched my wee video seemed, overwhelmingly, to think was a very good thing.

John Nicolson, MP

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What Can You Do About Hate Crimes Or Incidents?

If you've experienced a hate crime or incident please report it to us.

You can also report hate crimes or incidents even if it wasn't directed at you. For example, you could be a friend, neighbour, family member, support worker or a passer-by.

You should tell the police if you think it happened because of disability, race, religion, sexual orientation or transgender identity.

It may even be a combination of these things. This is important as it lets us know it is a hate crime or incident.

If something happens and you are not sure if it is a crime please remember if it feels wrong report it and let us help.

UPDATES

A 46 year old man was arrested for possession of a sword in Whyte Place, Milnathort on Monday 6 March.

RECENT INCIDENTS

About 3.30am, Monday 6 March, 4 persons were captured on CCTV forcing a shed open at a farm near to Carnbo and stealing a red Suzuki Quad Bike. (CR/29069/23)

Between 4pm on Friday 24 February and 3.15am Saturday 25 February 2023 a large quantity of watches were stolen from a shop on High Street, Kinross after the premises was broken into. Suspect was wearing dark clothing, beanie hat and a head torch. (CR/24158/23)

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

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THE WINNERS!

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE participants in this year's Rotary Young Writer Competition. The theme was 'Peace' and the young people in our community demonstrated tremendous empathy and vision in their ideas. There was high standard of writing and the judges were impressed by every single entry.

The winners are:

JUNIOR SECTION

Winner Iona Runner-Up Rory

INTERMEDIATE SECTION

Winner Erin Runner-Up Astrid

All four are pupils at Fossoway Primary School.

Iona and Erin's pieces will now progress to the District Final. We wish them the best of luck!

The children have allowed us to share their delightful work for your enjoyment.



(l to r)
Rory, Erin,
Iona and
Astrid.

WINNER (Junior)

THE FOOTBALL MATCH

by Iona

Christmas 1914

The guns stopped, a crisp silence fell over
no man's land,
Then shouting came over from the trenches offering
cigarettes and drinks,
Then a question that would be told throughout the
ages was told.
'Want a game of football?'

That one question echoed through the silence making it
the nosiest silence ever,
Such a question that would change the war,
One soldier, then another, then another, came out of
the trenches each as bad as the first one.
Bandages wrapped round legs heads and waists,
Every single one of them looking like death itself,
But even though if they were ill, missing limbs, they still
had the world's happiest smiles,
Once they had all lined up one of the boys kicked a ball
to our side,
And said in astonishingly good German.
'Du darfst zuerst kicken,'
[You may kick first]

One of our boys stepped forward,
Then with a smile, kicked it into one of the small dips in
the ground.
'Goal!' he said with a smile.
And that, was the moment it all began...

This story is based on real events, but is not completely historically accurate. And the moral of this story is always remember peace can only start if someone steps forward.

RUNNER-UP (Junior)

PEACE

by Rory

Peace is a simple word but hard to achieve
As a child I do not understand how all the countries do
not get along But maybe I am naïve

I am lucky to grow in a country of peace
With a home, a family, school, fun and friends
Although I know there are children in the world that do
not get that release

Are children different wherever they are born?
I think not
The thought of other children suffering leaves me torn

Imagine not being able to sleep because of your fears
Fear of guns, fear of bombs, fear of bad people, fear of
losing someone you love, fear of losing your home.
I can only think of the tears

Why is peace such a riddle
Surely we should work together to solve the mystery
Otherwise children will always be stuck in the middle

I am so fortunate to have only known peaceful times
I have been cared for, loved, kept safe and warm
Whereas other children experience war and crimes

It seems to me that it is always adults grasping for power
That causes these wars of difference and hate
All that children can do is cower

If only disputes could be solved like in the playground
With a ball, a joke, a smile or a game
Then common ground can be found

Peace is a simple word but hard to achieve
As a child I think anything is possible
But maybe I am naïve

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WINNER (Intermediate)**SELF PEACE**

By Erin

'Darkness can't drive out darkness, only light can do that. Hate can't drive out hate, only love can do that.'

Martin Luther King Jr.

'MOVE CARROT TOP,' came the familiar voice of Aiden the school bully. My face turned bright red like a tomato as I ran through the crowd of laughing people. Full of embarrassment I stumbled to the nearest bathroom to save myself from the rest of the mean comments like 'ginger not so Ninga' and 'clumsy carrot.' Even though I was in a school full of people I couldn't feel more alone.

As I stared in the mirror at myself lifting my ginger locks of hair up, I wished my hair was prettier. Looking down at my nails I thought 'I wish I wouldn't bite them.' Full of despair I poked my freckles in disgust. 'I'm ugly,' I thought as all the rude words swirled around my head. Awful. Useless. Unwanted.

I kept my head down in my next class but that didn't stop the snigger floating round the class. Distracted, my eyes were looking round the class at pictures and old work when suddenly, the door creaked open and a small girl my age shyly shuffled into the class avoiding all eye contact. The teacher Miss Collen introduced her. 'Class this is our new student Kat, she has come all the way from Perth, Australia.'

'Hi,' Kat said barely loud enough for the class to hear.

'You can go sit next to Zoe at the back,' Miss Collen said as I beckoned her over.

'Hi, I'm Zoe nice to meet you,' said the new girl.

'Wow you're so pretty,' she said as a smile appeared on her face. 'I love your red hair. You look like a beautiful Celtic princess.'

'Thanks,' I said, a warm glow spreading across my body. I thought how one kind comment could make a person feel so good. I wondered if I might have a new friend, one who would hold me up and not tear me down. Instead of feeling worried and scared about what comment might come next, I started to feel a bit of hope. It felt so good and so peaceful.

'You have such a cool accent,' I said to her. And I wondered and hoped that it may be the start of a beautiful friendship.

RUNNER-UP (Intermediate)**PEACE IN MY WORDS**

By Astrid

Perfect is not a word that should belong in our dictionaries. We may think everything is perfect but it's far from it. The problems are right in front of us, but we refused to do anything and try to place an invisible veil over them to hide them, but they're leaking faster than we can fix the problems we've made.

Everyone in the world is different, unique, has something to bring that no one else has. This is both brilliant and horrible. The problem with everyone's differences is that no one can agree on something perfectly without that little voice at the back of their head reminding them of how much better they are than everyone else.

Although many see the brightness in the world, they believe light is guiding them through their problems and difficulties. It's all just a figment of their imagination. There is no light, our world is filled with darkness and there's nothing we can do about it.

Compromising is a skill many of us struggle with. Most of our kind think we're better than each other and find it difficult to change plans when their mind is fixed on their idea, their creation. Our attempts at compromising only lead to war.

Even though our world is a war zone, we can still do things to keep the light. Little things make a big difference. We'll never have the perfect bright world we all dream of, but we can have little parts of it. If we learn to value our differences and how everyone is unique in their own special way, and if we keep dreaming of that peaceful world, we're happy, and that's all that matters.

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KINROSS-SHIRE CRICKET CLUB

2000-2023 – A CONCLUSION



Scottish U13 Champions

AS KINROSS-SHIRE CRICKET CLUB approaches its 170th anniversary we can bring the club's history up to date and complete a fascinating story that started back in Salutation Hotel in April 1853. During the winter of 2004/05 three of the 1st XI players underwent coach-training programmes with Cricket Scotland. By the start of the 2005 season the club had three fully qualified coaches and through the kindness of the Lords Taverner's charity the first bag of junior coaching equipment.

By working closely with the cricket development officer employed by Perth & Kinross Council and visiting local primary schools within 12 months junior membership had grown to over 90 children. At the end of the 2005 season the club played its first junior match with an under 13 game against Edinburgh Carlton. Incredibly, Kinross-shire won and embarked on an 8-year run of Scottish Cup successes.

In 2006 the club won its first National Championship title when the U13s lifted the MCC "Spirit of Cricket" Scottish Championship. The enthusiasm for junior cricket helped grow senior numbers and in the same season the 1st XI competed for the first time in the "Dukes" Strathmore & Perthshire Division 3 League with the team eventually coming runner's up.

Over the winter period between 2006/07 the club successfully applied for a grant from sportscotland to build a pavilion and artificial wicket within the grounds of Kinross House. The artificial wicket was installed in May 2007 and the pavilion followed quickly in April. The pavilion was officially opened by Sir David Montgomery on 7th July 2007. The U13 team was named Perth & Kinross Sports Council Team of the Year and the club tasted further playing success as both the U13's and U15's won their respective Scottish National titles. At the end of the year club head coach, John Ross was named Perth & Kinross Coach of the Year and the club was named Cricket Scotland Junior Club of the Year.

In 2008, The 1st XI won their first title claiming the Strathmore & Perthshire Union Division 3 champion's trophy and the club em-

barked on a three-year period of unprecedented achievement both on and off the field. The continued interest in the game saw the formation of the Kinross Ladies & Girls section of the club. Coaching levels had grown to 25 ECB qualified coaches and over 120 juniors regularly attended weekly training.

At the start of the 2009 season, the club was approached to host an International Cricket Council European Junior fixture when Guernsey played Denmark in July. The match brought the club international recognition and press interest.

The story of a small rural cricket club run by parents achieving so much in such a short time saw the club named as the 2009 Wisden Cricketer "Club of the Year". The club was then caught up in a whirlwind of press coverage which saw Kinross feature on the leading pages of all the major National newspapers, Scottish TV and international sports magazines. The U13 and U15 teams again made Scottish Cup finals day and the 1st XI won the Division 2 title with an unbeaten season.

The Women's and Girls teams worked at their game during the winter and in April 2010 they were asked to play in the Scottish Universities Women's tournament when one of the teams pulled out the day before the start. The lady's team had never played in a fully competitive match and some trepidation they travelled down to Galashiels for the tournament. Any fears that they were not up to the event were soon dismissed as they won their first game and quickly progressed to the final against Edinburgh University, the tournament favourites. In a close-run match Kinross came out on top and much to the surprise of Cricket Scotland were named 2010 Universities Champions. Two weeks later the Kinross Ladies played in the Scottish Women's Championships in Perth and again lifted the Silverware as undisputed Scottish Women's Champions. Not to be outdone, the senior men also won their third consecutive league title winning the Division 1 title.

As the club moved towards 2011 they received the unsettling news that Kinross House, and therefore the home ground, was for



Ladies team

sale. By April it was confirmed that the 2011 season would be the clubs last at Kinross House.

The clubs' plight came to the attention of local farmer, Rob Niven and he made contact with the offer of converting his barley field behind Loch Leven's Larder into a cricket ground. The club immediately took up the offer and work started to plant grass and prepare the field for the 2013 season. The new hope brought the focus back to the club and the juniors again made Scottish Cup finals day and the 1st XI finished a very respectable 4th on the Division 1 table.

At the end of April 2013, the club hosted its first match at the Loch Leven's Larder cricket ground when a Kinross-shire XI played and beat the Scotland Wildcats Women's International Team. With few facilities but huge enthusiasm the club started to rebuild and were lifted when the juniors made their 7th appearance in the Scottish Cup finals in 8 years. The 1st XI finished 3rd in Division 1 and juniors numbers continued to climb back to their previous levels.

The club was honoured to be selected to host a touring Australian School from Brisbane when they played a P&K U16 select side which boasted 5 Kinross-shire players. The match was dominated by the Aussie's until the Kinross-shire bowlers effected the most dramatic upset of the Aussies tour as they bowled out the last 6 wickets for only 11 runs and won the game by 6 runs.

The club continued to flourish and was regarded as a showcase club in Scotland. Over six-year period 16 Kinross-shire juniors progressed to play for Scotland age group teams in both youth and girls cricket.

The COVID pandemic impacted cricket in much the same way as all other teams sports. For two years there was no cricket of any form and the club face the very real threat of closure. In 2021, Cricket Scotland lifted their ban on games and several trail games were played by the seniors. Junior cricket was completely severely impacted as many rural cricket clubs simply had no juniors and no matches could be played. The situation continued to improve, and a full seniors fixtures list was played in 2022.

As we have seen in previous issues, Kinross-shire Cricket Club has had a long running history and the past 20 years have been a fitting culmination of all the effort by volunteers to maintain a rural sports club. This century has seen the club win 5 Scottish National titles, 5 league titles, produce 16 international players, build two new cricket grounds and , for a brief period becoem the most famous Scottish Cricket club on the worlds stage. The 2023 season has a full fixtures list of seniors games and the plan is to restart junior cricket as the season progresses.

The first 170 years of cricket in Kinross has been completed. Let's look forward to the next 170 years!



U15 Scottish Cup Winners

SOCKING IT TO ETHIOPIA

IN OCTOBER 2022, we had a catch up visit to our much beloved Bucamma clinic, a nine bone shaking hours drive to Southern Ethiopia, after a 2½ year gap, because of Covid and political unrest in Europe and Ethiopia. Despite all these difficulties EMP has not stood still, and I am just back after a nearly month long visit this past February.

Thanks to a generous and anonymous donation, we have been able to build an impressive Podoconiosis Shelter and treatment centre. This building has been named St James' Podoconiosis Clinic. There, the poorest of the poor come to have their diseased feet cared for, and where they are also taught the very simple protocol of foot care and protection. We emphasise five key points:

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How I wish that many more people could see and hear the people who are benefiting from this treatment. It is so very humbling, but the best thing is the obvious improvement in the majority of the feet. Indeed we had a sort of graduation ceremony where men and women paid tribute to the system, and told their stories of improvement. They have also become their own teachers which is hugely gratifying for us. It was great fun delivering the hundreds of socks donated by the good folk of Kinross. Every pair was distributed and gratefully received. As an aside, I think that the graduates will miss their treatment as there is a sort of 'Spa' element to it all, as 50 people at a time sit quietly chatting whilst their feet soak!

The majority of patients simply come and go, but there are always a few who need treatment for wounds, fungal infections or chronically swollen legs. There is ongoing need for soap, disinfectant, massage cream, socks and shoes, and so we are seeking another funding stream for these necessary provisions. This is not even considering the need for the washing area to be cleaned and sanitised after every session, plus the staff dedicated to the care of the patients.

One of the main purposes of this last visit was to deliver the funds for and oversee the completion of the Podoconiosis



Clinic. This has been achieved but it has felt quite pressured. We wanted the building to have more than one purpose and that too has been achieved.

Now we have treatment rooms for both Podo patients and Uterine Vaginal Prolapse (UVP) Mothers. We have secured funding from Festival Medical Services for the women to be medically cared for, whilst they await their surgical repair. This is a fantastic contribution, as we at EMP have to concentrate on fundraising for the continuous payment of salaries.

As the Podo building is now completed, we feel free to embark on the construction of a new Labour Suite. The present one is adequate but dark and cramped, and rapidly becoming unfit for purpose. We have two exceedingly professional young male midwives, who are part of the planning process along with senior management. The old building will then be repurposed for antenatal treatment and social gatherings.

Our time here is not all work although the work is hard.

By our standards the weather is beautiful although the farmers all long for rain. Maureen's nephew accompanied us this time and he lived and worked among the younger members of staff. He is a qualified doctor with some time to spare. His skill and expertise were invaluable during the busy clinics, but also has a great love of sport. There have been massive football matches and long runs through the country side. The distribution of football strips and caps has been a highlight.

As ever we have seen babies born and heartbreaking scenarios of abject poverty and despair. Our ability to complain

about anything in our lives is once again reduced to a pipsqueak. Our saddest moment came on our last but one day. The electricity this year seems to have been very poor and when it comes back it surges, causing problems with computers and fridges etc. On this sad day a power surge caused a fire within one of the family houses. Of course there is no 999, no Fire Brigade and no water hydrants. The house with its dry walls and wooden and tin roof was completely gutted. What a sight it was to see an old, newly widowed, gentleman sitting outside the wreck of his home whilst friends and neighbours tried with small water containers to rescue something, anything of his possessions. As family members arrived, the level of high wailing escalated. It was an extraordinary and humbling scene to witness.

I have to be honest, there are moments of high hilarity and never more at my attempts at the Amharic language. One of the nuns kindly told me that it was like listening to a baby learning to speak, one word at a time. Still I believe it's good for my old brain, so I shall continue. Also it gives them great pleasure to dress us up in their festive clothes, while they stay in their normal kit. We do anything to please!

Then as ever comes the tortuous drive back to Addis Ababa and the long haul back to Scotland, to another world, our world of plenty, even if it doesn't seem that way.

Long may we be strong enough and resilient enough to carry on our connection with our many friends in The Buccama Health Centre.

Jo Middlemiss MBE

Fossoway Memories



Front of Hearse House
at Crook of Devon

FOSSOWAY HAD LOTS OF mills - Waulk, Lint, Manufacturing of Pot Barley, several for corn/meal and also sawmills. This one has replaced by a garage, café, caravan park and then by houses, but the memories certainly live on. This is the Sawmill near the Cleish Road at Crook of Devon. It was originally owned by the Ellis Family with Frank Swindley in charge. Here are a couple of memories from two children that lived in the community at the time.

I remember the sawmill, I went and sat watching the steam engine that ran the sawmill. Frank cut me a block of wood into a bridge for me to play with my cars, my dad used to get sawdust for the rabbits we had.

There was a massive steam engine at the end nearest the road, there was an old Fordson Tractor belt driven, which powered the Stenner bandsaw, at one time it certainly would have been steam powered. The men sat and made their tea in front of the steam engine around a wood burning brazier.

CROOK OF DEVON HAS many treasures, but this one is a little unusual and rare, a HEARSE HOUSE, there are very few now left in Scotland. Very little is known about it except that it was built of stone in 1882, long after the Fossoway St Serf's and Devonside Church in whose churchyard it is located. (The church was built in 1729 and remodelled in 1806).

We are not sure of a date on when it would last have been occupied by the village hearse. But what we do know is an occasion in December 1887 when the Village Hearse was used for the funeral of a well-known local farmer. Matthew Dykes who farmed at Hilton of Aldie.

He was injured by a bull in an open farm, his right hip joint was damaged. He lay in the Edinburgh Infirmary for some months,



Matthew Dykes c1870

brought home and a few months later died at only 42 years of age, leaving behind a wife Jessie and three very young boys who attended the Fossoway School.

In December 1887 the horse-drawn hearse travelled the three miles from the farm to Crook of Devon Railway Station and then onto Strathaven for a family burial.

The cost of the funeral was:
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If you know anything about the Hearse House we would love to hear from you.

With thanks to Donald Cochrane in New Zealand for sharing some of his family history and photos

**If anyone has any old photos or memories of Fossoway that they would be happy to share, please get in contact via di@farmerdawes.co.uk.
 Why not join the group for lots of fascinating stories, history and rare photographs?**



Back Row (L to R): Tom Scott, Frank Swindley, John Fell and Well Hepburn
 Front Row (L to R): Jimmy Johnston, Mick Dewar, David Leslie
 Below: Horse and Carts at Ellis Sawmill

Photos supplied with thanks to Marco at The Crook of Devon Inn



Postcard of Fossoway St Serf's and Devonside Church

News From The Health Centre



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10 th	11 th	12th 10am to 12pm drop-in for HomeStart Breast Buddies group 01738 638847 1.30pm to 3.30pm CATH will support with form filling – PIP, Universal Credit etc 07955333163	13th 10am to 12.30pm Broke not Broken Danielle will be here to offer advice, connecting to support and also for foodbank referrals. 07518 913107 1.30pm – 3.30pm PKC Employment Support Team Job advice and help those who have learning disability, acquired brain injury, mental health issues, autistic spectrum, sensory loss and physical disabilities. 07788 389659	14th 10am to 12.30pm Declan Jones, Social Prescriber - Community Connecting/Signposting 07557 488902
17 th	18 th	19th 10am to 12pm drop-in for HomeStart Breast Buddies group 01738 638847 1pm to 3pm Support Choices will be here to offer independent information and advice about getting social care and support 01350 729130	20th 1pm – 3pm Declan Jones, Social Prescriber - Community Connecting/Signposting 07557 488902	21st 10am to 12.30pm Karen from PKC Skills & Employment offers support & advice re CVs, Job search, support after redundancy etc. 07867 351268
24 th	25 th	26th 10am to 12pm drop-in for HomeStart Breast Buddies group 01738 638847 1.30pm to 3.30pm CATH will support with form filling – PIP, Universal Credit etc 07955333163	27th 10am to 12.30pm Broke not Broken Danielle will be there to offer advice, connecting to support and also for foodbank referrals. 07518 913107 2pm to 4pm Louise from PKC Housing Team for housing advice and signposting to their service. 07917 552231	28th 11am to 1pm Social Security Scotland offering advice on their benefits –Adult Disability Payment, Carers Allowance Supplement, Child Disability Payment, Funeral Support Payment, Best Start Grants etc. 0800 182 2222

LOCAL ADVICE HUB

THE ADVICE HUB IS a partnership between Kinross-shire charity Broke not Broken, P&K Health and Social Care Partnership and Loch Leven HC. It provides a much-needed local drop-in facility to support people with community connections, signposting to benefits services, foodbank support, mental health agencies and community organisations.

If you are experiencing financial difficulty during this time or feel you need support/advice please call Shona Fowler on 07896 280843 to have a chat or email shona.fowler@nhs.scot

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

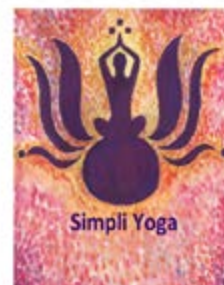
Declan Jones, the social prescriber, will connect you with local community groups, supportive exercise sessions, walking groups, green/nature prescribing activities, volunteering, learning opportunities or help you link with another agency. Declan can be contacted on 07557 488902 or declanjones@pkc.gov.uk

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23rd April **What is the point of life?** **Stephen Jones (LLC)**

30th April **Does God really care? Communion Sunday** **Graeme Gunn (LLC)**

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Milnathort and Orwell Community Council

News from the February Meeting

Present At The Meeting held on 9 February were A Wanless, N Bingham(Chair), A Macrae (Secretary), Cllrs R Watters, N Freshwater, PC Samson and 3 members of the audience

Apologies: M Thomson, K Heneghan, P Britton, Cllrs W Robertson, D Cuthbert, and L Watson (Milnathort Primary School-Head Teacher)

Matters Arising

Windfarm Application – Craighead Farm

Galileo are performing a scoping exercise on the potential to erect 12 turbines, at 200m high, at Craighead farm. There is still a lot of work for Galileo to do before they put forward an application. If successful there is the possibility of a community payback fund that would be available to neighbouring/impacted communities, this could potentially be approx. £360k. Their timescale is to be operation in 2027, their application is likely to be in spring 2024.

There are currently two windfarm applications, both are in the early stages, and will go before the Scottish Government for assessment, this Craighead application is not submitted, and Neill will invite the developer to the next CC meeting in March.

Damaged Wall At Burleigh

Awaiting a response from the landowner (Kevin)

Lathro Footbridge/Repairs On New Path/Damaged Gate

Council officer has been struggling to get replies from Persimmon and has now passed the issue to the council enforcement officer to follow up with.

Damaged Wall At Back Loan

Council had remarked they would not return the wall to how it previously looked but to reshape to avoid vehicle damaging in future and this would be complete by end 2022

Broken Service Cover At Burleigh Road

Council officers have reported it to Scottish Hydro.

Marshall Place Damaged Fence. Raised with council officers again.

Loch Leven Pollution

The CC held a zoom meeting with Dr Linda May, to discuss the issue and she was able to take the CC through the detail of the historical issues with the loch and the monitoring that is ongoing. She shared it was not a simple problem to be solved, there is a lot of ifs and buts with regard "if we try and fix one problem" how will it impact something else in the loch as it is a complex biological and environmental system, and we really need to know the impacts of any one fix. Lack of wind is a factor, also the public not taking notice of the notices with regards to green algae. When performing a survey they observed kids picking up the algae and throwing it at each other.

A potential solution to the green algae build up is to open the sluice gate and refresh the loch water, the last time this was done was 4 years ago, but there is a reluctance to do this.

There has been monitoring of the loch since 1977.

An example of an 'if/but' scenario is that when rainbow trout were introduced to the loch, they would eat the water fleas that in turn used to keep the algae down. Green algae is a worldwide issue and the high instance can be attributed to global warming.

The MOCC will meet with local resident Brian Darcy who previously worked with SEPA, with the intention of inviting him to a future MOCC. Dr Linda May normally attends the Climate Café. The next one is on 4 April.

Burleigh Parking

Question from the floor:

Q. It was previously asked about the notification on the Burleigh carpark that was encouraging overnight camping in the car park, what is the policy for this?

A. Nature Scot previously provided a response:

'We are monitoring the use of overnight users around the reserve. I get regular communications regarding mostly campers at Burleigh.

'We record negative/anti-social behaviour where we can.

'We've recently had a meeting regarding Burleigh as a camp site and what levers we have to reduce the activities down here. We are awaiting the outcome of this. These decisions are done at a national level so we can deliver a strong message.

"Regarding camper vans there has already been some concern that they take up too much space and add to human waste problem that we are already seeing.

'We will continue to monitor the situation but if you can encourage folk to report issues we don't see that might help our decision making. Campervans can simply be discouraged by putting in a metal arch in and this has been spoken about.'

It was remarked that communal campsites in Europe often provide the necessary facilities, and maybe this is an option that should be looked at locally if there is no way to stop the mess associated with campers. The Green Space Rangers are currently being recruited for this year and the MOCC will look at inviting them to a future MOCC.

To report issues about the car park site, please contact: tayside_grampian@nature.scot

Police Matters

Traffic Statistics

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

Traffic units from Perth have also been carrying out regular speed checks in the area and have issued tickets over the last month for speeding and various other road traffic offences.

Road Policing Day Of Action

Officers from the Roads Policing Department recently engaged in a day of action around Loch Leven. Enforcement was carried out in areas including Kinross, Milnathort, Portmoak, Scotlandwell, Crook of Devon and Gairneybank. In total, 21 vehicles were stopped with warnings issued for the following:

4 for speeding

2 for light defects

1 number plate offence

In addition one driver was reported for having no insurance and

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the vehicle owner was charged with causing and permitting the offence.

Officer Comments

From 12 January 2023 there have been 32 calls to Police from the Milnathort area and 4 crimes recorded on Police systems.

Community Team Activity

We often post on our Twitter page @PerthKinPolice with updates on what we are doing out and about in the local area under #KinrossCPT. Please feel free to follow us!

From Neill: Laura Watson, Head Teacher at Milnathort Primary School has engaged with the police on the parking issues at the school, and there will be more presence from police officers to access parking issues.

Fossoway Community Council have pop-up cops, the CC take responsibility on where they go and no issue with us using them.

Q. There was a recent Police community event in Insch, Perth, can we have one in Kinross?

A. We will see what we can arrange.

Coffee With A Cop

The MOCC will look at arranging a session in a local coffee shop in the near future where members of the public can meet and informally chat with a local PC.

Milnathort Primary School (provided by Laura in advance)

Milnathort Primary continues to work with our Community Police Officers who have carried out spot checks re. parking during drop-off/ collection times on several occasions. They have checked in with the school again too which has been appreciated. I hope to invite the Officers in to school to support our JRSOs (see below). I have noted concerns re. parking in the School Newsletter.

To involve the pupils, the school is now taking part in the Junior Road Safety Officers programme (JRSOs). Our P5 children have taken the lead, promoting the initiative throughout the school.

The school has also signed up to Living Streets which is an initiative promoting safer routes to school and encouraging families to walk to school rather than using vehicles (when possible).

I have contacted the authority to receive support in reviewing the School's Travel Plan.

Planning

Core Paths Update (provided by Kevin in advance)

Infill material has been ordered and will be delivered later this month. The work on the Core Paths for the first part of this year will be scheduled this month.

Comments And Questions From The Floor

Q. Has there been any movement on the Aldi application?

A. No there has been no change in the application status or documentation on the PKC planning website

Councillors' Reports

Richard Watters

Milnathort Surface Water Flood Scheme: Funded by the Scottish Government, the recommendation to separate all the mixed drains ie drainage water from sewage is probably not feasible from a cost perspective, however they are looking at reducing the sudden flood water that triggers raw sewage discharge into lochs and rivers by, either, adding storage tanks, to hold the flood water, or to direct the flood water straight into the rivers. There is a proposed cost that is already funded to proceed however there is no start date on these works yet.

It is likely to be behind schedule due to lack of staff.

Budget: the council has a huge deficit, but a change in financing to potentially release £30 million by changing the time the council needs to repay loans on the council estate from 20/25 years to 50 years. This still requires Scottish Government and Westminster Treasury approval. This change will help to release some revenue budget.

Neil Freshwater

The proposed agenda for the next Kinross-shire local meeting is:

Windfarm process

Paper on the roads

KGV park funding

Road safety feedback on priorities from the communities

There is no further information on the planning permission application for the BAC site in Kinross

AOB

No local cemetery provision – a question was asked as to whether the land next to the Orwell church can be bought to expand the cemetery. – The MOCC will discuss with PKC and the landowner on the options

A big thank you to Andrea Ward, who has decided to step down from the community council, thank you for all your time, assistance and contributions to the community council and the community in general.

Milnathort Filmhouse

The filmhouse are looking for volunteers to take over running the committee and to continue this successful venture. Neill has offered to be involved as a bridge to the community council.

The next meeting will be on 13 April 2023, 7.30pm at Milnathort Town Hall.

Fossoway Community Council

News from the March Meeting

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

Present On 7 March were: CCLrs S Bruce-Jones, T Duffy, N Marchant, F Hansraj-Jackson and G Pye; Assoc. CCLrs C Farquhar and A Cheape; Cllrs D Cuthbert, W Robertson and R Watters and 27 members of the public

Apologies: Cllr N Freshwater

Police Report

The police sent apologies for not being able to attend the meeting in person and sent a list of local incidents of note from the previous 4 weeks. These included incidents of sheep worrying in Crook of Devon and Glendevon, a theft from a quad bike in Rumbling Bridge, a theft from a garage in Crook of Devon and housebreaking in Carnbo.

Updates on police activities can be found on Twitter by searching #KinrossCPT or by following @PerthKinPolice.

Presentation Of Plans For Seamab School

There was a short presentation to discuss plans for the new school building at Seamab as the current school doesn't meet building standards and wasn't purpose built. It will therefore need to be replaced with the new school, the old one then being knocked down

The models shown have been approved by planners as they fit into their environment and will house a similar number of children with no significant changes to the design of classrooms. The new building will also be more energy efficient

The new building will include a large indoor play area which the current building does not provide. This new indoor hall will also



benefit the local community and can be used outside of school hours terms for meetings and activities such as badminton, football, cubs, brownies etc.

The build is due to start in a year or so, once sufficient funding has been secured, and the anticipated build time is 18 months. Once the start date has been confirmed, plans will be shared with the community with the aim to complete the build during school holidays to minimise disruption. More information is available at <https://seamab.org.uk/>

Matters Arising

Road Safety in FDCC Area (Including A977 Mitigation and Carnbo)
The TRO process in Carnbo has started!

The A977 School Road junction works are to recommence 7th August 2023 for approx. 3 weeks. There are three remaining major road schemes on the A977 Mitigation Measures list:

School Road/Station Road traffic signals (partially completed and due to start again on 7 August 2023) which will be funded from the remaining A977 budget (£190,000).

Drum crossroads signalisation, anticipated to be in the region of £150,000 to deliver (from capital funding)

A977/B9097 junction realignment is anticipated to be in the region of £200,000 to deliver. This may not be necessary, depending on the outcome of the previous 2 projects. This money is earmarked for the A977 so if it's not used on this project, it can be used elsewhere

We are very grateful to our PKC councillors, especially Cllr Cuthbert for ensuring that funding has been made available for these mitigation measures

Cut-Out Cops

Communities can fundraise for cut out cops (£85 per cut out cop) and they also have to be responsible for putting these out and taking them in again.

The FDCC can organise purchasing of these (anyone interested can email FDCC at: fossoway.cc@gmail.com there is money in the CIF available.

Community Speedwatch

Volunteers are needed for community speedwatch - teams of three people are required to operate the equipment. Volunteers should email fossoway.cc@gmail.com to register their interest. Once there are three teams of volunteers, the process can begin Carnbo have their traffic survey lines in place, however it was noted these are only heading towards Kinross and they are still needed at the other end of the village

An MoP noted that speeding is rife in Powmill, as it's a more rural location than some of the other villages and police don't appear to be carrying out speed monitoring in these areas. It was suggested that Powmill village can ask for traffic survey lines etc to monitor speeds, and in the meantime use lampposts, signage, fencing, walls, flowers etc to clearly demarcate where the village starts.

It was noted that there are sections of the A977 that fluctuate between 30, 40 and 60mph. Cllr Robertson noted that there need to be physical measures to ensure that speed limits are being followed and that average speed cameras are not an option for the A977. He also reiterated that any additional budget available in the A977 mitigation project will be used for whichever village has been identified to have the greatest need

Windfarms

Last month Gallileo attended the meeting in Carnbo to discuss their plans for the Craighead wind farm. They have submitted their scoping opinion paper and plans to Scottish Government and asked the FDCC to also submit comments by 20 March.

FDCC will put together comments in line with the submission for Brunthill windfarm, highlighting relevant groups to include in any discussions and will make this available on the FDCC Facebook page (available from www.facebook.com/fossoway). There is no need to have a Facebook account to access the FDCC Facebook page.

Fossoway Area Transport

PKC has secured funding for the 202 bus for this year despite other budget cuts and inflationary pressures

We are grateful for the efforts of the PKC councillors to ensure these buses have been funded

Crook Moss Travellers Site

Assoc. Cllr Farquhar has lost touch with her previous contact and is going to find a new contact on the site to liaise with

Consultations

There are four consultations open for the public to comment on:

Your Police 2022-2023: <https://consult.scotland.police.uk/strategy-insight-and-innovation/your-police-2022-2023/> **Closes 31st March 2023.** The CC has responded, but individuals should comment too. The consensus is that the Police are resource constrained but do what they can well.

Scottish Government Draft Energy Strategy and Just Transition Plan: <https://consult.gov.scot/energy-and-climate-change-directorate/energy-strategy-and-just-transition-plan/>. **Closes 4th April 2023.** This outlines The Scottish Government's vision for Scotland's energy system to 2045 and a route map of ambitions and actions to transform the way Scotland generates, transports and uses energy. The strategy includes sections on offshore, onshore, wind farms, hydrogen, solar, wave and tidal, bioenergy and hydro and details how each will grow and contribute to achieving the targets set by the Government. However, it is clear that onshore windfarms do and are expected to continue in the near term to provide the most energy. The strategy refers to NPF4 which provides a supportive planning framework for onshore windfarms. The draft strategy supports ongoing research on the possible impact of all sources of energy on the environment in particular peat deposits and marine environment. There are 66 questions in the consultation paper the vast majority of which are not really relevant to our community and hence the CC has decided not to respond.

SEPA stakeholders survey: Closes 17th March. This survey aims to find out how SEPA is viewed amongst stakeholders to inform their work on regulation and flooding services. The FDCC has responded.

PKC Consultation: Common Good Asset Register. Under the terms of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015, every Local Authority in Scotland is duty bound to prepare and publish a comprehensive register of all Common Good assets within their ownership. Common Good assets are the heritable (land and buildings) and moveable (paintings, furniture, etc.) property that belonged to the former Burghs of Scotland. Common Good assets are owned by the local authority, although administered separately from other local authority funds for accounting purposes. There are no assets in our district hence there is no need for a response.

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New Business

Recycling And Waste Management

PKC will be auditing the blue bins in Kinross-shire the week of 23rd March to check what people are putting in their recycling (blue) bin. This is to find out common items that people are trying to recycle (that are not in the 6 items allowed) and to provide leaflets and information to the community on how to recycle effectively

PKC note that if the recycling bins are contaminated with items that they should not have, the waste management company imposes hefty fines on PKC. If the community can be encouraged to reduce contaminating recycling bins, and thereby avoid PKC being fined by waste management, this can save a significant amount of money (these fines are reflected in council tax) that can then be used elsewhere

More information is available on PKC's website: <https://www.pkc.gov.uk/sticktothesix>

Community Council Business

Meetings Attended:

Kinross-Shire Fund Panel, 6 March 2023

Funding applications were approved for **Arngask Parent Council**, **Perth Autism Support**, **Kinross Agricultural Society** and the **Rural Access Committee for Kinross-shire**

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Anyone who would like to apply for funding should contact Cllr Cheape at a.cheape@langley-taylor.co.uk

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Wind Farms

A verbal report was provided by PKC Development Manager of the position relating to Brunthill and Craighead Farm Wind Farm and process that will apply. At this stage PKC have not been formally notified but as both will be Section 36 Applications PKC will be a Statutory Consultee. PKC will look at applications separately and each on its own merits but will look at cumulative impact.

All the CCs should submit their own comments on the scoping documents and any objections or calls for mitigation measures through Energy Consents Unit. CCs present proposed that we should work together on this as all CCs will be impacted although agreed Fossoway likely to be most affected. Requested that it come within remit of KLC however advised that this may not be possible and they will take legal advice.

Road Safety

Reiterated information given at earlier meeting. Confirmed changes of TROs to permanent with installation scheduled for Summer 2023

20mph *Crook of Devon North, South and Drum*

30mph *Carnbo installation scheduled Summer 2023*

40mph *in Drum to be extended on B9097 approx 40m to East – simply to cover junction awareness*

Blairingone Former School

Update on legal position and support for Fossoway Community Development Trust

Fund Grant

Community Grant of £30,000 awarded to King George V Playing Field in Kinross for improvements to Rugby Club

Evaluation Report

Interim report favourable but with recommendations to try to increase engagement with CCs. Full Draft Report due in May. Clarified that Committee has to operate within Framework of Council Regulations and Procedures. The group has evolved over the last year, in favourable ways that have enabled progress to be made on a variety of projects.

Councillors' Reports

Cllr Watters reported from the PKC budget that although the aim was to ensure that funding cuts don't impact the provision of core services and try to protect jobs, many budget cuts will mean staff leaving who will not be replaced. PKC have agreed a 3.9% increase in council tax. Biodiversity is another key issue- there is some funding for EV charging; we need to work with private sector, but the private sector are likely to be less interested in rural areas. Decarbonisation of buildings is another priority, there are temperature and energy controls in schools and other public buildings; as these are centrally controlled, there are savings being made. Increased funding to improve energy efficiencies further. There is a planned Council wide litter picking day at the end of the month (with time off in lieu for PKC officers) which can be shared with local bloom groups and the community.

Cllr Robertson reported on old equipment in Live Active gyms which need replacing. There are plans to downsize in terms of buildings owned by the council, as large offices are no longer required in light of hybrid working. There have been reports of litter on B9097, council staff try to tidy this regularly.

Cllr Cuthbert also discussed a focus on minimising the impact of budget cuts on communities and reducing waste. Funding has been guaranteed for the Kinross-shire area committee to continue for another year. Due to the ongoing budget pressures, there will be a regular process looking at aligning budgets and spending to find areas where savings can be made. The road safety team budget should have more resource to deliver projects.

Planning Matters

DPEA Appeal

21/02133/AML, PPA-340-2151 Back Crook Road, next to scout camp. <https://www.dpea.scotland.gov.uk/CaseDetails.aspx?ID=122826>

There are still ongoing requests for information regarding compliance with NPF4. No decision until end of March 2023

Planning Applications

22/01974/FLL. Siting of temporary accommodation unit and erection of carport/store (in retrospect) Land 245 Metres Southwest Of Craigton House Rumbling Bridge Kinross. This was a condition that was part of *22/0541/FLL* – see *22/02032/FLL*. The FDCC didn't comment.

22/02080/FLL. Erection of a garage/ancillary accommodation building. Duanbrig, Naemoor Road, Crook Of Devon, Kinross.

This application is for a separate building adjacent to the cottage which is a garage which is dug into the sloping grounds with a ground floor 2 bed cottage. FDCC will not submit a comment on this.

23/00090/FLL Alterations to dwellinghouse, St Thomas Cottage Crook Of Devon Kinross.

Proposal is to replace the existing porch to create a covered area. FDCC will not submit a comment on this

23/00114/FLL Change of use of agricultural land to form extension to garden ground and erection of a replacement dwellinghouse Westfield Of Dalqueich Farm Cottage Carnbo Kinross KY13 ONT FDCC has submitted a neutral comment regarding the size of the dwelling house and sought confirmation on the type of land that will be incorporated into the garden.

23/00173/IPL Residential development (in principle) at 30 Metres North West Of County Fabrics The Water Mill, Crook Of Devon Kinross. The proposal is for 2 x 4 bedroom houses to be built in the existing car park of County Fabrics. The planning statement states that County Fabrics has outgrown the building and will relocate locally. It is inferred that the old mill will be converted into flats but this is not included in this in principle planning application. Style of new houses will be in keeping with the Mill. FDCC will not submit a comment on this

23/00259/FLL Erection of 29 dwellinghouses and associated works (phase 1 - allocated site H53) at Land 80 Metres North West Of Huize Baahock Powmill Dollar. The proposed development is to be completed in the following phases:

Phase 1: proposal for 29 Houses, comprising of 22 dwellings for Kera Scotland Ltd and 7 affordable dwellings for Kingdom Housing Association Ltd.

Phase 2: proposal for 17 Houses at a later stage due to restrictions in the LDP. This phase is not included in this application. However, the phase has been drawn up as part of the masterplan.

There will also be developer contributions paid for adoption of new Public Open Space and a contribution towards maintenance and future upgrade of the existing Powmill play area. This was confirmed by the Pre-Application advice *22/00052/PREAPP*, received on 25 October 2022.

Foul drainage from the Phase 1 site area will drain to the mains sewer to the east. A pre-development enquiry to Scottish Water has confirmed there is sufficient capacity at the local water treatment works and wastewater treatment works for the number of dwellings proposed to connect to the mains sewer.

All plots will be connected to the mains water supply. Because of the current decoupling from fossil fuels and imminent phasing out of gas boilers in 2024, the plots will not be connected to mains gas. All properties will be connected to the grid and supplement their power usage with use of renewable technologies. The Kera plots will use Solar PV arrays and Air Source Heat Pumps. The Kingdom Housing Association plots will also use Solar PV arrays and Air Source Heat Pumps. All services will be carried throughout the site, within services margins in, or adjacent to, the proposed road.

Discussions around this application included questions and comments from the MoP present including relocating the recycling point, capacity of Fossoway primary school, provision of connective walkways, environmental impact assessment, water run-off, activities for children of all ages, timescales/timelines and mitigation of the impact of disturbance to the community during construction.

These comments and questions have been noted and included in a neutral response from FDCC to PKC planning, and which will also be available on the FDCC Facebook page. FDCC support the

development of this site as per the adopted LDP2 and find it encouraging that the developer will deliver affordable housing alongside housing that is similar in character to adjacent properties. Everyone is welcome to submit any comments and concerns directly as all comments will be included in discussions by PKC. FDCC will submit a neutral comment as per above before the 25th March 2023

Planning Decisions

22/02032/FLL Alterations and extension to dwellinghouse and formation of steps and planters 1 Mossend Green, Powmill, Dollar. Approved. The FDCC had made no comment.

22/01976/FLL Formation of access track (in retrospect) at Land 360 metres south west of Craigton House, Rumbling Bridge.

Approved. The FDCC objected on grounds that conditions associated with the prior application (22/00541/FLL) had not been met. However, PKC informed us that our objection was not material and was a matter for enforcement.

22/02064/FLL Erection of 2 dwellinghouses | Land 15 Metres North West Of Ivy Cottage Gartwhinzean Road Powmill

Application refused, in line with Policies 1 & 17; close proximity of windows to neighbours (>9m); back garden should have depth of 9m to avoid overlooking – it's only 7m and insufficient off-street parking – there should be 2 places per house. FDCC had objected

22/01695/FLL Erection of 2 holiday accommodation units Land 15 Metres North West Of Ivy Cottage Gartwhinzean Road Powmill

Approved – FDCC had made no comment.

AOCB

LDP3 due 2026

The community are encouraged to engage with the consultation process for LDP3 in order to have an impact on the future of the villages that we live in. Local place plans are used as input into LDP3, then it goes back out for consultation, then sent to Scottish Government.

Devonshaw Quarry

Cllr Marchant will find out if there any updates on this and ask the developers to remove litter and debris from the site.

The next meeting of Fossoway and District Community Council is on Tuesday 4 April 2023 at Crook of Devon Village Hall

All are welcome!

Kinross Community Council News from the February Meeting

Present At The Meeting on 28 February were: Cllrs L McKay, (Chair), W Freeman E Leslie, T Stewart, M Wilson and C Collins, Cllr D Cuthbert, 3 Members of the Public, PC B Samson, minute-taker Mrs C Aird

Apologies: Cllr H Phillips, Cllr N Freshwater, Cllr W Robertson and Cllr R Watters.

Police Report

PC B Samson was in attendance at the meeting. He advised that since the January meeting, there had been 88 calls with 16 crimes being reported.

Community officers were aware of regular areas where there are complaints about speeding in and around Kinross. These have all been added to the speeding matrix and officers will continue to make efforts to conduct speed checks across the area during our patrols. Traffic units have also been carrying out regular speed checks in the area and have issued tickets over the last month for speeding and various other road traffic offences including a driver being cautioned and charged for having no MOT and no insurance in Montgomery Way, Kinross.

Those present were reminded that security advice had been left at previous meetings and PC Samson advised that he had more leaflets which he would leave for anyone who was interested.

Craighead Wind Farm, Carnbo

Cllr McKay welcomed Alex Orr, Orbit Communications and Jason Morin and Molly Lynch from Galileo who were attending the update on the proposed wind farm at Craighead, Carnbo.

Mr Orr advised that a scoping application had recently been

submitted, with environmental impact surveys being undertaken between 2022 and 2023.

Galileo develop large-scale renewable energy projects in multiple European countries and plans for a wind farm development of turbines at Craighead Farm, Carnbo. These plans for up to twelve turbines, at a height of 200 m (subject to scoping) with a total installed capacity of up to 72 MW. The turbines annual output will be in the region of 165,000 MWh with 70,000 tonnes of carbon dioxide emissions saved with a projected life span of 50 years. The site has been chosen due to potential power to over 47,000 homes, which could boost the local economy and because there are no environmental designations on the site. Further information on the company can be found at <https://galileogreenenergy.uk/>

The company has submitted the proposals for the wind farm development against the backdrop of the devastating impacts of a climate emergency where renewable energy can assist in addressing this by replacing fossil fuels and helping to dramatically cut our greenhouse gas emissions. As the windiest country in the UK, Scotland is the UK's onshore wind powerhouse, with an ambitious climate change target for Scotland of net zero emissions by 2045.

If consented, it is proposed that the wind farm would deliver a significant community benefits package which could be worth approximately £360,000 every year to the community (split proportionately between CC areas) over the lifetime of the wind farm, dependent on its ultimate capacity.

In response to a question from Cllr Wilson, the room were advised that the cables for these turbines would preferably be underground but Scottish Power would have the final say on that matter. It was also noted that dependent on the size of the project, there may be pylons and substations required.

Mr Morin, in response to a question about the height of the turbines, advised that these would not be the biggest ones in operation but the higher the height, the bigger the power outage would be. Blades would be transported in sections, dependent on the site accessibility and height of the turbines. Access to the site would be via A91, with a road assessment being undertaken before and after the works. It would be a condition of the contract that the company repair any damage to the roads.

The lifespan of the farm is proposed to be 50 years but realistically turbines only last 25–40 years, dependent on the technology used and warranty, and would be replaced as and when necessary.

Moving onto shared ownership, which is seen as any structure which involves a community group as a financial partner over the lifetime of a renewable energy project, Mr Morin advised that this could be anywhere between 1% and 10% of the project but would involve a group being set up (advice available/provided by Scottish Government, specialist organisations and advisors) and those who join would be offered a discounted price for energy.

A briefing note on the proposals, details of the Galileo community offering and also details on shared ownership will be forwarded to the CC for anyone who is interested.

The CC thanked everyone for attending and asked to be kept updated as plans progress.

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Matters Arising

Road Safety Issues: VAS would be put into Gallowhill Road and Springfield Road.

Bathing Site: a meeting is to be arranged.

Kinross-shire Fund: Cllr Freeman is to be the CC representative on the group.

CC Bank Account: changes had been made to the account in respect of the new Treasurer and funding had been received from PKC. Cllr Leslie advised that she had received invoices, receipts and reports from the previous Treasurer and asked if it would be acceptable to put these into the archive storage at LLCC. This was agreed.

Kinross Town Centre

The CC were advised that there was a potential to paint lines at the junction at Burns Begg Street but that the road surface would need to be looked at. PKC Officers have been tasked to look at this and an update will be given at a future meeting.

In respect of Avenue Road, Cllr McKay asked if PKC could be asked to re-paint the signs in respect of the resident's parking. Cllr Cuthbert agreed to speak to PKC.

Planning

New Applications

22/02181/FLL erection of an office/workshop building, formation of car park and associated works at land 150 metres north-west of Unit C, Kinross Business Park, Clashburn Close, Bridgend Industrial Estate, Kinross.

23/00015/FLL erection of a garage at 61 Sutherland Drive, Kinross
22/01881/FLL erection of a replacement dwelling house, garage, boundary wall, gates and associated works at land 20 metres east of 27 Curate Wynd, Kinross.

22/02230/FLL installation of replacement windows at Glen Luke, 3 High Street, Kinross

It was noted that the proposed replacement windows were of uPVC material which did not meet the conditions of properties in a conversation area. Cllr Cuthbert advised that PKC planning officers pick this up in their discussions at the next Planning Committee meeting.

22/02196/LAW siting of two caravans and a storage container (existing) at Queich Place, Kinross

Members were advised that these caravans had been sited at the location for more than 10 years and that previously no planning permission was required however the owner has now been advised that this is no longer the case, hence the application.

Decided Applications

22/01763/FLL erection of a dwellinghouse (revised design) at land 110 metres south east of Beaufield, Balado, refused.

Reports From PKC Councillors

Cllr D Cuthbert

KLC: a meeting had been held recently at LLCC where there had been presentations on the proposed wind farms at Brunt Hill and Carnbo, and discussions around road safety, the sale of Blairingone Primary School, and funding allocated to King George V pavilion.

PKC Budget: PKC were meeting the next day to discuss the budget for 2023/24 and it was noted that there was a large funding shortfall, in all Council areas.

Reports From Community Councillors

Cllr E Leslie

CC meeting had been held recently where members were advised that use of the campus was beginning to increase. Those present at the meeting had been shown a dashboard which highlighted what the campus was being used for. The next meeting is scheduled for 18 May.

She highlighted the issues around the current service provided by the dental practice and the apparent move to being a private practice from June, although children under 15 years will still be treated on the NHS.

Laptops/iPads: Cllr Leslie asked when the schools were likely to receive the laptops/ipads, promised by Scottish Government as part of the digital learning strategy, as the Parent Council were now being asked to fund these.

Cllr C Collins

Recently attending the Light Up Kinross meeting and while there was not a lot discussed, he asked for suggestions on areas that the group could focus on. It was noted that there was a need to encourage and maximise the work of the group, with members suggesting a platform for CHAS residents to be able to see Santa.

Cllr L McKay

Town Hall clock has stopped working and the factor appears to have disappeared. Cllr D Cuthbert agreed to look into the matter. Davies Park Update – a budget was still available for replacement of equipment on a like for like basis. It was agreed that this should be pushed ahead, and PKC would be contacted for this to happen. It was agreed that Cllr Cuthbert would be copied into the email.

Cllr McKay advised that she had been invited to a meeting arranged by the Action Group from “No Road In The Park” and whilst they had said Cllr McKay had been invited, unfortunately this wasn't the case - she only discovered the meeting was taking place during a conversation with the PKC Greenspace and Community Empowerment Officer who had contacted her to ask if she would be attending. Cllr McKay advised the Officer that she did not know anything about the meeting and since this conversation was taking place the day before the meeting, Cllr McKay thought it was best to not attend as not a CC plan.

AOCB

Vandalised Trees

Cllr D Cuthbert is to follow this up but suggested that residents repair any incidents as much as they could.

Ccs Working Together

Neil Bingham, Chair of Milnathort CC, introduced himself to those present. There was a brief discussion around local CCs meeting on a quarterly basis, and it was agreed that Cllr McKay and Mr Bingham would discuss this further, with other CC Chairs.

Traffic Lights at LLCC

A member of the public queried why traffic lights at the Campus had been suggested when a roundabout would be a better solution. They were advised that the traffic lights were a condition of the planning permission for Persimmon Homes.

Litter Picking

A member of the public advised that she participated in the group litter picking in the area and advised that the group were always looking for more volunteers.

The next meeting of Kinross Community Council will be held on 25 April 2023 at 7.30pm in the Masonic Hall. All are welcome to attend.

Portmoak Community Council News from the February Meeting

Present at the meeting on 14 February were Cllrs D Cuthbert, N Freshwater; Cllrs A Miller (Chair), D Morris), A Davidson, D Paterson, K Donaldson and 2 members of the public.

Apologies: Cllr W Robertson, Cllr S McGregor.

Matters Arising

Kinross-shire Local Committee Update:

The Chair offered his apologies that he had been unable to attend the last meeting of the KLC. Cllr D Cuthbert gave an update: plan to hold next KLC meeting in person at the Loch Leven Community Campus. Agenda for next meeting includes more value topics: will include a road safety update; an evaluation report on Kinross-shire Local Committee itself and a proposed change of format to be discussed at the meeting; and a briefing from the Planning Office on the wind turbines proposed in the Ochils. On the latter Wind Turbine: in essence have not seen one of these applications before as does not come via the normal planning channels. Handled by the Scottish Reporters Unit (SRU) covered by Electricity Act. SRU will attend to brief the meeting.

The discussion moved forward to the issue of Phosphate addition to drinking water within the Loch Leven Catchment area also of relevance to KLC. In the absence of Cllr W Robertson the Chair queried if 1. this item was on the KLC agenda and 2. had a reply been received from ScotGov Minister following W Robertson's

letter? Cllr D Cuthbert replied there nothing on agenda as yet, but confirmed the process that the four Cllrs are following is to hold meetings with relevant organisations including Scottish Water, SEPA, NatureScot, Environment Scotland, and PKC.

In principle these meetings involved the four Cllrs trying to put pressure on Scottish Water, who are responsible for discharge to Loch Leven, and SEPA who are the regulators. Currently there is no requirement for Scottish Water to limit discharge, and to the best of the Cllrs' knowledge there is no monitoring equipment in place so the volumes of and severity of pollutants in the discharge are unknown. Once some facts are clarified then Cllrs will start involving the other relevant parties such as local CC members. If there are phosphates being discharged then PKC Planning will become involved as there will have to be some forward planning as to the impact on Loch Leven. Cllrs intend to keep the CCs abreast of what is happening.

The Chair thanked Cllr D Cuthbert for his update, intimating that D Morris had been attending the KLC and had raised the need to keep local CC's informed, as they had not been invited to attend the other meetings held with relevant bodies or yet been appraised of the discussions or outcomes. PCC hoped a level of communication with the KLC and CCs could be maintained. Cllr D Morris agreed he would try to attend the next KLC meeting, but commented that the last 3 meetings he had tried to attend he had not been able to participate, only view and listen to proceedings, his attendance had also not been noted in minutes. This was thought to be likely to be IT permissions. Cllr D Cuthbert has asked Officers to doublecheck access rights for all relevant participants. D Morris disagreed with the principle that CCs should not attend the meetings until facts were clarified. D Morris drew attention to the *Kinross Newsletter* article by Brian D'Arcy explaining the pollution issues; he had been involved in the 1990s to reduce Loch Leven pollution, and at that time the loch clarity had become very good, but had deteriorated since. This needed to be investigated and probed and mitigation measures put in place. It was presumed the issues were largely due to sewage overflow and agricultural pollution.

Cllr D Cuthbert said the causes were unclear or if other factors were present such as global warming causing release of phosphates from sediment.

Road Safety Action Update:

The Chair updated: there was an undertaking of PCC and Cllrs to look at the Road Safety issues with the Head of the Roads Dept. The list that was supplied by PKC Roads for items pertaining to the Portmoak area had caused confusion, some were easily recognised priorities, other priorities were missing, and some items seemed irrelevant or outdated. PCC members had found it very difficult to prioritise the items assigned to Portmoak. It was felt it would be useful to request a teams meeting with Daryl McEown to discuss all items.

Scotlandwell To Portmoak Church Path: Cllr W Robertson had emailed the Roads Dept. simply asking for a comment in principle for the proposed route plan and the mitigations needed in lieu of this. This is a high priority issue, and no reply has been received. Cllr D Morris agreed that this was a fair comment from the Chair, and that a complete list of priority items for both Roads and Greenspace Paths needed to be produced so the two can be dealt with in conjunction. D Morris intended to try to speak with Roads Dept. in next couple of weeks. D Morris also cited the A911 Route Action Plan, intended to address all the issues in a considered plan but not yet circulated. The Chair emphasised PCCs wish to have a constructive conversation with Roads Dept. so that needless projects could be shelved and money spent wisely.

West Bowhouse 40mph Speed Restriction: this was an actionable item from the last PCC meeting. Also item had been approved by vote by the KLC in 2022. No action has been taken, though it was included in the PKC Roads list for prioritisation. Other discussion has taken place regarding moving some of the temporary special Covid projects speed restrictions that were put in place but the Bowhouse speed restriction had been voted on by the KLC and was a priority item. The Chair flagged that this item has been in the pipeline for a year, and had been

definitely voted for at KLC level, it was basically signage that should be quickly actionable. A resident of Bowhouse spoke briefly reiterating that the road configuration at Bowhouse meant that traffic exiting and entering the housing, and children crossing the road to catch the school bus, did so across a 60mph speed limit preceded by a blind summit. The Chair agreed to pick up with D McEown.

D Cuthbert commented that that Road Safety team were under huge pressure, with a recruitment freeze and a deficit of dept employees. The permanent implementation of Covid emergency speed restrictions were time critical to produce TPROs by a certain dates. The Road Project priority list was discussed: D Cuthbert thought the list useful for providing a starting point for clearing off irrelevant items and adding priority items. He agreed a conversation with Daryl McEown would be helpful to this end. He hoped that an allocation for new staff to the Roads Safety Team would be included in the forthcoming budget to address the lack of resources.

Scotlandwell to Portmoak Church Path

The Chair reiterated the need for the Roads Safety Team to provide comment and agreement in principle on the route plan provided by the PCC. D Cuthbert confirmed this item had been raised a number of times and that the aforementioned lack of resource affected this project.

Phosphate Addition To Drinking Water Within Loch Leven Catchment Area:

KLC Update. DCuthbert added that Cllrs had attended meetings with environmental agencies, certain elements had been dismissive of the urgency of this issue regarding drinking water, the priority was Loch Leven. It was proving difficult to convince the agencies that drinking water quality was an issue. The Chair commented that in terms of building and development Kinross was well ahead of its allocation. Some evidence showed a direct correlation between development and pollution in Loch Leven over recent years. It would be simple for the Planning Dept to restrict further damage by restricting development in the Loch Leven Catchment area. Within PKC the Planning Dept could restrict multiple and/or large planning



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applications unless developers contribute to upgrading the existing sewage treatment systems to be fit for purpose. PKC need to take responsibility for their part on this. The developer contribution to the existing sewage system is inadequate.

New Matters

Portmoak Cemetery Maintenance: a complaint had been lodged regarding debris, soil and foliage clippings that had been left in the cemetery on and around gravestones. This had been raised to the relevant PKC dept, and the Chair was pleased to be able to report that he had been to the cemetery and the debris had been tidied up.

Big Place Conversation: Kinross-shire & Glenfarg, PKC Planning: PCC had received information on this PKC Initiative to have conversations with communities across P&K about their towns and villages and how they envisage the future. Intended to contribute to strategy for the future re: housing, all aspects of transport, green spaces etc. PKC intend to hold consultations around May-July within Kinross-shire and Glenfarg. The Chair invited comment from Cllrs: DCuthbert confirmed this was to do with LDP3. This item would be brought to the KLC. D Cuthbert thought it was a worthwhile exercise and encouraged members of the public to attend and contribute.

King's Coronation Events Funding: Correspondence had been sent to PCC from Jamie Montgomery regarding funding available for events being organised around the celebration of the King's Coronation, particularly the Coronation Big Lunch. Financial support is available, local community organisations may be interested. Timescales are tight: can take up to 10weeks for funding to be approved.

Better Place To Live Fair: To book a stand is free for organisations, and for businesses it is £10, all profits to go to charity. A booking form is available.

Reports

Police Reports: a police report had not been circulated to PCC members at time of meeting. Cllr N Freshwater commented that the Police were generally proactive in this regard. The Chair raised the item of Community Speedwatch, in context of high number of comments received from locals about this frequent occurrence within Portmoak. N Freshwater highlighted that Fossoway CC were in the process of recruiting for a Speedwatch Campaign and may be a good contact.

K Donaldson highlighted the Vane Farm burglary that had taken place. Theft had taken place of telescopes and high value bird watching equipment. Any information re: perpetrators should be passed to the Police.

Planning

New Applications

22/02207/FLL Erection of 2 dwellinghouses and garages, Land 20 Metres West Of Applerigg Leslie Road Scotlandwell, no comment Existing Applications

22/01191/FLL Erection of 16 dwellinghouses (3 with detached garages, one with detached garage/ancillary accommodation), formation of 6 plots for affordable dwellinghouses, formation of SUDS pond, landscaping and associated works, Land 100 Metres South East Of Cragton Villa Rost Gardens, Scotlandwell

The Chair had seen some mechanical diggers on site, which may indicate an update on Peat extraction may be forthcoming. The CC will continue to monitor this application and raise any actions. The Community are also encouraged to flag any comments to PCC.

22/01723/FLL Alterations and extension to dwellinghouse, alterations to wall to form vehicular access/parking area and associated works Briarbank, The Cobbles, Kinnesswood, Kinross. The Chair updated that PCC had made representation on behalf of the Community to make objection to the application. PCC had received notification that PKC have rejected the application. Cllr D Morris commented that there has been some work done by way of replacement windows, and there would now be some enforcement. Planning Officer was intending to make a site visit.

Planning Decisions

Progress with Developments: Westfield Community Liaison Committee: K Donaldson confirmed that building works were proceeding as before. Next meeting was 29/03/23. Lots of traffic on roads. The Chair asked about signage that had previously been requested: K Donaldson confirmed that no Give Way or Stop signs had been put up yet. Last Liaison meeting discussed raising this item with PKC for action.

Westfield Paths Feasibility Study: Hargreaves meeting on 23/01/23 with Fife Community Councils representatives and D Morris on behalf of Portmoak CC. Seemed to be support for the report that has been produced, D Morris to circulate report to PCC and Cllrs. Agreed to have follow up meeting on 27/03/23 to bring together Fife Coast & Countryside Trust and PKC equivalent to discuss possibility of external funding to drive the Paths Network idea forward. In principle support from PKC Countryside Trust for this project. TRACKS to be asked to be involved.

Paths Group Update: Portmoak Paths Group will re-commence its spring work programme in March. A meeting is scheduled with Alistair, the PKC Ranger on 01/03/23 to walk local paths and identify priorities for the Paths' Group work programme. Again the Paths Group wish to put out a plea for more volunteers - they have plenty equipment and tools and training are provided. It's good exercise, very sociable, and satisfying work that benefits the community greatly. Contact Anne for more information 07547 457046.

Treasurer CC Accounts: Balances unchanged since last month.

Main Account: £299.51

Michael Bruce Account: £1523.00

Treasurer has applied for £150 grant for Paths Group, should be received this month. Good news is Credit Union account for Michael Bruce Way has been approved and opened. Treasurer will apply for balance transfer and transactions should be easier to conduct ongoing at the Credit Union.

Treasurer to complete grant application this week, to enable grant from PKC to top up the Main account for PCC.

Councillors' Reports

The Chair noted to Cllrs that the PCC constitution had been signed by Chair, Treasurer and Secretary.

D Cuthbert: Highlighted that he was currently involved in budget discussions which were complex and Cllrs are trying to find all possible means to limit the budget to meet shortfall.

N Freshwater: Loch Leven issue a letter will be going to the ScotGov Minister on behalf of all four Cllrs. SEPA will only respond to guidance from the Scottish Government

Matters Notified To The Secretary

Launch of The Gannochy Trust Youth Panel Fund: a funding opportunity for young people and run by a panel of 12 young people between ages of 14-21. The Youth Panel will meet four times a year to assess and approve applications of up to £10,000 from an annual funding pot of £100,000. Fund is open to registered charities that work in Perth & Kinross. ACTION: Secretary will circulate details and post to FB.

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New Building At Kinross Cattery: K Donaldson commented that a building appeared to be being constructed but no application to PKC had been submitted. The Chair thought this might be a permitted development under existing planning controls.

Royal Mail Issues: the Treasurer raised the difficulty of posting items with items going missing, she had hand-delivered documents to PKC, and Credit Union and hand-delivered them for certainty.

Glenlomond: Treasurer noted that site clearance has started on the former Nursing Home site.

D Paterson: issue with cars parking behind the traffic calming buildouts, suggestion that double yellow lines should be painted behind the buildouts due to the lengthy obstacle and single lane traffic such parking creates. There was agreement from meeting participants on this issue.

The next meeting of Portmoak Community Council will be held at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 11 April 2023

Kinross-Shire Local Committee News from the February Meeting

Present on 16 February were: Councillors D Cuthbert, N Freshwater and R Watters; S Bruce-Jones (Fossway Community Council); G Christie (substituting for D Fraser) (Glenfarg Community Council); F Principe-Gillespie (Cleish & Blairdam Community Council); N Bingham (Milnathort and Orwell Community Council).

In Attendance: M Butterworth, L Haxton, D McKeown, F Robertson, K Smith and D Stokoe (Communities) K Molley, A Brown and M Pasternak (Corporate and Democratic Services).

Also in Attendance: A Williams, Chair, King George V Playing Fields Management Committee and I Clark, Iconic Consulting

Apologies: Councillor W Robertson and D Fraser

Presiding: Councillor D Cuthbert, Convener.

Brunt Hill Windfarm

K Smith, Development Management and Building Standards Service Manager provided a verbal update on the process of Brunt Hill Windfarm development. He advised that if an application would be received, the Developer (Energy Consents Unit) would issue a consultation to Perth and Kinross Council to the proposals of the application and the Council as the Planning Authority would be a consultee. The initial stages of scoping and pre-consultation with the Scottish Government and Energy Consents Unit are underway and he confirmed that Perth and Kinross Council are not formally involved at this stage. K Smith advised that a briefing note had been issued to all ward members providing background information on the process.

The Convener suggested that Kinross-shire Community Councils contact the Developer for further community engagement and consultation. Members requested that an update be brought back to a future Committee meeting.

Road Safety Update

There was a report by Executive Director (Communities) (23/55) advising members of progress on the various road safety concerns raised about the public road network in Ward 8 raised with officers prior to the meeting.

Resolved:

- (i) The proposals set out at action 6 of Report 23/55, be approved with the refusal of point (vi). Officers be requested to look at further traffic measures on Burns Begg Street at High Street Junction.
- (ii) It be requested that an update be brought to a future committee meeting.

Former Blairingone Primary School

There was submitted a report by Head of Culture and Communities Services (23/56) providing an update to Committee on the proposed transfer of the former School building and Schoolhouse to the Fossway Community Development Trust (FCDT).

Resolved:

- (i) The progress made by the Trust to date, be noted

- (ii) It be agreed that that a period up to 30 June is granted for the Trust to prepare and submit a full CAT Request and business case in line with disposal requirements.
- (iii) It be noted that following an assessment of any CAT Request, a report with recommendations will be brought to a future meeting of the Kinross-shire Local Committee and Property Sub-Committee.

7. King George V Management Committee

There was submitted a report by Head of Culture and Communities Services (23/57) asking Committee to approve funding of £30,000 as a contribution towards an extension of the pavilion, changing facilities and car parking at the King George V playing field in Kinross.

A Williams, Chair of King George V Playing Field Management Committee, delivered a ten-minute slide-based presentation on the plans to extend the pavilion at the King George V playing fields in Kinross. Members questions were answered, and the Convener thanked A Williams for his informative presentation.

Resolved:

- (i) The request for funding for improvements to the King George V Playing Fields and the views of the Local Action Partnership members, be noted.
- (ii) The conditional awarding of £30,000 to the King George V Playing Field Management Committee out of the Committee's discretionary budget, conditional upon the outstanding bids in Table 2 being secured, be approved.
- (iii) It be agreed that the award is made on the same basis as Community Investment Fund funding.

Interim Evaluation Report Of Kinross-Shire Local Committee

There was submitted a report by Head of Culture and Communities Services (23/58) summarising the interim findings of an independent evaluation report on the Kinross-shire Local Committee pilot and setting out next steps.

I Clark, Iconic Consulting, delivered a ten-minute slide-based presentation highlighting the findings of the evaluation report on the Kinross-shire Local Committee. Members questions were answered, and the Convener thanked I Clark for his informative presentation.

Resolved:

- (i) The recommendations of the Interim Report, be noted.
- (ii) It be noted that a report on the full findings will be brought to Committee on 25 May 2023 and thereafter will form part of the considerations for the ongoing Transformation Review of community engagement.



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Tuesday Short Walks

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Tuesday 11 April, Lochore circular and Lochore Meadows

A look at the history and land reclamation of Loch Ore with easy walking and no significant hills.

Tuesday 25 April, Letham Glen, Leven beach and Silverburn estate

Beginning at the many strawberry fields that surround Blacketyside farm shop, the walk then takes us through Letham Glen. From there, wide views open up with a long stretch across Leven beach and returning walk through Silverburn estate.

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

Weekend Longer Walks

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

Sunday 2 April, Corb Glen, Dunning, 6.7 miles

This moderate circular walk starts at Heatherie Knowe. It

proceeds over rough tracks through a scenic glen before making a sustained ascent of Green Law and Sim's Hill, opening up good views to the north and west. A stretch along a minor road returns to the car park.

Saturday 15 April, Walnut Grove and Kinnoull Hill, 7 miles

Starting at the Fergusson Gallery in Perth, we cross the railway bridge then walk downstream by the river to Walnut Grove. This is followed by a lengthy climb on minor roads and bridle paths to the top of Kinnoull Hill for wonderful views. The shorter downhill return route is on bridle paths, some of them steep.

Saturday 30 April, Benarty Hill circular, 7 miles

A walk up Benarty Hill via Harran Hill wood.

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

Kinross in Bloom

We started March with some sunny weather, but then had a really cold spell which has slowed down the growth of the pansies. It was lovely to see the crocuses we planted at Levenfields brightening up the area around the playpark.

During March we were looking at doing various pieces of work around the polytunnel and completing a variety of jobs. The conifers in the planters have been trimmed and you may have noticed that the planters at the Courthouse have been moved to two rows of four. This means we won't have to move them every Christmas to make way for the Christmas tree. We are hoping to have a tap installed at Mungle's Statue which will complete the work we started last year. We are also ordering a disabled bench for Kirkgate Park.

At the end of March we looked at the sustainable plants around the town and we now have a plan! Some of the plants are quite woody and need some work done on them.

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At the start of April we will begin filling up the six cell planters ready for transplanting our summer plants when they arrive.

To commemorate the work and time Iain Todd gave to the Bloom for nearly 20 years, we have commissioned a plaque which will be placed on the planter outside the Doghouse.

Our next meeting will be at 7pm on Wednesday 5 April and anyone can attend. We were delighted to have two new members joining us this year. Welcome to Irene and Finlay!

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

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

Rotary Club of Kinross and District



Rotary Supporting the Local Community

We have had the pleasure of engaging with our younger members of the community in primary school events this month.

See p33 for the results of our Young Writer Competition. Perhaps world leaders should look to these youngsters for some wisdom and advice!

More junior wisdom was on show at the annual Primary Schools Quiz on Wednesday 8 March. All our associated primaries participated in a hard-fought battle of wits. The ultimate winners were Portmoak Primary School; runners-up, beaten by only one point, were Cleish Primary School. Very well done to all the children who took part. They displayed a great range of knowledge and competed in excellent spirit. They are a credit to their schools and homes. Next month, Portmoak Primary School will take part in the next round of the quiz. Good luck and happy quizzing!

The victorious Portmoak Primary Schools Quiz team, left to right: Hannah, Fraser, David, Danny and Astrid.



Rotary Supporting the International Community

Last month we reported that we had sent a £600 donation to ShelterBox to assist in the vital work aid work being carried out in Türkiye and Syria. We have received a grateful acknowledgement of this from ShelterBox. Donations such as ours, and a Rotary team out there working at the scenes of the disaster, make us proud to belong to a worldwide, effective organisation, described by ShelterBox as 'a key enabler in (their) ability to respond'. However, we are only able to make such a donation because our generous community makes donations to our fund-raising efforts. Thank-you.

Recent Meetings

A convention of Rotary is to invite recent members to give a 'job talk', outlining their careers to date and providing all members with an opportunity to get to know each other. Anne Taylor told us about her varied and interesting career in education. She spoke warmly of the positive female role models in her life who helped to shape her development and success. With her achievements in developing young lives, also leadership and teamwork, we are delighted that she has joined our club.

CATCH – Climate Action Through Community Heating

Do you want to lower energy bills? Would you like to help to reduce climate change?

In March David Cairns delivered a fascinating outline of the current local activities considering the use of Loch Leven, its tributaries and surrounding land for collecting heat to mitigate (or slow) climate impact. This creates the possibility of warming our homes at reasonable cost while saving 10,000 tonnes of CO2e annually. We would urge everyone to give this urgent consideration. More information is available online at <https://www.catch-lochleven.org/catch>

What's Going On At The Golf Ball?

At a breakfast meeting on 14 March, associate member Alisdair Stewart updated us on progress with planning for a long-term venue for Aero Space Kinross (ASK) at the Golf Ball, Balado. Their present work is inspirational, with STEM projects in schools, including the 'Build a Plane' project (formerly engaging with Kinross High School and presently Strathallan School) and a mobile planetarium. In order to press forward with firm plans for a unique visitor experience in our community, funds are required. The ASSET bond offer is one way to help; see www.ethex.org.uk/invest/ASSET for more details. To find out more about what's going on at the Golf Ball, go to <https://aerospacekinross.com/>

Join Us For Breakfast

On the third Tuesday of each month, we hold a breakfast meeting. Open to all members and visitors, we have a number of associate members who find that these meetings fit conveniently into their busy lifestyles.

Jaffrey Weir is one such member, who enjoys the regular opportunity to keep in touch with the club's activities. He says, 'These meetings ensure that you are part of the organisation. You're given a warm welcome and keep in touch with what's happening, allowing flexibility over your own participation.'

Would associate membership suit your lifestyle? Are you interested in Rotary's work but hesitate about making a commitment in your present circumstances? Why not join us at a breakfast meeting? Meetings last no longer than an hour and include breakfast rolls and a warm welcome. This month's meeting is on Tuesday 18 April, 7.30am at the Kirklands Hotel.

Anyone interested in joining the club should contact us by email at secretary.kdrc@gmail.com.

Kinross Camera Club

kinrosscameraclub.org.uk/wp/
www.facebook.com/KinrossCClub



We begin April with a Zoom presentation by Jerry Webb with his talk 'Breaking the Rules in Mono Photography'. Jerry is a self-taught photographer specialising in people, portraits and street events. He says he is often at odds with conventional perceptions and he prefers to interpret what he sees with his own individual methods and style. This sounds like a very interesting topic for those who like to try new and alternative styles of photography and enjoy 'breaking the rules'!

Our second meeting in April will be the annual competition, to be held in the Kinross Church Centre. This is our final competition of the season where we look forward to seeing some of the best examples of the work our members have produced and anticipate critiques and scores by our guest judge John Simpson.

The final event of our season is the much-anticipated prize giving dinner. This is a sociable evening where we can enjoy a delicious meal and raise our glasses to congratulate those members who have enjoyed success in the club's competitions this season.

Please do not forget to come along and meet members of our club at our very first photography exhibition being held



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'Forth Bridge' by David Sharman

in the Loch Leven Community Campus Library from Saturday 1 to Saturday 15 April. Please look out for our posters and flyers. Come along and have a look at some of the fantastic photographs taken by our members and find out more about our small, friendly camera club.

If you enjoy photography and would like to give our club a try, or if you would like to learn more about Kinross Camera Club and our activities and events please contact us by email at secretary@kinrosscameraclub.org.uk. All abilities are very welcome and you don't need a fancy camera and lots of gear. You are very welcome to join us for an evening and see if it's for you.

Guide Dogs Kinross

www.guidedogs.org.uk

We had a wonderful early Christmas present in December. This is our handsome boy who we rehomed from Guide dogs. He was a working Guide dog who developed a health condition, but has settled in well and is living his best life having fun.

You can put your name down for a dog that doesn't quite make



the top grade, although they are increasingly rare. Apply online using the guide dogs website.

After the Better Place to Live Fair, we will be taking a break until the August market, but rest assured we will be planning what to do for this.

We have a new volunteer starting shortly and we would love some more. As usual, get in touch by email at she61@hotmail.co.uk. Contact is always welcome and we are happy to chat all things Guide dogs.

We still have a few collection box dogs going spare. If you can find a space in your business for a small counter top or lifesize dog for your shop or canteen, we'd love to hear from you.

As you may have seen on TV, there has been a push to encourage more people to puppy raise. Kinross-shire has only a couple so we would love to see more people get involved.

Next time I hope to tell you about my sighted guiding experience and the benefits of volunteering to do this.

Thanks Kinross-shire for all your support!

Kinross High School



S6 Leavers

On Friday 21 April, the S6s will be saying their final farewells to staff and friends in school. They will be transported, as is traditional, to West Sands at St Andrews for games and a picnic on the beach. They will enjoy a picnic lunch including the famous fudge donuts from Fisher and Donaldson and a visit from the Janetta's ice-cream van. The beach activities will include marshmallow toasting so we hope the weather is kind to them!

SQA Exams

Pupils have been working hard this term preparing for their SQA exams which begin on Monday 24 April and finish on Thursday 1 June. We will be offering Easter study clubs to young people to support them with their exam revision covering Art and Design, Mathematics, Modern Languages, Performing Arts, Science, Social Subjects and Technologies.

Spring Concert

We are preparing for our Spring Concert on Wednesday 29 March. We are delighted that parents and guests will be treated to a wonderful evening at the end of the school term thanks to the Performing Arts Department. Thank-you to all the performers and to everyone involved in helping to organise the event.



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Merits

We relaunched a refreshed relationships policy in August 2022 and, as part of that, we award merits to pupils who demonstrate our school values; Ambitious, Resilient, Compassionate and Responsible. Both pupils and staff have embraced this and 28,000 merits have been awarded since the scheme started. Some outstanding people with over 100 merits will be given a personal invitation to celebrate their achievement with Mrs Brown with tea and cake!

300 Club

Profit from the 300 club supports equity in the school. There is an opportunity to join the Kinross High School 300 Club with a monthly prize draw. The 1st prize is £75 and there are 2 prizes of £25 every month. It costs £3 per month to take part which is payable by direct debit. Email KinrossHigh@pkc.gov.uk if you are interested.

Kinross-shire Events Organisation

www.kleo.org.uk



Kinross Farmers' Markets

The markets will start again in April, with the first market on Saturday 22 April at 10am-2pm on the High Street of Kinross. The following market dates will be on every fourth Saturday of the month from April to October (apart from the July market, there will not be a market that month).

This means that the exact dates are as follows: 22 April, 27 May, 24 June, 26 August (this will be a bigger market and will take place at the Market Park), 23 September and 28 October from 10am-2pm. For the markets the High Street will be closed from entrance Burns Begg Street to entrance Montgomery Street.

Kacophony Orchestra

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

Leven Voices

This is a fun, informal drop-in singing group which you can join anytime. No music reading or singing experience is necessary. Join us on Tuesday evenings at 7pm-9pm at Kinross Parish Church with Horsecross Arts Tutor Amy Lord. The fee is £4 a session.

For more information about KLEO events visit our website or email info@kleo.org.uk.

Kinross Garden Group



We had a fascinating and very informative talk in March from Gavin MacNaughton of Macplants, who told us all about growing Mecanopsis and Gentians; plants that have fascinated many garden members for some time. Hopefully after Gavin's talk they will be able to improve the success rate of the plants they grow. The pictures were wonderful.

Our next meeting is on Thursday 13 April 2023 at 2pm in the Parish Church, Kinross, when Liz Stewart will talk about Scotland's Garden Scheme, 'Behind the Yellow Book'. She is the Editor of that publication.

You should have given your summer garden visit choices to Caroline by the end of March and we will give an update about numbers at this at the meeting.

Membership fees at the moment are £20 for the year and £5 for visitors. If you are new to Kinross-shire and interested in meeting fellow garden enthusiasts, you will be made very welcome. Doors will be open from 1.30pm.

For more details contact Caroline Anderson on 01577 864589.

Climate Action Through Community Heating (CATCH-Lochleven)

The Scottish Government funding for a pre-feasibility study (through their Community and Renewal Energy Scheme – CARES) has taken a little longer than expected, but is proceeding through the approval process. Meanwhile, we are scoping the full feasibility study outline and searching for potential funders for that. The technical solution for a district heating system is also evolving, as well as the Loch itself. It may be beneficial to extract heat from the tributaries, from the local sewage plants (we are talking to Scottish Water), and also looking at heat-storage from summer to winter using 'pit storage' which is an insulated pool of water.

Furthermore, solar farms could potentially contribute low-cost electricity to the project.

Kinrosswood in Bloom



Now that our entry for Britain in Bloom has been confirmed, the hard work begins. The Saturday work parties have started again, as well as lots of work done during the week, mainly by Carol and John. As you pass along the main street you will be able to admire the new barrels and half barrels. Some of the old ones are many years old and have rotted. The mushroom compost we purchased earlier has been added to the soil, so we hope for lovely displays. Most of the plants have been re-used and a few more planted to fill in spaces. Wilma, one of our supporters, has donated a barrel and the rest came from The Loft in Milnathort.



We hope to start painting as soon as the weather allows. We have noted that there are quite a few places needing a coat of paint. A request for funding has gone into 'Awards for All' in order to give the bus shelter a makeover. If we are successful, we hope to complete it before the summer.

Carol and John attended a Zoom meeting with Britain in Bloom judges and found it very useful. We now know when we will have confirmation of our judging date, when to submit the portfolio and even when the award ceremony will be. They met the judges online and know which places are in our village category.

Meanwhile we will have a chance to meet the other groups from Scotland who are taking part in Britain in Bloom. At the time of writing, we are due to provide hospitality for the three other groups on 21 March. The other groups are from Easthaven, Blantyre and Aberdeen. If you see us wandering around that day with some strangers, you will know they are not judges!

The school work parties have also restarted. The first four groups set tatties to chit and planted onions to start them off. They also got the compost barrel working again. The plant and other materials we put in last year is now beautiful compost. Meanwhile the school is working on the new quiet garden at the back.

All the classes have been completing art work for the festival and this year it follows the theme of wild flowers. Norma taught

Clubs & Community Groups

zentangle to one class with Anna and Linda helping. The P6/7 class have produced woven wild flower hangings, Anna led a session on felting and Gillian did pen and watercolour wildflower meadows. P1/2 are producing work with their teacher and we look forward to seeing that. The work is stunning and will be on display at Portmoak festival in June.

The reduction in wildflower meadows has been highlighted by the latest David Attenborough TV programme. There has been a reduction of 97% since the Second World War. We hope to produce a board which will provide information about some of the local wildflowers for folk to identify. If anyone wants to take part in growing wildflowers, we will have seeds available soon. Maybe you can sow a window box, planter or set aside a small area of your garden? Let's do our bit to increase the presence of wildflowers.

Kinross-shire Civic Trust

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Annual General Meeting

The Trust's AGM will take place on Wednesday 26 April at 7.30pm in Cleish Village Hall. After AGM business, there will be a talk on conservation work by a Trust member. Refreshments will be served. All welcome.

Susdrain Award Presentation

Representatives of the Trust, Kinnesswood in Bloom and Tayside Biodiversity Partnership met with Perth & Kinross Councillors, staff and the Depute Provost on 10 March at the A K Bell Library in Perth to celebrate the Kinross Raingardens Challenge winning the Ciria Susdrain Community SuDS Award in 2022.

The Raingardens Challenge promotes a variety of sustainable drainage (SuDS) features. Raingardens are planted areas designed to accept rainfall runoff and enhance the environment as well as helping to prevent flooding. Examples are the re-excavated grassy area at the Kinross Park & Ride planted with wildflowers, and a retrofitted raised bed raingarden at Portmoak Primary School.

Although Kinross-shire Civic Trust was the named recipient of the Susdrain award, it was with support from SEPA, Perth & Kinross Council and the Scottish Government. The gathering was an opportunity to present Council representatives with a certificate recording the Trust's appreciation of the local authority's support.

Brian D'Arcy, Trust member, gave a slideshow and talk about the Raingardens project, including an update on the latest phase.

Raingardens Update

In March, work took place at Junction Road where land is set aside as part of the flood risk management for south Kinross. The work involved restoring existing wetlands and creating new ponds. This is increasing the capacity of the area to accept flood water, but is also providing an opportunity to enrich the biodiversity of the landscape. Frogs and other amphibians will benefit. Wetland plants will regenerate and enhance interest. Please enjoy as the modified landscape slowly matures but be aware of the wetter areas. The main new pond will have a maximum depth of one metre in the centre.

This work is funded by the Scottish Government's Nature Restoration Fund, administered here by Perth & Kinross Council, supported by Tayside Biodiversity Partnership and Kinross-shire Civic Trust.

The Trust is seeking funds to purchase interpretation signage for this part of the Raingardens Trail.

Kinross Centre

This weather has been keeping us on our toes this month with beautiful blue skies and even some northern lights, quickly followed with some hard frosts; sunny one day and snow the next!



Depute Provost, Andrew Parrott, (second from right) with the Susdrain Award, with, from left, local councillors Willie Robertson, Dave Cuthbert and Richard Watters

As always here at the Kinross Centre, our service users continue to be entertained with a full range of activities. They also enjoy a wonderful freshly cooked three course meal prepared daily on the premises. Our activities are very well attended.

On Valentine's Day we decorated the centre with lots of hearts and roses and enjoyed some delicious chocolate after lunch. We then had a game of musical bingo that lifted everyone's spirits and created a lot of hilarity.

On the 10 March, St. Johnstone Football club visited us and shared their football memories. This is an activity that many of our service users (both men and women) enjoy. They will be here again on 24 May and every two weeks going forward if you want to join us.

Our barge trips will be starting again next month so please make sure you have your name down for one of the dates as this is an activity not to be missed.

On Wed 29 March [check date again] we are having our friend, the very talented 'Linton Osborne', to entertain us all. There will be hits from all the decades, as well as folk and Scottish music; something for everyone.

We are also getting preparations underway for the King's Coronation. We will be celebrating on Monday 8 May with an indoor street party, music and dancing. There is a lot going on!

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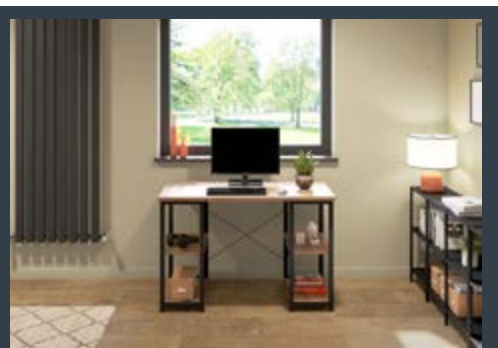
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Loch Leven Library

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Opening Times

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

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

Please note that the library will be closed for the Easter Weekend on Friday 7 and Saturday 8 April. The library will reopen on Tuesday 11 April.

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

Come along and join our fun storytime sessions with your child on Friday mornings. Sessions run weekly, every Friday at 11.30am-12noon. These drop-in sessions are for pre-school-age children and there is no need to book.

Bookbug sessions are held Wednesday afternoon at 2-2.30pm and Saturday morning at 10-10.30am. They offer fun, friendly sessions of songs, rhymes, and stories. These sessions are suitable for babies, toddlers, and pre-school children to enjoy with their parents and carers. Booking is required.

On Saturday 22 April from 11.15am-12.30pm, come to the library for 'Pirates, Aarrh!'. Be inspired by swashbuckling characters and pirate shenanigans during this fun sing-along with Malcolm and Alan, followed by pirate crafts and activities. Suitable for toddlers and children up to 8 years. An adult must accompany children. Tickets (child £3, adult £3) are available online at https://bit.ly/cpk_pirate or from the library.

Our friendly Friday Book Group will meet on Friday 21 April at 10.30am. The next Café Book Club will be on Saturday 15 April between 1.30-2.30pm (after library opening hours). Anyone is welcome to attend, but please phone the library to let the staff know if you intend to join them.

Kinross Climate Café meets at 7pm on Tuesday 4 April. Algal bloom in Loch Leven – why it's happening. Dr Linda May from CEH will present a talk about possible reasons and introduce an app to monitor the blooms.

Digital skills training in the library on Thursday 13 April with afternoon sessions. Please phone the library to book your slot.

Kinross Camera Club will be holding an exhibition of members photographs. The exhibition will be hosted in Loch Leven Community Library between 1-15 April.

The Soutar Festival of Words

An exciting line-up of well-known and well-loved authors, poets, musicians, broadcasters, and TV personalities will descend on Perth as the much-loved Soutar Festival of Words returns this month.

The festival runs over three days from 28-30 April 2023 and will feature a diverse array of literary events. Highlights include Sally Magnusson, Sara Sheridan, Graeme Macrae Burnet, and James Robertson who will not only deliver this year's Soutar Lecture but also present the Gruffalo in Scots – not to be missed!

Details and tickets can be found at <https://bit.ly/cpskoutar2023>

Friends of Loch Leven Library



We will provide our normal volunteer opening on Saturdays 1 and 8 April between 1-3pm. However, the library will be closed on Monday 3 April for remedial work and again for Easter Monday on 10 April. Thereafter our normal Monday opening hours of 10am-1pm and Saturday afternoons apply. Please remember to bring your library card if you wish to take out books.

Fairtrade in Kinross-shire



Please Buy Fairtrade Goods!

Hopefully many of you will have heard about 'Fairtrade Fortnight' this year. The focus has been that, if we do not support the farmers who are dealing with Climate Change now, they will no longer be able to grow the bananas, coffee, tea and chocolate that we enjoy. When you choose to buy Fairtrade goods, you are not only ensuring that the farmer has received a fair price but you have also chosen to support sustainable farming practices, helping the farmers to undertake conservation tasks such as tree planting. Please come to our stall at the Farmer's Market and buy some delicious goods!



Kinross and District Inner Wheel



www.innerwheel.co.uk

The club had a most interesting and informative talk at our last meeting from Professor Calum Sutherland on some of the latest advances in research into diabetes, types one and two. We appreciated his clear explanations and learned a great deal.

Our April meeting will be the AGM, and the new committee is in place to take over in the summer. We hope to be able to return to summer activities, visits and get-togethers in better weather. For any information please contact Jenny Macleod by email at jennymac101@icloud.com.

The Inner Wheel ladies are busy planning for their main fundraising event of the year. It is a charity bridge afternoon to take place on Friday 7 April at 12 noon at Orwell Bowling Club hall, Milnathort. This event ran very successfully for many years until the onset of Covid-19. Three years later, it is hoped we can pick up where we left off. Invitations have

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been sent out to surrounding bridge clubs and the maximum numbers for the hall have been met.

The afternoon begins with a light lunch followed by approximately three hours of bridge play and concludes with afternoon tea. The soup and afternoon tea is made by club members and the sausage roll and baps are very generously provided by a sponsor. Proceeds from the bridge session go to local charities while a raffle run in conjunction with the bridge on the day helps to supplement the funds. The income from this will go to Air Ambulance Scotland.

Kinross Cubs

The cubs were working on the 'my faith' badge in early February. They were learning about places of worship, the people involved and what they do. In addition to this they looked at different festivals. There was also time for plenty of games.

The following week was games night for the cubs. They had a great time playing lots of different games and also made some excellent mummies from toilet roll!

As we approached the end of February the cubs focussed on the DIY badge as they learnt about different types of tools, how to be safe when handling them and various types of wood that can be used for building. The cubs then put that theory into action by building bird feeders and bug hotels.

In early March, we had a fantastic hobbies badge night for the cubs. We heard about a variety of hobbies including guitar, art, reading, mask making, rugby, building a go-kart and viola. Well done to all the cubs for taking part. We also had a pack forum to discuss ideas for next term and we played plenty of games.

Congratulations to Noah, Paddy, Edward, Luke and Harris who have been invested into the pack this term. We have also been delighted to appoint some new sixers and seconders. Congratulations to Rupert, Cameron, Atholl and Finn. Finally, congratulations to assistant cub scout leader Mark, who was presented with his wood badge this term after completing all his leader training. Bravo!

Volunteering can make a huge difference to young people's lives, as well as your own. From having something to look

forward to every week to learning in the great outdoors, being a volunteer is good for you, supporting your own confidence, skills, health, happiness and community. If you would like to get involved with 1st Kinross cubs, please email kinrosscubs@hotmail.com for more details.



Kinross Squirrels

After getting approval to open a squirrels section in late 2022, we held a taster session at the start of February. It was a great evening as the Squirrels got creative making their own model campfires before then pretending to roast marshmallows on them. We also had time to play plenty of games.

Following the taster session, we had several people come forward to offer to help with the section as part of the leadership team. Once the paperwork was completed, we were delighted to start up on a weekly basis from the beginning of March. Our first meeting was lots of fun as the squirrels were celebrating music. They created their own instruments and then had a dance around the room whilst playing their musical instruments. We also sorted the Squirrels into their nests and had time for a game of duck, duck, squirrel!

The following week it was all about nature as the squirrels were out in the garden gathering natural materials such as twigs, leaves, moss and they even found a feather. It was then back into the hall as they got creative with their natural materials creating their own squirrel or hedgehog. We also had time for a game as the squirrels explored buggy behaviour by pretending to be bugs such as bees, worms and ladybirds.

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

In early February the beavers focused on the creative badge. They had a great night performing dances, creating designs out of their recycling and drawing their superheroes and supervillains.

The following week it was games, games, games! Dodgeball, hockey, throwing a ball into a bucket on top of a beaver's head and trying to sneak up to get the keys from under the chair. Everyone had a great time and lots of energy was burned off.

Over the course of February, the beavers were split into two groups for visits to Pets at Home in Dunfermline. Everyone behaved excellently and were so gentle when handling the animals. There were also lots of great questions asked. Well done to all who came.

New Beavers!



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New Lodge Leader and Assistant Lodge Leader for the Blue Lodge

At the end of February our meeting focused on the RAF air activities badge. The beavers were split into three groups and took turns of making paper airplanes and learning about the phonetic alphabet whilst playing an air traffic control game plus discussing aircraft with their group. Everyone did brilliantly. In addition, we invested Lachlan, Ellis and Hamish into the colony; a big welcome to them! We were also delighted to appoint two new lodge leaders and an assistant lodge leader. Congratulations to Adam, Cameron and Tom!

As we kicked off March, it was great to see and hear about all the different collections the beavers have been gathering for their collector badge. A brilliant effort by all! The beavers also learnt about, and practised, different knots. Finally, we were delighted to appoint Emma as the new assistant lodge leader for the white lodge. Bravo!

The Young Leaders arranged the activities for the next meeting evening, focusing on the experiment badge. The beavers created volcanoes, lava lamps and tried the hand wash soap experiment. A great time was had by all!

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

Kinross and District Art Club

www.kadac.co.uk

Despite the very changeable weather, our regular painting sessions continue to be well attended and productive during March. Following annual subscription renewals at the start of the year, membership is sitting at 50 members. We were delighted to welcome three new members.

Life is never dull at KADAC and early 2023 certainly reflected that! As well as the usual organisation behind the scenes and the normal cheery camaraderie of painting sessions, the secretary and team were busy with the upgrading of our website. With excited anticipation and some more tweaking, the website should be up and running



Colin Joyce, artist, demonstrating the early stages of his watercolour harbour scene

very soon; hopefully, by the time this goes to press. It will replace the current website but the web address will remain the same.

Other members were involved in creating an inspiring display in the form of paintings, leaflets and slideshows for the Better Place To Live event at the Loch Leven Campus on Saturday 25 March.

On 14 February, 30 club members and visitors were treated to a delightful afternoon by visiting artist Colin Joyce. Colin demonstrated how to paint a harbour scene in watercolour. Members were enthralled to see Colin's artwork develop from an empty piece of paper into a completed painting over the two-hour presentation. During a highly engaging session, he highlighted his colour mixes and brush techniques. Colin also spoke about his art and his wide experience of teaching art, including on cruise ships and en plein air workshops. Please visit colinjoyceart.com to learn more about Colin Joyce and his art.

Members are now looking forward to a visit from professional artist, Rhona Kirkpatrick, on Friday 7 April.

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

Milnathort Bridge Club



The winter sessions for the Milnathort Bridge Club come to an end at the end of April and this sees the more committed players move to Orwell Church Hall to continue play during the summer. Some members prefer to opt for sporting activities at this time but we look forward to maintaining our numbers with visitors from the Hillfoot clubs and elsewhere, as in pre Covid-19 days.

This month we congratulate Sandy Greenhill on being elevated to 'Regional Master' and Jim Marshall who now attains 'Master' status. Well Done to both.

The local Inner Wheel ladies are staging their charity bridge afternoon on Friday 7 April when lunch and afternoon tea is provided as well as the bridge competition. Many of our members will be participating in this most enjoyable event.

For further information on playing bridge contact Gloria Wilson on 07961795812 or 01577 862553.

RESULTS

North/South	East/West
20 Feb Willie Young/Jean Bennet	Gary Taylor/Detlef Lorenz
27 Feb Jan Hill/Jean Bennett	Colin and Gloria Wilson
6 Mar Jan Hill/Jean Bennett	Liz Pottie/Jessie Mitchell
13 Mar Helen Todd/Bob Robertson	Marion Forbes/Cath Ballantyne
20 Mar Catriona Marshall/Betty Wilson	Jim Marshall/Betty Harley

For further information on MBC activities please contact secretary Gloria Wilson on 01577 862553 or mobile 07961 795815.

Common Grounds

www.spanglefish.com/commongroundscharitycafe



February continued to be a very busy month following a successful January and we have enjoyed welcoming old and new friends to our coffee mornings on Tuesdays and Saturdays.

Our Valentine coffee morning was a great success, both with plenty of customers and home baking. Sincere thanks to all who helped by providing decorations and food and the volunteers who worked so hard. None of this would have happened without the generosity of our customers who gave an excellent total of £110 for our charities.

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At the time of writing we are looking forward to our project lunch on Tuesday 21 March at 12noon featuring a speaker from the Nora Docherty Foundation followed by a light lunch of soup, traybakes, coffee and teas.

Our project charity this month is The Sherpa Foundation. This charity was founded by a Dunkeld teacher in helping vulnerable Sherpa children, orphaned by Mount Everest and an earthquake striking the city of Kathmandu in 2015 killing 9,000 and injuring 22,000 more adults and children. The foundation helps with buildings, education and health care.

KYTHE

Keeping mobile this spring

We are getting ready to take mobile KYTHE on the road again to bring Easter activities to the surrounding areas. You can help by purchasing items from KYTHE's amazon wish list, which includes sports equipment, arts and crafts supplies, cleaning products and other practical items. By contributing to KYTHE's wish list, you'll be helping to provide young people in your community with opportunities to learn new skills, make new friends, and have fun in a safe and supportive environment. Scan the QR code to access the amazon wish list.



As you can see from the experience of Jodie and Jenna described below, mobile KYTHE is important to young people who live out of Kinross. In the summer mobile KYTHE visited Victory Park in Bridge of Earn, as advertised on the Brig Community group. Jodie and Jenna turned up and enjoyed themselves at the event. The following week, KYTHE youth worker Katy-Beth was running an art workshop in Kinross and had mentioned this to those who attended mobile KYTHE. Despite the distance, the girls were eager to participate and made the trip to Kinross. Katy-Beth's art workshops are always a huge success and Jodie and Jenna had a blast and learned new skills. Katy-Beth was thrilled to see their enthusiasm. Mobile KYTHE now visits the area on a regular basis, providing young people with access to a range of activities.

Upcoming Events

Sat 1 April, 11am-3pm Car Boot Sale at KYTHE
 Tues 4-Fri 7 April Easter Programme Week 1 at KYTHE
 Tues 11-Fri 14 April Easter Programme Week 2 at KYTHE

Keep up to date with activities by visiting our website and checking out the calendar.

Kinross Trishaws

We are delighted that spring is upon us again as it means one thing; the trishaws get dusted off and we are out to serve the community once more! For those of you who may not be familiar with the trishaws, we are a community-based project with the aim of taking people out in the community who otherwise would be unable to get out and about on paths and trails and feel the wind in their hair. We work in conjunction with the Day Centre, Causeway Court, Ashley House and Rachel House to provide rides and enjoy lots of chat and giggles around our beautiful Kinross.

The service is run by volunteers and this, lovely reader, is where you come in! Would you like to become a volunteer? The commitment is to carry out a minimum of one ride per month with full training and support provided. We are looking for approximately 6 volunteers (minimum age 18) and every volunteer must undergo a PVG check. As loath as we are to dispel any myths, we have to confess, the bikes are electric (we are not as fit as we look!) and very easy to ride. This is such a rewarding volunteering opportunity and the group is very friendly and as you would imagine, caring. If you are interested and would like to find out more, please email us on kinrosstrishaws@gmail.com If



you know anyone in the community that would like to arrange a free ride with us, please get in touch via our email address.

We would like to say a massive thank you to Janet McIlroy and Jean Andrew. Both ladies have been in our project since its inception and have carried out an immense amount of work through their participation in our management team. Both ladies are moving on and we will all miss them so much but again thank them both for all they have done! We would like to welcome Key Proudfoot onto the Management Team; it is great to have her on board!

We have one other request; if you see us out and about, please give us a wave and a hello!

Kinross-shire Climate Café



On 7 March we had a really good meeting with Kara MacKay (the Founder of Sansaar, a local company selling sustainable and zero-waste products). There are many choices of eco-friendly products online and on the high street now, but which ones are good or indeed truly sustainable and eco-friendly?

Kara's presentation gave us some good insight into what to consider when making those choices. Companies today are expected to conform to the UN sustainable development goals and aim towards net-zero economy. However, there is currently no monitoring system to check all the claims of sustainability and recycled/compostable labelling etc. Also, many claims are not true, resulting in green-washing, which confuses an average shopper. There are some sites that list all legitimate companies, but an annual membership fee is required to obtain the access. This excludes many people, or at least puts them off.

The talk was very interesting and was followed by a good discussion. It was very encouraging to see 20 people attending despite adverse weather. This means it is a very important issue to many of us.

Unfortunately, Kara who founded Sansaar, is now closing down! It is very sad to lose this valuable business from our area. She is now holding an online sale so, if you are interested in trying some products, perhaps it is an opportunity to do so. Visit <https://sansaar.co.uk/> online.

At the next meeting on 4 April at 7pm, our special guest will be Dr Linda May, group leader of Freshwater Restoration and Sustainability at the Centre of Ecology and Hydrology, who has researched Loch Leven ecology for 45 years. Linda will present a talk about recent algal blooms in Loch Leven and their possible reasons (e.g. climate change or pollution) and will also introduce a new app for monitoring algal blooms. The meeting will take place at Loch Leven Campus Library and all are welcome.

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to KLEO for their continuing support and also to Loch Leven Library Staff for hosting our meetings. If you are interested in joining our group or simply want to know more contact Gosia Stanton by email at climatecafe@kleo.org.uk. The Climate café meets on the first Tuesday of the month in Loch Leven Library at 7pm. All welcome. If you are interested contact Gosia Stanton – climatecafe@kleo.org.uk



BNB Trustee Yvette with Community Champion Keianah-Leigh Sherlock

Broke Not Broken

Over February we delivered 232 parcels to 596 people, 272 of whom were children. Whilst this is lower than January, the reason could be that February is one week shorter. Comparing it to February 2022 we saw a 35% increase in food bank usage this year.

We used International Women's Day on 8 March to look at how poverty disproportionately affects women in Kinross-shire and noted that, over the past year, just under 80% of those accessing food bank support specifically were women.

Our women's group had their first field trip when we went to visit three of the witch memorials in our local area and finished with some cakes. It was a beautiful day and we were able to add to the cairns and take our own cairn with us. It was very moving to see how those who were killed for being witches have been remembered in our community in different ways. We also celebrating International Women's Day and look forward to our next events.

We had been looking forward to a session with Louise McAleese on menopause but, sadly, Louise passed away suddenly and we will collect a donation in her name on the night. She cared passionately about women's issues, volunteered for the charity over the years and will be much missed. We send love to all her friends and family.

We awarded our first Community Champion award to Keianah-Leigh Sherlock from Arngask School for her collection and donations to Broke Not Broken. She led this collection, created posters and sorted all the items, checking them for best before dates. Her selflessness and empathy for others is exceptional and she certainly upholds our aims of tackling the effects of poverty in our local area. She's one to watch for the future! Thanks to Arngask School for supporting her to do this.

Our AGM went very well and you can find our Annual Report on our website at www.brokenotbroken.org where you can also find links to volunteering, donating food or money, or self-referral for support. We were pleased to share our activities over the past year and to vote in a full board of trustees for the year ahead. Huge thanks to Louise Scott, Margaret McDonald and Floss Shaw who all stepped down as trustees over the past year. They have all put in exceptional effort over their years as trustees and we are a better charity for them.

You can contact us directly by email at admin@brokenotbroken.org or 07518 913107. Please bear in mind that we are volunteers and will get back to you as soon as we can!

When sending your club item to the Newsletter, please put the name of your club in the email subject line

Boys Brigade and Girls Association

It is warming up to being a busy time for Kinross BB members with a number of Battalion competitions taking place in late March and April.



Badminton for company and junior section members was organised for the last week of March. The popular Company Section event (once called the 'midnight hike') is due to take place just before the clocks change to British Summer Time. The event is now called an evening hike as members return home before midnight.

The Battalion drill and chess competitions will take place during the month of April. Badge work continues on Friday evenings for all three sections with the annual display and awards presentations due to take place in May.

Portmoak Community Woodland Group

www.portmoakcw.org.uk



An Easter event to look forward to and, with luck, a good harvest later in the year. It's a creative time for Portmoak Community Woodland Group.

In a change from some of our normal winter work, instead of pulling trees out of the Moss, we've been tending the living ones in the orchard. 'Hoorah', I hear you shout, 'looking after them, not destroying them'!

Of course, there is a reason for pulling them out. We have to control birch saplings on the peat bog or we would lose all the wonderful sphagnum moss. However, the Portmoak Community Orchard, in Kilmagad Wood, is a different story. Back in 2011/12 we planted 100 fruit trees and every winter, while they're dormant, we have to prune them to keep them healthy and ensure a good crop in the autumn.

Actually, we did a rough count last year and found that there were no longer as many as 100 trees. A few had succumbed to damage by roe deer. Others had been outcompeted by some of the native woodland trees, especially hazel. So, while we were out there, with the loppers and secateurs, we also took the opportunity to plant six more apple trees.

Dave and Louise Batchelor (pictured) were 'volunteered' into the job of clambering over the fence of our new compound to carry out the work of digging, planting and staking. The Woodland Trust Scotland have kindly built it, to protect the young trees from the deer without the need for plastic tree guards (now against their policy). Apparently, deer aren't keen to jump into a confined space.

We bought the trees (all species that grow well in Scotland) from Andrew Lear, aka 'appletreeman', who helped us plant the orchard. As ever we are grateful to those who have donated

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Dave and Louise Batchelor

money at events, like Apple Day, to pay for them.

We won't get a crop off them this year as they're too young, but fingers crossed for plenty of apples, pear and plums from our established trees. We did our best to cut out any dead, diseased or damaged wood from them; all we need now is a good spring and summer, without untimely frosts, to ensure plenty of fruit for Apple Day, planned for 1 October.

Long before that, we'll be having an Easter event for children in Kilmagad Wood, where there are plenty of slopes for egg rolling. It's on Saturday 8 April, starting at 3.30pm. Please bring your painted eggs and there will be prizes for the best decorated and the fastest rolling. In case you haven't been before, it's across the road from Portmoak kirk car park.

Lomond Antique and Collectors Club



Our March talk was entitled, 'Edinburgh-The Walled City: The case of the Capital' by Graeme Cruickshank, a noted historian and author.

The 'old' city of Edinburgh has (or had) three distinctive walls built in the 15th, 16th and 17th centuries with the primary purpose of providing defensive structures for the city. The first, the King's Wall, stretched from the Castle to Tweeddale Court and was constructed during the reigns of James 2nd (1430 to 1460) and James 3rd (1460 to 1488) primarily to protect against English invasion. With the Castle on one side and the Nor' Loch on another the wall defended the other two sides. Notably, the Nor' Loch occupied what now forms Princes Street gardens and much of Waverley Station. In addition to providing protection against invasion the walls offered toll and customs barriers for revenue gathering, a mechanism for sealing the city against

infections like the plague and an ability to impose curfew. A plaque in Johnson Terrace dates the wall to the year 1450. Small sections of the original wall remain between High Street, Cowgate and Castle Wind and a small section at Tweeddale Court. It was decreed by James 3rd that no housing should be erected against the King's wall to ensure it offered maximum protection to the city and its defenders.

The Flodden Wall (named after the Battle of Flodden in year 1513) was created in response to further fear of invasion from the south. This wall, using rough stones, was 4 feet thick and 26 feet high and construction lasted from 1508 to 1560. The wall contained six gates or 'portes' with West Port, now renamed as the complete street, featuring at the wedding of James 6th and Anne of Denmark in 1594. The Flodden Tower still exists today with original 'gun loops' and an 'embrasure'. The embrasure offered a widening of the aperture on the inside of the wall to allow a soldier to extend the field of aim at possible invaders. The Flodden Tower also features a crenelated parapet offering some protection for the defending troops. A section of the original wall can still be seen in Greyfriars Kirkyard where a series of very elaborate gravestones have been erected against the wall. At several places along the wall's length attempts have been made to mark the original structure but, sadly, some historical inaccuracies have occurred. The Flodden Wall reaches its end point at roughly the place currently occupied by Waverley Station's platform seven.

The third and most recent of the three city walls is the Telfer Wall dating from the year 1620 and named for John Taillefer, the city's master mason. This wall, serving the prestige of George Heriot's School, and the interests of the City Fathers of the day more than the need for city defence, joins the Flodden Wall at one point and shows the difference in building style and construction between the two.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 12 April and the subject is 'The Lost Country Houses of Perthshire' by David Robertson.

We would welcome any interested new members. If interested, please contact us by email at crwalsh@btinternet.com

Kinross-shire Historical Society

Annual General Meeting on 20 March 2023

President George Sutherland welcomed the members to the meeting. The minutes of AGM on 16 March 2020 were adopted as a true record. Proposed by George Milburn and seconded by Sheena Matheson.

President's Report

George Sutherland gave his report as the 'new boy' president. The society has survived all the chaos of Covid-19 and membership numbers are recovering, although not quite back to what they were. He thanked Robin Eadie, former president, the secretary, treasurer and committee for steering the society through the pandemic. He also thanked the members for continuing their support.

Treasurer's Report

Anne Milburn thanked those who have stayed with the society after the three years break and have rejoined and also the new members who have joined now. The £2188.87 balance looks very good at the moment but, as there will be more meetings this year (nine sessions), there will be a big hit for both rental and speakers. She thanked Mr and Mrs Burnett, Mr and Mrs Gibson and Mr and Mrs Mullan for delivering membership forms and saving the society a lot of postage.

Election of the committee

As the office bearers and committee members were all willing to continue, George Sutherland asked that they be re-elected. Proposed by George Milburn and seconded by Gordon McFarlane.

Clubs & Community Groups

Friends Group

This group was previously called 50 plus. Next meeting in Millbridge Hall at 2-3.30pm on Thursday 6 April. Our next bus trip will be to the Fife Coast and St Andrews.

Kinross and District Town Twinning Association

A number of members have already booked their travel to Gacé, departing to arrive on the last Sunday of July and returning a week later. This will be the first official twinning visit for three years following Covid-19 travel restrictions.

The fact that the UK is no longer a member of the European Union has made slight differences in organising continental travel with passports now having to be stamped when entering and leaving any of the member European states.

Those travelling are very much looking forward to meeting up with their host families once again to renew the friendships which have been established from previous visits both in Gacé and in Kinross-shire.

It is hoped that, during the twinning visit, plans will be made to restart the school exchange visits between Kinross High School and the Gacé secondary schools.

There is still time to book a place for any new individuals or families who are considering taking advantage of the opportunity to meet and visit our friendly Gacéans; all you need to do is pay your travel to and from Gacé.

Kinross-shire Partnership



On 1 March, 16 local business people from 'The Shire' joined us for our monthly networking breakfast meeting at Loch Levens Larder. Everyone spoke about their business or project, from Photography to Finance, Lighting to Laundry even Celebrity Watch Watch!

We then heard from our guest speaker David Cairns who spoke about an interesting scheme which proposes using the water flowing into the loch to create a community heating system for Kinross and Milnathort. Food for thought, a talk which generated plenty of discussion between the fellow networkers. Needless to say, the breakfast was excellent as always.

If you would like to join us at our next Networking Breakfast in May (there is not one in April, because of the holidays) please email us at kpnetworkingbreakfast@gmail.com or text Richard Scott on 07 999 510 500.

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Kinross-shire u3a

u3a is open to semi-retired and retired people and the joining fee is £15. We currently have 12 varied groups who enjoy activities such as a Book Club, Military History, Poetry, Scrabble, Genealogy, Famous Scots etc. We also meet at Kinross Parish Church on the first Tuesday of each month. In May we hold our Annual General Meeting but each month from September to April we offer a talk to our membership from an invited speaker. If interested you can



David Cairns (right) with Richard Scott



come along a couple of times to our talks and get to know us and get a taste of what u3a is all about. We would love to meet you.

Next month on Tuesday, 4 April, there will be a talk on the history of the *Kinross Newsletter*. Doors to the Parish Church open at 2.15 with the presentation at 2.30. Tea and Coffee/biscuits will be served afterwards.

On Tuesday 2 May, we will be holding the Annual General Meeting followed by a Quiz.

Our first coffee gathering was held in January at the Kirklands Hotel and was enjoyed by a number of members. This will be a monthly occurrence on the third Friday of each month from 10 – 11.30 when our members can catch up over a coffee/chat.

If interested in joining the u3a information is available from our Website (search under Kinross-shire u3a) or contact mbs21@btinternet.com.

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3rd	No 15	Shirley Cumming, Scotlandwell

Carnbo SWI

February Meeting

President Heather Dennis welcomed members and guests to the February meeting. Gillian Skene was welcomed as our speaker and demonstrated the art of paper folding. Members were delighted to discover how easy it is to create a hedgehog from 80 pages of a paperback.

Gillian also demonstrated how to make a paper flower with many members making a few petals to complete at home. Flora gave a vote of thanks, refreshments were served and Heather wished everyone a safe journey home.

Competitions

Flower Of The Month

1st Grace Drysdale; 2nd Ann Petherick.

Favourite Plate

1st Linda Band; 2nd Heather Dennis.

March Meeting

President Heather Dennis welcomed everyone to the March meeting. She introduced and welcomed Professor David Munro who gave a most interesting talk on the industrial heritage of Kinross-shire. Illustrated by slides, this was greatly enjoyed by all present. Angela Browning thanked the professor for a really informative and enjoyable evening and this was followed by the evenings business.

The next meeting will be on 17 April. There will be a slide show from Glenfarg WI. Competition will be flower of the month and a decorated biscuit. All welcome.

Competitions

Flower Of The Month

1st Grace Paterson; 2nd Cath Mearns.

A Piece Of Linen

1st Cath Mearns; 2nd Barbara Nicol.

Powmill SWI

President Tricia Greer welcomed members and guests on Wednesday 15 March. We had an informative talk by ladies from Kelty and District Loving Hands. It was wonderful to hear about the group who love to knit, crochet and sew.

There are a variety of items made such as heart shaped pillows for patients having a lumpectomy or mastectomy. These include shoulder bags for patients with intravenous drivers, drainage bottles etc. twiddle muffs, bags and aprons for people with dementia, confusion or anxiety and many more.

All items that are made are donated to the NHS and a variety of charities.

The work the group do is fantastic and makes such a difference to the recipients of the items.

Our next meeting is Wednesday 19 April by Ian Buchanan of Rootin' and Roamin'. The meeting is at 7.30pm Moubray Hall, Powmill.

Competitions

Green Fingers: Mary Wilson

Fudge

1st Tricia Greer

2nd Mary Wilson; 3rd Debbie Carter

Crochet Square

1st Mary Wilson

2nd Tricia Greer; 3rd Donna McBain

Cleish SWI

February Meeting

President Helen Buchanan welcomed 33 ladies (28 members and 5 visitors) to our February meeting. Before business started Lizzie Glennie congratulated Helen Buchanan on being appointed as Perth & Kinross Federation Vice President and wished her every success.

Our speaker for the evening was meant to be Sarah Rankin but, unfortunately, she had to cancel due to illness. We look forward to welcoming Sarah at a future meeting. We had an enjoyable evening featuring an identification competition and some light hearted, fun games.

Competitions

Valentine's Card (any craft)

1st Alison Morris

2nd Anne Doig; 3rd Margo Wills.

Three Savoury Canapes

1st Agnes Thomson

2nd Margaret Nelson; 3rd Margo Wills.

Bowl Of Bulbs

1st Pauline Cobbold

2nd Dorothy Morris; 3rd Gillian Skene.

March Meeting

President Helen Buchanan welcomed 23 ladies to our March meeting. After business Helen introduced our guest speaker for the evening; Gillian Taylor, CEO of the Carnegie Trust. Gillian gave a very informative and interesting talk and slide show on the



Three lovely ladies from Helping Hands showing their handiwork



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life of Andrew Carnegie and the wonderful work of the Carnegie Trust. A vote of thanks was given by Margo Wills.

Competitions

Slice Of Apple Pie

1st Margaret Nelson; 2nd Anne Bayne.

Animal (any craft)

1st Carol Herd

2nd Margot Moran; 3rd Margo Wills.

Flower Of The Month

1st Elinor Craig

2nd Anne Bayne; 3rd Judith MacLaren.

Our next Meeting is on Monday 10 April.

Glenfarg SWI

At our March meeting, president Linda Martin welcomed our speaker, Adele Hamilton from Style School Scotland, who spoke about colour, styles and clever ways to revive our wardrobes. There was lots of laughter as we realised our wardrobes are all the same, with 20% of garments being worn for 80% of the time. Adele used the term 'wardrobe edit' and encouraged us to donate unwanted items to charity shops. Adele and her colleague Marlene offer their services at their place in Milnathort or they can also attend your home to give advice.

If you would like to join, or attend as a visitor, Glenfarg SWI meets from 2-4pm on the second Thursday of each month between September and May, in village hall. Visitors are £4. Please bring your own cup.

Competitions

Pâté

1st Sheena Chisholm

2nd Liz Yull; 3rd Lynda Stewart.

Favourite Scarf

1st Susanne Bruce

2nd Sheena Chisholm; 3rd Lynda Stewart.

Bowl Of Bulbs: Lillias Johnston.

The Catherine Fairweather annual trophy for the best draught excluder was won by Lillias Johnston

Milnathort SWI

We met in the town hall on Thursday 16 March at 2pm. In the absence of our president, our secretary Ann Reid chaired the meeting welcoming four visitors and members. After usual business matters and reminders about forthcoming events, Ann introduced our speaker for the afternoon, Gillian Skene, a local jewellery maker.

Gillian gave an in-depth insight into all the materials she uses to make her lovely jewellery. There was also a vast selection on display to admire or purchase. Gillian went on to explain the intricacies of knitting with very fine wire and adding beads as you go along. A few of our members had the chance to try their hand at this and it is likely that some of us will give it a go at a later date. After refreshments, Ann thanked Gillian for coming along, expressing how much we all enjoyed hearing about her jewellery.

The raffle was drawn, and Ann thanked everyone for attending. Our next meeting is on Thursday 20 April in the town hall at 2pm. We look forward to welcoming a speaker from Guide Dogs for the Blind. Competitions categories will be 'Photograph Of A Dog' and 'Flower Of The Month'. Visitors welcome.

Competitions

Favourite Piece Of Jewellery

1st Jane McConville

2nd Denise Stephenson; 3rd Kathleen King.

Flower Of The Month

1st Grace Drysdale; 2nd Jane McConville.




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Kinross Volleyball

The Perth & District volleyball leagues are now complete for the 2022-2023 season. The men's premier league team finished in fifth place overall in a season which has seen a number of young lads incorporated into the first team.

In the recreational league the men's team finished as league runners up with Kinross High School finishing in tenth position in a season which saw player availability being stretched to the utmost.

Indoor training has now stopped and, with the change to British summer time, we will resume our popular free outdoor grass 'pop up and play' sessions on Sunday afternoons from 4-5.30pm initially with the possibility of increasing or changing the times to suit most people's needs. These outdoor sessions will take place on the grass area to the rear of the campus and will get our teams ready for the Scottish Open Volleyball Tournament which takes place on Perth's North Inch over the last weekend of May.

The Scottish Open is the largest volleyball tournament in the UK attracting around 100 teams from the UK and abroad. There are already entries from Belgium, the Faroe Islands and England with the teams divided into seven sections of ability with the three mixed divisions again proving the most popular.

As well as the Scottish Open the Kinross team will again be venturing to Belgium in mid-August for the annual de Haan tournament which saw them finish as silver medallists in last year's outdoor competition.

Kinross High School's senior boys and senior girls teams competed in Scottish Volleyball's Scottish Cup competition and enjoyed the experience of playing against other schools at this level.

Wednesday lunchtime and after school sessions have been well attended and are due to continue over the summer term.

Kinross Road Runners

<https://kinrossroadrunners.weebly.com>

As we wait for spring and the warmer weather, our runners have been braving the cold and rain this month to keep up their miles.

Preparations are ongoing for what is going to be a very important race in the KRR running calendar; the Loch Leven half marathon. Not only is it our biggest race, with a potential 850 runners, but it is the first time it has been held on closed roads. The big decision of the week was the colour of the t-shirts which was not easy (no spoilers now). However, as we get our plans in place for the road closure, water stations and marshalling, places are filling up fast. The date to remember is Sunday 14 May and, if you want to enter this fantastic race, go to <https://www.entrycentral.com/event/121912> to enter.

We had a well-attended social event this month at the Green Hotel, with a great talk from our guest speaker Gregor Malcolm. Thanks to Gregor and it was good to hear that some of our very youngest runners were inspired by the evening.

A special mention also goes to John Beveridge (our own Ballingry Bolt, pictured opposite) who ran the Tokyo marathon in a fantastic time of 2:52:49 Well done to John.

The usual suspects were on the race trail and the list of races that took place are as varied in both distance and name as normal. These included the National cross-country championships at Callendar Park, the Glentress trail half marathon, the Bishop hill race, the Arbroath smokies 10 (which is a 10 mile ladies only race), the Alloa half marathon, the Inverness half marathon, the Callander 10k and the D33 Ultra.



Two of the Kinross High School girls competing in the Scottish Open in May 2022

Parkrun was mostly local this month, but a few hardy souls were still travelling including Aviemore, Hilly Fields in South London, Greenock and our own travelling runner Hannah Lopez in Queenstown, New Zealand!

This is the last month of our winter training schedule of streetlight and torchlight runs, with the lighter nights just around the corner offering a greater variety of running. Sessions this month included streetlit runs around Milnathort and Kinross and a torchlit trail run on the heritage trail.

Our club speed training this month covered a wide variety of sessions including 6 x 4 min intervals, 2 x 15m group fartlek session at Fife cycle park, the 2 mile time trial, 10 x 90 second intervals and hill reps.

As always, a reminder that the club training sessions fit all abilities and involve a variety of running activities as you can see from the list of this month's sessions. Interval sessions improve running speed, trail runs build up strength and



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The KRR masses at the start of the Bishop hill race, before their short but steep run.

stamina, and slower chatty runs are good for socialising. The club welcomes all abilities and whether you are new to running or experienced, just looking for new routes to try out or to meet new faces, there is something for everyone. If you fancy getting involved or trying out a run with the club, visit our website and get in touch. Most importantly, however you run, enjoy it and stay safe.

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The Opening of the Green will take place on Saturday 15 April at 1.30pm for 2pm start. All members and potential members please come along. Let us hope we have a good turnout and good weather. The opening game is in aid of the Blind Bowlers so please bring a raffle prize; raffles are much appreciated during the season as well.

Members who are entering competitions are reminded that their fees must be paid by Sunday 30 April and names entered by then as well as the competitions will be drawn on that day. Full membership is £90 but, for one year only, new members can join for half price for their first year. There is also a family membership available so anyone who is interested in bowling please come along as we also offer free coaching. Or why not drop in at the weekend around 7.30pm to see the clubhouse and facilities?

If anyone would like more information about the club and bowling, please check out our website or Facebook page. Alternatively, contact our club secretary on 07790026589 or one of our officials or a club member.

Kinross Tennis Club

We have had a relatively steady winter with some action on the courts in between the changing weather. However, things have started to pick up again and there have been lots of players attending social tennis as well as our ladies teams practising each week for the upcoming season. If any members would like to come along to social tennis we have sessions on Wednesday evenings, Thursday daytime and Sunday mornings. All information is on our website or, if you would like to book courts for yourself, you can download the free club spark booking app to easily select slots on court.

Open Day

The committee are delighted to announce our annual Club Open Day which will be held on Saturday 15 April at 10am-2pm. All are very welcome! There will be refreshments and free use of the courts. Please come along for a game on court or a chat and cake in the clubhouse.

Membership 2023/24

Once again it is the time of year again to renew your tennis club membership or perhaps you are looking to sign up for the first time. If so, there is some great news; all our prices are staying the same as last year! New memberships are available to all existing and new members from 1 April and purchases can be made directly through our website.

Membership gives players access to our free online court booking system as well as the opportunity to play at our social sessions.

New Players welcome at Easter Tennis Camps

We will be running a three-day Easter camp this year from Tuesday 11 April to Thursday 13 April and all new players are very welcome. There are sessions for all levels and ages, from complete beginners to those looking for match play. All equipment is provided and there will be prizes for all participants!

The session times are as follows:-

09.30-10:30	5 to 7 years
10:30-12:30	7 to 12 years
13:00-15:00	Yellow ball, 11+ years

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Kinross Badminton

We are still running the usual club session on Tuesday evenings 8pm-9.45pm. We provide feather shuttles and your first session is free with 'pay as you play' costing £6 and if you'd like to become a member we offer membership at £15 currently, extending to the end of the season which brings the cost per session down to £5.

Junior Section

We are also looking at developing a junior section at Kinross Badminton Club to provide opportunities for Kinross and the surrounding areas young people to get into Badminton in conjunction with BADMINTONScotland and Active Schools Kinross. We are pleased to say that a small group of our members will be going through a Badminton Basics course which will enable them to deliver basic coaching and supervise juniors.

If you are interested in badminton please do let us know as we will keep a log so we can assess demand and keep in touch.

Perth And District League

Regarding the local Perth & District Badminton Association – Scotland league, Kinross have put in a solid performance across both Divisions this year, putting ourselves in contention for top of Division 2 and sitting squarely in the middle of Division 1 which with two matches left hopefully assures us of our strong standing both Divisions.

Accolades And Awards

It has been quite a year for our former President Bill MacDonald as he was shortlisted for the BADMINTONScotland Derrick Roarty Lifetime Achievement Trophy for Badminton. Unfortunately Bill came close but didn't manage to clinch the win.

Bill was then submitted to Live Active Leisure Perth and Kinross Sports Awards where he was one of three finalists, unfortunately this wasn't to be for Bill either as there was some incredibly stiff competition.

Finally and most notably with a great deal of thanks to Midlands Badminton Group, Aileen Travers and BADMINTONScotland we are delighted to be able to reveal that Bill will be honoured for his services to badminton and to Kinross.

Local Volunteer Opportunities

The Potager Garden

The Potager garden is a small community garden in Bowton Road Kinross, KY13 8EQ. It is a registered charity run by volunteers, aiming to teach children and others about plants and the environment, and to be a welcoming and supportive place for volunteers to enjoy gardening in a friendly social group. We meet on a Monday morning, and anyone with different abilities or experience is welcome.

For more information please 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 by providing support and practical assistance to individuals and families experiencing hardship. Please contact admin@brokennotbroken.org to help.

Greyhound Rescue Fife

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

KLEO

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

RSPB Scotland Loch Leven

RSPB Scotland Loch Leven: We need volunteer fundraisers to help support the wonderful world of nature on our doorstep through pin badge boxes and bucket collections. If you'd like to join our team please get in touch on communityfundraisingscotland@rspb.org.uk.

Kinross (Marshall) Museum

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

Swansacre Playgroup

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

Kinross Heart Start

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

Light Up Kinross

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

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Kinross-shire Day Centre

We are looking for volunteers to serve meals and help with day trips and activities, such as bingo and singing, for a lively bunch of over-aged teenagers (over 65s). If you would like to find out more, we would love to hear from you. Pop in and speak to Nan or telephone 01577 863869.

Milnathort Town Hall Committee

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Volunteering with Aberlour!

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

SPARKS

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

Scotland's Gardens

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

Duke of Edinburgh

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

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

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

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Interested in Guiding?

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Friends of CHAS Kinross

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

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

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

Kinross-shire Volunteer Group and Rural Outreach Scheme

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

KVG/ROS has been operating for over 40 years and delivers a vital service to help the elderly and disabled attend Hospital/Health Centre/Dentist appointments. We are looking for additional drivers to ensure we can meet the demand for this very popular service. If you are interested contact David Aird on 01577 830370 or email: d.aird@outlook.com

Guide Dogs Kinross

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

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

Email she61@hotmail.co.uk

1st Kinross Cubs

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

Kinross in Bloom

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

RSPB Scotland Loch Leven

Volunteer with the Education Team at RSPB Scotland's Loch Leven nature reserve! Become a Schools on Reserves Leader and help us inspire children through outdoor learning.

Share in the excitement as a volunteer and help deliver our education programme to visiting schools, where activities range from hands-on exploration of meadows, woods and ponds to playing environmental games. This opportunity is flexible and allows you to start in a more supporting role if you wish.

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For more information, contact the Learning Officer on 01577 862355 or email lochleven@rspb.org.uk

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Fossoway and District Community Council

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

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

We are also seeking the individuals help in considering new opportunities for us to enhance our engagement with the community especially through the use of social media. This could be in the form of a project led by the individual with outcomes reported to the Community Council. The project could be used as part of their exam submission for subjects such as Business Management or contribute to volunteering for a Duke of Edinburgh award. If you are interested please send us an email – fossoway.cc@gmail.com stating why this would be of interest to you. You can find out more by looking at www.fossoway.org/dcc:about

CHAS

CHAS are looking for volunteers in our Housekeeping, Complementary Therapy and Garden teams at Rachel House, Kinross.

For further information please email volunteering@chas.org.uk

To apply online please visit our website <https://www.chas.org.uk>

AeroSpace Kinross

We are looking for someone to assist with an important aspect of our work that underpins much of the STEM outreach undertaken by Aero Space Kinross.

You would be working with the designated safeguarding officer to review our safeguarding policy, to ensure that it is fit for purpose as we move to the next phase of our development, including the commencement of our second *Build A Plane* project. The work will entail:

- A review of our safeguarding policy and arrangements
- The creation of an updated policy and monitoring procedure that will support the organisation's intended expansion.
- The construction of a training and routine refresher regime for staff and volunteers

If you would like to join our team and if this is an area of our work you feel you could contribute to, please email me on [Karen@aerospacekinross.com](mailto:karen@aerospacekinross.com) with brief details of the way in which your skills and experience could assist us in moving this important project forward.

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NatureScot Loch Leven NNR



SPRING IS TRULY HERE now! April is a month of nesting birds, flowering plants, emerging insects and warmer weather. Much of the waterfowl at Loch Leven will be nesting. April is peak month for nesting mallard and greylag goose. We will be conducting our annual duck nest surveys at the end of the month. Loch Leven is internationally important for breeding ducks and we have a dataset going back to the 1960s, and this data is so valuable in understanding trends and population status of various waterfowl species, not only at Loch Leven but globally! Every nest is individually identified, GPS marked and the size of clutch is recorded. This is quite unique having this detailed dataset going back 50 years. Loch Leven is one of the most studied sites in the UK. Our Duck Nest Survey is completed by walking the whole of St Serfs Island and recording all of the nests that we find. It takes us 3-4 days depending on weather, but it is a milestone of our calendar year and one we all look forward to conducting.

Osprey are back in good numbers, we are seeing individuals fishing regularly, this will only become more regular as the months progress. Look out for hirundines over the loch, this includes swallows, sand martins and house martins. The arrivals of the hirundines coincide with hatching flies. Loch Leven is well known for the amount of flies that hatch. These flies tend to annoy people as they walk and cycle along the trail, but they are an all-you-can-eat buffet for hungry migratory birds. You may not like them but they are extremely important and a vital part of the Loch Leven ecosystem!

Butterflies will be on the wing; look out for small tortoiseshell, peacock and red admiral butterflies in the earlier days of the month. As April progresses, look out for green-veined white butterflies (pictured). These white butterflies are the first of the cabbage white family of butterflies to emerge in Scotland. They like damp places with lush vegetation, and can be told apart by other cabbage whites by the dark green veins that are obvious on their underwing.

Other migratory birds arrive from Africa during the month of April. Blackcap, sedge warbler, garden warbler and willow warbler can all be heard around the Loch. The dawn chorus can

be spectacular at this time of year, especially at the end of the month where we reach the peak. Look out on our social media as we will be running a dawn chorus at the start of May and booking is essential.

Latest wildlife highlights from the reserve include; drake smew, weasel, seven whooper swan, green sandpiper, badgers, displaying buzzards and nuthatches.

As always, keep an eye on the blog (Loch Leven WordPress), Loch Leven NNR Facebook page and the Loch Leven NNR Instagram for getting in touch and for regular updates. Spring migrant updates will feature heavily on our social media at the moment.

Cheers!
Simon Ritchie

Weather



Recent Weather Reports From Kinross

February 2023

Total Rainfall	51.6mm/2.06in	
Heaviest Fall	15.1mm/0.60in	(16 Feb)
Total Sunshine	67.8 hrs	
Sunniest Day	8.7 hrs	(24 Feb)
Min Temp Average	-0.75°C	
Lowest Temp	-7.6°C	(26 Feb)
Max Temp Average	8.65°C	
Highest Temp	11.5°C	(20 Feb)

Nature On The Move



Photo:
Doug
Shapley,
Warden

AS WE BEGIN TO move further in to spring, it's amazing to hear all the different birds singing around the reserve and see the bright burst of colour continuing to sprout up through the brown and greens. This month we have had an amazing sighting of a white-tailed eagle flying along the hills towards Cleish. Our noisy pink-footed geese are beginning their journey back north and shortly we will be seeing ospreys starting to appear again as they also migrate north. We have also had sightings of a lot of our usual suspects such as pintail, whooper swans and scaup, as well as high numbers of wigeon and golden eye.

Our reserve team have been busy as always, continuing their work to prepare for the breeding season as our lapwings have gradually started making their way back to the reserve and making themselves at home again. From brush cutting to literally measuring grass and water levels to ensure they are the perfect conditions; the work just never stops. Of course, we could not have done all of this without the help of our volunteers who have been supporting this work in addition to seeding our wildflower meadow and putting up new swallow boxes around the hides.

In the visitor centre, we are ecstatic to have our brand-new wildlife cameras installed which will give our visitors great views of wildlife across the reserve. We are now able to watch red squirrels and woodpeckers up close feeding on the nut

feeder in the woodland and there are more cameras to come yet!

We are pleased to welcome some new members of staff to our catering team and look forward to reopening again seven days a week for the Easter holidays. We hope to continue to be open on the Mondays and Tuesdays as soon as possible following on from the holidays but please keep an eye on our social media and website pages for any changes.

In the world of events, our Big Wild Easter trail starts from Saturday 1 – Sunday 16 April. Pick up your trail sheet for only £2 from the Visitors' Centre and follow the trail to build your own nest. A good nest might just find an egg in it...

We are also looking forward to the start of our Nature Tots events for this year. Join us on Friday 14 April for a journey through

spring using our senses. Starting with a story, we will then take part in a range of hands-on, nature-based activities to uncover the magic of the woodlands in springtime. Perfect for families with children aged five and under. For more information about our events, check out www.events.rspb.org.uk/lochleven.

Additionally, are you thinking about booking a school trip or a summer activity? It's a great time of year for children to get down to RSPB Loch Leven and experience nature at its finest. We run curriculum-linked outdoor learning programmes to support in-school learning. If you are a teacher, early years educator or leader of a uniformed youth group contact the team for more information on our outdoor learning sessions, or make a booking at lochleven@rspb.org.uk.

Freya Playford



Lapwing
by Darran
Dixon

Farming



IN LIKE A LAMB, out like a lion, or vice-versa, is the saying that accompanies the month of March and the weather which can be expected. If the month starts with quite quiet pleasant weather (like a lamb), the chances are it will deteriorate and bite us at the end of the month (like a lion). So it started dry and settled but cold, but things changed to very wet and with a hint of snow in the second week, so I suppose we'll just have to hope that the 'lion' part is out the way – we will know by the time you are reading this. We are due to start lambing in the first week of April, so hopefully the conditions will be lamb-like by then. The ewes were pregnancy scanned at the beginning of February and we were generally quite pleased with the results, and they have been divided into batches according to how many lambs they are expecting. The ewes expecting two lambs are now receiving some concentrate feeding to help supply their energy demand and the ones expecting three lambs are being fed a bit more. All the ewes have been given special pre-lambing mineral 'lick' tubs which contain molasses and a blend of vitamins and minerals to help promote the health of the ewe and her developing lambs. Hopefully the grass will start growing soon and reduce the reliance on silage, which has been fed to the ewes since January.

Conditions had dried sufficiently to allow us to get on with some field work at the beginning of March. I was able to spread some dung onto the fields and made a start to some ploughing, although this past week's rain has halted progress on that front

for the time being. It would be good to get some more fieldwork done before lambing starts, however, so that everything doesn't have to be done at once.

The pigs have been enjoying the softer conditions of winter but their paddocks have been drier through February into March and feeding them has been easier. They have also been better contained in their allocated areas more recently, which is good as they were running a bit wild and free for a while at the end of the year, roamin' and rootin' where they shouldn't have been. A new super powered electric fence unit seems to be doing the trick of gaining the pigs' respect of their fences.

On the cattle front, we have had some new arrivals here at Backward Farm in the form of some Kerry cattle (pictured). Ian has had a few Dexter cattle for a couple of years now but it has proved difficult to grow the herd with animals of suitable quality and from appropriate areas of the country with a good disease status. The Dexter and Kerry cattle share the same ancestry in Ireland, but when the country was split the south retained the Kerry name while they developed into Dexters in the north. The Dexters have probably been exported and commercialised more widely and become more of a beef breed while the Kerry seems to have retained more of the dairy influence. So when an opportunity came up to buy a batch from the north of Scotland, Ian and Kerry thought it was worth a go as the beef should be the same quality as the Dexter. As they say, time will tell, but it certainly follows the trend of having slightly different breeds and species on the farm.

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Gardening

Spring Has Sprung!

SPRING HAS SPRUNG! Allegedly. It always amazes me that no matter how cold or rainy it is, the Snowdrops, Crocuses and Daffodils make their appearance and remind us that the days will get longer and warmer, no matter what.

I've been busy since last month and feeling quite smug with myself – about some things anyway. The Begonia corms have been liberated from the back bedroom and planted up in the propagator to do their thing... can you believe I had to defrost the compost first? Never had to knock chunks of ice out of it before, every day's a school day I guess. They're now doing well and sprouting away in trays of multi-purpose compost. Once they have a few leaves on them I'll pot them into bigger pots and place in the greenhouse until it's time to harden them off to go outside.

Chillis and Carnations are also doing well. These were grown from seed and despite my 'problems' with the seed compost, they seem to be doing OK. I had to give up on the Brachyscome and Snapdragon seedlings though, I was just finding it too difficult not to over or under water them and they ended up keeling over and giving up. Hey ho.

Despite my unfamiliarity with seed compost, I'm still persevering with it. I actually



Chillis

saw a great tip on using it and that's to mix it with perlite or vermiculite to lighten it up a bit and stop it going 'solid' on the surface. That's what I've started doing and you can be sure that I'll let you know if it works... or not.

I'll be sowing my bedding plant seeds probably before the end of March. It might be a little early but I'm an impatient kind of person. Sweet Peas have already been sown (according to some Facebook groups, I was late!) into empty toilet roll tubes and put in the greenhouse, they shouldn't need heat apparently. As soon as they've got a few leaves on them, they'll go into the cold frame until they get planted out.

A couple of pointers on sowing seeds that I've picked up over the years. I find seed packets quite confusing when they talk about the depth to sow the seeds, like you're going to be there with a tape measure... well you might be, and if you are, I salute you! I'm not that scientific about it. If the seeds are large, such as Sunflowers or Sweet

Peas, then cover them well with compost. If they're teeny, like dust (seed packets tell you to sow them on the surface and that makes me nervous), just sprinkle some vermiculite or compost over the top of them, works for me.

I use mini propagators within a heated propagator for my seeds. You absolutely don't have to do that. An empty egg box or meat tray (with holes in the bottom) filled with compost and placed inside a freezer bag or covered in cling film on a sunny window ledge will do just as well. Once the seedlings start to emerge, remove the bag and grow on until you have 2-4 leaves on each seedling. We'll cover potting on seedlings next time.

So, I will leave you to enjoy the lengthening days and sowing seeds to enjoy later in the year and I'll see you next time. I love spring!

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Monday	Hearing Aid Drop-In Clinic (3 Apr ONLY)	10-12pm
	Exercise Class	11.30am
	Afternoon Trip (10 Apr ONLY)	1.15pm
	Games: Indoor curling, quizzes, Scrabble, dominoes	1.30pm
	'Stride for Life' Walking Group	2.00pm
Tuesday	Carers' Cafe (11 Apr ONLY)	10am-12pm
	Vision PK (4 & 18 Apr ONLY)	10-11.45am
	Exercise Class	11.30am
	Singing Group (11 Apr ONLY)	1.30pm
	Games: quizzes, Scrabble, dominoes	1.30pm
Wednesday	Barge Trip (prebooked) (5 Apr ONLY)	10am-4pm
	Church Service	11.15am
	Reminiscence Group Garden Room (5 Apr ONLY)	1.30pm
	Games: quizzes, Scrabble, dominoes	1.30pm
	Craft Group	1.30pm
Thursday	Chiropody Service (20 Apr ONLY)	10am-12pm
	Interactive Games	11.30am
	Games: Indoor curling, quizzes, Scrabble	1.15pm
	Art Group	1.30pm
	Exercise Class with Kenny from Live Active	2.00pm
Friday	Football Memories (7 & 21 Apr ONLY)	11am-12pm
	Exercise Group	11.30am
	Bingo	1.30pm
	Games: dominoes, Scrabble etc	1.30pm



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Contact the Church Office for our weekly email of events and Zoom details.

All events below are in the church unless otherwise indicated:

Regular Services and Events:

Sundays

9.15am Choir Practice.

10.30am: Morning Service, gathering song about 10.25.

Arrangements for young people, which are intended to be flexible: children can meet at the Church Centre from 10.15, teens start at the service and then can leave for the Church Centre. All return for the end of the service. Children and teens can stay for the service if that suits best. 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 the service most weeks.

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

6pm: Sunday Evening Prayer, on Zoom

6pm: Crossfire at the church centre. Age P7 upwards.

Mondays

8pm: House Group – Bible study and fellowship

Tuesdays

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

2.30pm: House Group

Wednesdays

11.15am Midweek Service, at the church centre.

1.30pm: Craft Group

7.45pm: Men's House Group

8.00pm: Women's House Group

Thursdays

10.30am: House Group

11-12noon Table Talk – Chat and coffee on Zoom

Fridays

6pm +: Boys Brigade & Girls Association, Church Centre.

OTHER SERVICES AND EVENTS:

April

Sat 1 9.30am: Guild Celebration at Luncarty Church Centre

Sun 2 PALM SUNDAY

10.30am: Morning Service

11.45am: Informal Communion after the service. No re-



Mon 3

Thu 6

Fri 7

Sun 9

Sat 15

Sun 16

Thu 20

Sun 23

freshments or Fairtrade stall after the service

8.00am: Silent Meditation

MAUNDY THURSDAY

7.30pm: Joint Communion Service at Fossoway Church

GOOD FRIDAY

10.30-12 noon: Good Friday Experience for children to

explore the Easter Story followed by lunch **12– 12.30pm**.

Adults may stay with their children or collect at the end.

7.30pm: Joint Good Friday Service at Orwell Church

EASTER SUNDAY

7.30am: Joint Early Easter Morning Service at Kirkgate Park.

8.30am – 10am Breakfast rolls and tea/coffee at Kirklands

Hotel. **£7**. Contact church office to book a breakfast.

10.30am: Easter Service

9.30am onwards: Community Litter Pick organised by

our Eco-team. Collect a litter picker and bags from the

church garden between 9.30 and 10.30am and return

bags to the church lane.

11.00am: All Friends Together

For adults with learning disabilities.

2.30–4pm: Let's Sing: All welcome but aimed in particular at those living with dementia. Tea and a sing-song.

9pm: Evening service of Compline

6pm: Bowling - join with Crossfire for an all-age 10-pin bowling night at Hollywood Bowl, Dunfermline.

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

April

2 April

9.45am Palm Sunday Morning Worship. Refreshments and the Fairtrade Stall will be available after the service

6 April

7.30pm Maundy Thursday

Joint churches celebration of Holy Communion

7 April

7.30pm Good Friday

Joint churches service at Orwell Church

9 April

7.30am Joint churches Easter Morning Worship at the Lochside

9.45am Easter Sunday Morning Worship

16 April

9.45am Sunday Morning Worship

23 April

9.45am Sunday Morning Worship

30 April

9.45am Sunday Morning Worship



Refresh Thursday

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

Board Game Group

The group will be meeting on
Wed 19 April 6.30-7.30pm

Film Night

Fri 31 Mar 7.30pm in the Church Hall

Blinded By The Light (12)

This is an uplifting and inspiring depiction of a British Muslim boy (Viveik Kalra) growing up in 1980's Luton. He learns to live life, understand his family and find his own voice through the words and music of Bruce Springsteen

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

Fossoway Babies and Toddlers

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

Fossoway Creative Crafts Group

Meets on Monday evenings from 6.30pm in the Church Hall.
Please bring your own craft and join us.

Fossoway House Group

Our House Group is now meeting every Thurs evening at 7.30pm.
For more details please contact Debbie Hill 01577 842268.

Fossoway Youth Group

This group will not meet in April. The next meeting will take place at 7pm on May 14 and will be supported by folks from KYTHE.

Men's Breakfast Group

Our next meeting will be on 22 Apr at 8.30am. Come and join us for a full cooked breakfast, followed by a talk from the Rev Douglas Galbraith titled 'A Pilgrim Walk', reflecting on the new Fife Pilgrim Way and why pilgrim walks matter.

*All are welcome at any of our meetings and services.
If you would like any more information please contact the
Rev Lis Stenhouse 01577 842128.*

Hall Bookings

If you wish to book our hall or meeting rooms,
please contact Mrs E Black 01259 742046

**Cleish Parish Church
Church of Scotland**

(Charity No: SC003168)

Minister: Rev Lis Stenhouse BD (Hons)

Tel: 01577 842128

Email: estenhouse@churchofscotland.org.uk

Session Clerk: Neil Maclure

Email: neil.maclure19@gmail.com Tel: 01577 864826

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

We are very pleased to announce that our church building is open and we look forward to welcoming you to worship with us in Cleish Church.

April

2 April

11.15am Palm Sunday Morning Worship. Traidcraft Stall

6 April

7.30pm Maundy Thursday

Celebration of Holy Communion in Fossoway Church

9 April

7.30am Joint churches Easter Morning Worship at the Lochside

11.15am Easter Sunday Morning Worship

16 April

11.15am Sunday Morning Worship



23 April

11.15am Sunday Morning Worship followed by Congregational Lunch

30 April

11.15am Sunday Morning Worship

Please note: Refreshments are served every Sunday after worship in the Young Room

**Orwell and Portmoak
Parish Church
Church of Scotland**

(Charity number SC015523)

Interim Moderator – Rev Alan Reid

Telephone 01577 862952

Email: areid@churchofscotland.org.uk

Locum – Rev Dr Robert Calvert

Sunday Worship, and Junior Church: All children welcome.

10.00am Portmoak Church

11.30am Orwell Church

Please note that from now on, all joint family services with the Praise Band will be held on the first Sunday of each month, except for January, in Orwell Church at 10:30am.

Messy Church will meet on **Sat 25 Feb** from 4-6pm at Orwell Church with all the usual crafts, fun, and food.

Dates For Your Diary

2 Apr **Joint Family Service** in Orwell Church at 10:30am
No morning service at Portmoak Church.

3 Apr **Knitwitz** meets from 2-3.30pm in Orwell Hall

6 Apr **Ashley House Service** at 2pm

14 Apr **Tea and a Blether** in Orwell Hall from 1.30-3.30pm

17 Apr **Knitwitz** meets from 2-3.30pm in Orwell Hall

28 Apr **Oasis Ladies Group** meets in Portmoak New Room from 10.15-12 noon. Craft morning on felting.

The Church Office and Shop is open 10-12pm, Mon-Fri.

Office email: orwellandportmoakchurch@gmail.com

Website: orwellportmoakchurch.org.uk



**St Paul's Scottish
Episcopal Church**

**(Part of the Worldwide
Anglican Communion)**

Muir, Kinross, KY13 8AY

Fr David Mackenzie Mills, Rector.

Tel: 01577 863795

Email: frdavidkinross@gmail.com

You can also find us on Facebook

www.facebook.com/stpaulsepiscopalchurchkinross

Our Sunday morning services begin at 10am, unless otherwise advertised. These are usually Sung Eucharists (worship with Communion). Our church bell rings from 9.45am.

We will provide regular updates on the website concerning our schedule of worship. Please do refer to it regularly.

Although we don't insist that people wear face coverings, you are very welcome to do so if that helps you feel safer in public spaces. We look forward to seeing you!

Our Meeting Room is available for hire. Please see the separate advertisement for more details.

Our services are also broadcast from the church building as livestreams via Zoom and Facebook Live. Thereafter, recordings of these services can be viewed on our Facebook page. The Liturgy outline can be followed on the website via the seasonal Sung Eucharist e-booklets and the weekly pewsheet.

Please be assured of our prayers and intercessions.

*May the road rise up to meet you.
May the wind be always at your back.*



Death Notices

ALLAN Peacefully, at Ruthven Towers Care Home, Auchterarder, on Monday 13 February, 2023, **Christian Irene Allan** (Rena), née Dickie, aged 99, formerly of Kinross, beloved wife of the late Tom, dearly loved mother of Francis, Matthew, Ivory and John and dear grandmother. Funeral service private but a Memorial Service will be held later.

*May the sun shine warm upon your face;
the rains fall soft upon your fields and, until we meet again,
may God hold you in the palm of His hand.*

Events and Services in April

Sunday 2 PALM SUNDAY

10am: Liturgy of Palms (Gather in the Meeting Room)
Liturgy of the Passion (with dramatised reading of the Passion according to Matthew.)

Thursday 6 MAUNDY THURSDAY

11am: Chrism Mass (St Ninian's Cathedral, Perth)
7.30pm: Sung Eucharist for Maundy Thursday,
Stripping of the Altar and the Watch (*until 10pm*)

Friday 7 GOOD FRIDAY

10am: The Liturgy of the Cross
2pm: The Last Hour – a walk-around installation in the Meeting Room, based on the Stations of the Cross. The hour will begin and conclude with short acts of worship.

Saturday 8 EASTER EVE

8pm: Easter Vigil, Blessing of the Paschal Candle and the first Eucharist of Easter

Sunday 9 EASTER DAY

7.30am 'Kinross Churches Together' Lochside service, Kirkgate Pier
10am: Family Sung Eucharist for Easter

Wednesday 11 NO MIDWEEK SERVICE

Sunday 16 Easter 2

10am: Sung Eucharist

Wednesday 19

10am Midweek Meditative Holy Communion

Sunday 23 Easter 3

10am Sung Eucharist

Wednesday 26

10am Midweek Meditative Holy Communion

Sunday 30 Easter 5

10am Sung Eucharist

St James' Catholic Church

5 High Street, Kinross, KY13 8AW

Parish Priest: Father Martin Pletts. Tel: 01577 863329

www.catholickinross.com

Email: Fr.MartinPletts@gmail.com

facebook.com/parishpriestkinross/

facebook.com/stjamesprayergroup/

For the full parish timetable see the newsletter section on the parish website: www.catholickinross.com

Kinross Gospel Hall

8 Montgomery Street, Kinross

www.kinrossgospelhall.info Tel 07818 050785

Gospel Meeting Sundays 4pm. **Friends & Neighbours Teas**

1st & 3rd Sundays of the month. **Toddlers' Group** Thurs 9.30-11am; **Explorers** (Primary School) 6-7pm (both groups term time only). We look forward to seeing old friends and welcoming new ones. Everyone welcome.

Obituary

It is with great sadness that the family of **Mrs Eileen Gray** announces her passing after a long illness, on February 25 2023, at the age of 90.

Eileen passed away peacefully at Landemere Care Home in Derby and will be lovingly remembered by her son Philip and daughter Jan and all other family members.

Eileen was born and raised in Lochwinnoch and latterly lived in Kinross before moving to Crook of Devon. She taught both Latin and Mathematics during her working life. She was happily married to David for 62 years prior to his passing in 2017. They both enjoyed amateur dramatics and Eileen specially relished choir singing.

The funeral service was held on Monday 13 March. Please make any charitable donations to Dementia UK.



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 in April is 'Life's Big Questions' and we'll be hosting the following services in April:

2 Apr: No church service

9 Apr: Easter Sunday (all age service) – Katharine Gunn (LLC)

16 Apr: Life's Big Questions: Is there any evidence for Christianity?
Richard Gibb (LLC)

23 Apr: Life's Big Questions: What is the point of life?
Stephen Jones (LLC)

30 Apr: Life's Big Questions: Does God really care?
(Communion Sunday) – Graeme Gunn (LLC)

Everyone, of all ages, is very welcome. To know more about us, please visit our Facebook page 'We Love Loch Leven', or our website www.lochlevenchurch.com.

Kinross Christian Fellowship

Jesus answered, 'I am the way, the truth and the life.'



Sunday mornings we come together at the Millbridge Hall, Old Causeway, Kinross.

Refreshments and a blether from 10am; pre-service prayer time at 10.15am with the service starting at 10.30am-ish.

As the Holy Spirit leads us, our service includes the reading of the Word, prayer, ministry, communion, praise and worship, and Bible-based preaching/teaching.

Everyone is welcome, all ages, so please come and taste and see that the LORD is good.

Alternatively you can join us interactively via Zoom:

Meeting ID: 895 3312 2460

Passcode: 461728.

We also have Bible Studies in small groups through the week; Mondays online via Zoom and Tuesdays in person.



THE KING'S BODY GUARD FOR SCOTLAND

The Royal Company of Archers and Operation London Bridge
by Lt Col (Ret'd) Johnny Stewart, LVO

20th April 2023, 7:30pm, Dollar Academy Music Auditorium

Tickets are available on the door or can be purchased in advance from Dollar Deli, The Sorting Office, or by contacting Cecilia Condal on 07712 841 963.



Food, shopping, community

Support your local growers and producers! Stalls include fresh bread, local vegetables, locally produced meat and crafts.

The Farmers' Market takes place 10am-2pm, Kinross High Street on the fourth Saturday of each month (apart from July). The High Street is closed from the entrance of Burns Begg Street to the entrance of Montgomery Street on market days.

2023 market dates

22 April

27 May

24 June

No market in July

26 August

Market Park, 10am-3pm

23 September

28 October

25 November

Festive Market, 3.30-7pm



Summer Market at the Market Park

26 August from 10am to 3pm

A special market to celebrate summer with a great variety of food, drink and craft stalls.

www.kleo.org.uk • Find us on Facebook

Kinross-shire Local Events Organisation SCO44056 • Images: HKF Photography



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www.omniiumchoir.com

CEILIDH DANCE

Portmoak Village Hall

In Aid of Hall Funds

Saturday 13 May 2023

7.30pm-11.30pm

Orwell Ceilidh Band

Light Supper Included & Beer and Wine Bar

Tickets £14 & £6 (child) from Kinnesswood Village Shop

John Nicol 01592 840573/Joan Smith 01592 840561

Kinross-shire Civic Trust Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 26 April

at 7.30pm in Cleish Village Hall

Refreshments

Talk on conservation work

All Welcome

www.kinross-shirecivictrust.org

Facebook.com/KinCivicTrust

Email: KinrossshireCivicTrustSecy@gmail.com

MOBILE LIBRARY 12, 26 April

(Fortnightly, Wednesdays)

Kinnesswood (Opposite Shop)	09.30 – 10:00
Portmoak Hall	10:05 – 10:20
Scotlandwell (Leslie Road)	10:25 – 10:50
Levenmouth Farm	11:00 – 11:20
Hatchbank Rd (Gairneybank, Kinross)	11:40 – 12:00
Powmill (Mill Gardens)	13:20 – 13:40
Crook of Devon (Village Inn)	13:45 – 14:45
Carnbo (Pitcairnie Lane)	15:00 – 15:30
Whyte Court (Kinross)	15:45 – 16:15

Contact us by phone on 01577 867205
or by email at lochlevenlibrary@culturepk.org.uk.

Perth Citizens Advice Bureau

Perth CAB can help you. Our advice is free, confidential, impartial and independent.

Advice line: **01738 450580**

Appointment line: **01738 450581**

Clients can access advice in the following ways:

- **By calling us** on 01738 450580 between 10am and 3pm any weekday. If the query is quick for us to deal with, we will do so and if it requires more time or research then we will arrange for an adviser to get back to them either via e-mail or with a telephone appointment.
- **Webchat** from our Perth CAB website www.perthcab.org.uk/ this is available from 10am each weekday, currently until 1pm but we hope to expand these hours soon
- **Via e-mail** to advice@perthcab.org.uk



Debt and Money Advice Service

Perth CAB has a team of specialist debt advisers. Advice is free, confidential, impartial and independent. To talk to a specialist debt adviser call 01738 450590 or email David Ogston (Senior Debt Adviser) using the following email address: David.Ogston@Perthcab.casonline.org.uk

Grants For Good Causes

Kinross Community Council Newsletter Limited (KCCNL), Charity No. SC040913



All profits from the *Kinross Newsletter* are transferred to a charitable company, KCCNL, and given away to local good causes. Groups and individuals are invited to apply to KCCNL for grant funding. Decisions on grants are made at two meetings per year. The deadlines for grant applications are:

31 March and 30 September

More information is available on the kinross.cc website. Applications may be downloaded from the website or obtained from the Applications Administrator, Barry Davies, Tel 01577 865004 or email barrydavies57@btinternet.com

100th Birthday and Diamond Wedding Anniversaries

Do you know a Perth & Kinross resident who is **celebrating their 100th or 105th+ birthday?** Do you know a Perth & Kinross couple celebrating their **60th, 65th or 70th wedding anniversary?**

PKC can arrange delivery of flowers or for a local councillor to present a basket of flowers to the person or couple on their special day.

Tel: 01738 475051 Email: CivicServices@pkc.gov.uk

LET'S SING

Our April meeting is on **Sunday 16 April** (not Sunday 9 April).

Usual time 2.30pm to 4pm
in Kinross Parish Church.

Please come along to an afternoon of singing and a cuppa. Everyone is welcome including anyone who has dementia and their carers.



THE KINROSS NEWSLETTER

**ALL PROFITS GO TO
LOCAL GOOD CAUSES**

Kinross-shire Fund



The Kinross-shire Fund was established in 2006 to make the area a better place to live,



by making grants to a wide range of local charities, organisations and projects which make a positive difference to the community.

To date, over 50 organisations within the 73 square miles of Kinross-shire have benefited from an award, with beneficiaries ranging in age from pre-school to the elderly. The Fund is managed by Foundation Scotland and is currently open for applications, with deadlines quarterly on the first Monday of February, May, August and November each year.

Full details, including how to apply via our online application link, can be found at:

www.foundationscotland.org.uk/programmes/kinross-shire-fund

BANK OF SCOTLAND MOBILE BANKING

Service operates fortnightly on a
Tuesday 10am to 1pm

4, 18 April 2023

At the Green Hotel, 2 Muirs, Kinross

www.bankofscotland.co.uk/contactus/mobile-branch/perth.html#kinross

Cleish Fete and Classic Car Show

(Postcode KY13 0LR)



SATURDAY 13TH MAY 2023
1.00pm - 3.30pm



- Hog Roast by Rootin & Roamin**
- Teas & Cakes in the Village Hall, Ice Cream**
- Produce, Cakes & Jams, Tombola, Plant Stall,**
- Cards & Books, Classic Car Show**
- Organ Recital by Matt Edwards (in Church)**

All pre-2000 cars welcome – Please be in field by 12.00pm
Entry to Classic Car Show free
(donations to Cleish Church please) contact
CONTACT – DAVID LESLIE on 07778 722319 or cleishcarshow@cleish.org to confirm car details and entry.

All proceeds in aid of Cleish Church (Charity No SC003168)

£££ PLEASE BRING CASH ON THE DAY £££

Kinross Garden Group
2022/23 Season
Thursday 14 April at 2pm
Kinross Parish Church
Dr Greg Kenicer
'Ecology in the garden'
All welcome to join us.

Perth & Kinross School Term Dates
Term ends: Friday 31 March
Spring Holiday: Monday 3 April - Friday 14 April

NEWSLETTER DEADLINES

In very rare circumstances it may be necessary to change a deadline at short notice. Check the *Newsletter* Facebook Page for the latest information.

Issue	Deadline	Publication Date
May	Friday 14 April	Saturday 29 April
June	Friday 19 May	Saturday 3 June



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 freshwaters 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 1-2 mm [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   SCAN ME

Blue Cross advice for dog owners   SCAN ME

Further contacts:

Perth and Kinross Council
Pillar House
35 Kinnoull Street
Perth
Tel. 01738 476476



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THE TALKING DONKEY

Fridays: 11.30am—1.30pm
@ Millbridge Hall, Kinross

For further information, or if you want to be involved, please ring 07933 387562

The Café where everything is FREE!



Soup

Snacks

Hot and cold drinks

Home-cooked lunches

Meals to take away

Come relax, sit down and enjoy our table service

The Talking Donkey is a Christian venture so there will always be people on hand to offer **Prayer for any need**



**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
PLEASE NOTE HOLIDAY OPENING TIMES
MAY BE DIFFERENT**

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

Loch Leven Babies and Toddlers
Masonic Hall, Kinross 9.30-11.30am

Portmoak Babies and Toddlers
Portmoak Church Hall 9.45-11.30am

Fossoway Babies and Toddlers

Crook of Devon
Church Hall
9.30-11.30am

*Please let us know
if you have any
info to add to this list.*



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	01738 476173*42*
(*42* telephone and leave a voicemail)	
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
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- Portmoak:** Email: portmoakcommunitycouncil@pkc.gov.uk
- Fossoway & District:** Chair: Trudy Duffy-Wigman, 01577 840669
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Kinross Community Councillors

Bill Freeman	64 Muirs	01577 865045
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Hannah Phillips		07591 228884
Tom Stewart		
Michael Wilson	16 Acremoar Drive, Kinross	01577 861181
Emma Leslie		
Chris Collins		07970 998206

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

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KINROSS RECYCLING CENTRE

Bridgend Industrial Estate

Monday to Friday 9am-7pm
(last entry 6.45pm - all vehicles must be off site by 7pm)
Saturday & Sunday 9am - 5pm
(last entry 4.45pm - all vehicles must be off site by 17.00)

THE RECYCLING CENTRE WILL ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING MATERIALS

Bicycles	<i>separately</i>	Rigid Plastic
Books	Engine Oil	Packaging
Bras	Fluorescent, LED	Rubble
Bulky Goods	& Long Life Light	Scrap Metal
Cans	Bulbs	Soil
Car Batteries	Fridges & Freezers	Stone
Cardboard	Garden Waste	Telephone
Cartons and Paper	Glass	Directories
containers with	Household	Textiles
metal ends	Batteries	(Clothes & Shoes)
Cooking Oil	Large Domestic	Timber
Electrical &	Appliances	Car Tyres
Electronic	Non-Recyclable	(maximum two
Equipment	Waste	per day, strictly
(WEEE - remove &	(General Waste)	household only)
recycle batteries	Paper	

Free compost available (subject to availability).

A maximum of 2 x 25kg bags per day

Diary

March

- Wed 29 **KHS Spring Concert**
Fri 31 **Perth and Kinross School Term ends**

April

- Sat 1 **Car Boot Sale at KYTHE (11-3pm)**
Sat 1-15 **Camera Club Exhibition, Campus (runs for 2 weeks)**
Sun 2 Kinross and Ochil Walking Group walk (Also 15 and 30 April - see Clubs)
Tues 4 u3A talk from the Kinross Newsletter 2.30pm Kinross Parish Church
Thur 6 Friends Group - Millbridge Hall, 2pm
Fri 7 Good Friday
Sat 8 **Children's egg rolling event at Kilmagad Wood, Portmoak 3.30pm**
Sun 9 Easter Sunday
Wed 12 Lomond Antique and Collectors Club Talk 'The Lost Country Houses of Perthshire'
Thurs 13 Kinross Garden Group meets
Thurs 13 Digital Skills Training, library
Sat 15 Cafe Book Club, library
Sat 15 Kinross Tennis Club Open Day
Sat 15 Opening of the Green, Orwell Bowling Club
Sun 16 **Let's Sing! Kinross Parish Church**
Mon 17 **Perth and Kinross Summer Term begins**
Thur 20 **The Royal Company of Archers talk at Dollar Museum**
Fri 21 Friday Book Group, library
Sat 22 **Kinross Farmers' Market**
Wed 26 Kinross-shire Civic Trust AGM, 7.30pm Cleish Village Hall

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Greens of Kinross	High Street, Kinross	Buchan's Garage	Main Street, Kinnesswood
Baillies	High Street, Kinross	Shop	Main Street, Kinnesswood
Sainsburys	Station Road, Kinross	Fossoway Store	Crook of Devon
Giacopazzis	Lathro, Kinross	Fossoway Garage	Crook of Devon
Keystore More	Green Road, Kinross	Mona's Coffee Shop	Muckhart
Giacopazzis	New Road, Milnathort	Powmill Stores	Powmill
Stewart & Smart	Stirling Road, Milnathort	Loch Leven's Larder	Near Wester Balgedie
Heaven Scent	South Street, Milnathort	Glenfarg Village Shop	Glenfarg