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Letter From The Editor

IT'S BEEN A WEEK of storms across the UK, and we've been lucky in Kinross to have had relatively mild wind, rain and snow compared to other areas. With the onset of climate change and more frequent extreme weather events come problems, and they don't only concern those who live in areas prone to flooding. For open bodies of water like Loch Leven, heavy rainfall can contribute to rising levels of phosphorus, leading to more harmful algal blooms. The Loch Leven Management Group met in January and you can read all about their findings, and why we must do all we can to protect our loch on p8-9.

The first meeting of the Kinross Local Area Committee took place at the end of January. Decisions were made and implemented about various local issues including road safety. The new committee meetings enable our local councillors and other Kinross-shire representatives to have some important changes implemented at a local level without having to involve councillors in other parts of Perth and Kinross.

The boundary proposals about the division of Kinross-shire into two different parliamentary constituencies generated the highest number of responses for the whole of Scotland. You can read more on p22.

It's hard to believe it's now been two years since the first Covid-19 lockdown. Things are beginning to look a lot brighter with spring on the way, and lots of local events beginning to take shape for the summer months. There are plans afoot for a big celebration in the Market Park for the Queen's Jubilee in June, and the wheels are in motion for the 2022 Kinross Show in August. Meanwhile the clubs and plentiful activity groups in Kinross are busy and thriving once again!

Enjoy reading your March *Newsletter*. We love hearing from you so do get in touch at editor@kinrossnewsletter.org.

Hannah Phillips, Editor

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

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Parking at Greens

FIRSTLY, THANK YOU VERY much for those of you whom have reached out to us over the last few days and weeks, and for making us aware of your concerns and negative experience. I wanted to take this opportunity to publish a note from ourselves as widely as possible.

On a personal note, I am sorry to hear that so many people have received a parking ticket and certainly sympathise with this regard. Of course having been in the same position myself, it is certainly a substantial amount of money and absolutely not ideal.

I have been reviewing and looking into each and every complaint and feedback on this matter over the last few weeks, along with engaging in discussions with UKPC to try and understand exactly where we are and what options are available to ourselves, our customers and the local community. I have outlined my findings below.

We communicated extensively last year after acquisition of the store and car park in Kinross in relation to the introduction of parking management which has been carried out by a third party company, UKPC. The decision to give the contract to a third party company was as a result of significant repairs and maintenance required on the car park upon our acquisition into 5 figures. In addition, we received many complaints from customers of the Post Office and store being able to find park spaces whilst 'the same vehicles' were parked in the car parking and occupying both disabled and standard bays for the full day.

Having discussed these matters in great detail and certainly not taken lightly, the decision was made to give a contract to the third party company to manage the car park. Having taken on board feedback last year and in order to ensure the local community has a solution to park and visit other stores in the High Street, we asked UKPC to implement a cost effective pay & display solution (only applicable after the 30 minute free parking period) as oppose to a blanket ban on parking longer than this.

Further, we asked UKPC to ensure there was at least a 10 minute grace period (thereby making the actual free period 40 minutes) to ensure customers are not caught out. The new parking rules have been extensively communicated on our social media page, the Kinross-shire community Facebook page, car park signage as well as posters in store. I understand the Kinross-shire community newsletter is extremely important to our local community, rightly so given the fantastic asset it is, and I do regret that this method of communication was not used to further 'spread the word.' We will most certainly ensure all further important announcements, community or otherwise, are shared within the newsletter.

After taking your and other feedback on board, we have been liaising with UKPC to try and agree a further increase to the free parking period to make the car park more accessible, though we must stress that this decision does lie with UKPC. I can confirm we have formally requested the free parking period to be increased to 1 hour and will confirm the response from UKPC as soon as we hear back. In relation to the parking charges that you have already been issued unfortunately as this is manned by a third party company we do not have the ability to outright waive any parking tickets. However in an attempt to mitigate impact and after various discussions with UKPC over the last week or so, we have managed to agree the following:

- For a limited period, we have the ability to take on board your comments, collate these and put them forward to UKPC to try and obtain a waiver of the ticket. We must stress that the final decision is not within our control and we can only put forward your submissions on this. We would also suggest you separately submit an appeal to UKPC directly.
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We do hope that we can look forward to welcoming you back in store again and more significantly for you to continue to utilise the car park to visit ourselves, the Post Office and other local high street businesses.

Once again, I do sympathise with this fine and can ask you to understand the reasons that we took the decision to introduce car parking management in the first place, the mitigatory measures put in place and the steps we are now taking to try and minimise any impact on our valued customers and local community.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do reach out at harris@glenshire.co.uk or call me directly on 01592 747647.

*Harris Aslam
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a man in a van for emergencies. A special mention to GuttersforGlory Stephen Cooke and his wife, Arlene, the Tartan Brothers and Pauline Watson for their help. There are some amazing people out there!

Contact Jenniferhildee@sky.com or call 07983 491625.

Jen Morton

Portmoak Village Hall

The committee of Portmoak Village Hall would like to thank all who generously supported their Crowd Funding appeal to raise money to replace and repair the hall windows and ensure the hall was kept water and weather proof. The target of £6000 was reached with a little to spare, so it was a great effort. Work is in hand to replace the worn out windows and to repair some others.

The hall is now back in use for regular user groups following the easing of Covid restrictions which will generate some income, however there are still outstanding maintenance issues so fund raising will need to continue.

Thanks



Helping Hands Kinross-shire

A huge thank you to the people of Kinross-shire for your assistance with new group Helping Hands Kinross-shire. We are collecting and redistributing donations for people who are in need of household items. This could be someone starting in a new house from scratch or just in need of basic household essentials. We have been overwhelmed by generosity.

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A bit about me...

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



Taylor's Close Shave For Mum!

TINA HANKIN AND HER family moved to Balado from Edinburgh in August 2020. At the time, she noticed a bit of a lump in her right thigh. She left it for a few weeks thinking she had knocked it during the move or had picked up a running injury, but, eventually in October decided to get it checked out. An astute GP in the Orwell Medical Practice sent her for a CT scan, where she was told it was possibly cancer. It turned out she had a soft tissue sarcoma in her right thigh muscle. The muscle was removed in November, leaving her with triceps where most people had quads! She then had six weeks of daily radiotherapy, travelling to Edinburgh through the rain, hail, wind and snow.

In May in a routine scan it was confirmed that the cancer had appeared in her lungs, so, the summer months were spent having chemotherapy. She had further surgery and has just started more chemotherapy. When she was told she would get a prescription for a wig, daughter Taylor and her sister Flynn both helped her choose one, although it was not the long Rapunzel purple one that either of them wanted! It was during wig discussions that Taylor,

her making such a sacrifice, particularly at an age when appearances matter so much. She will rock the shaved look like I have had to!



a Kinross High School pupil, commented that she would really like to 'Brave the Shave' to support her mum, which resulted in her setting up her funding page.

Her funding target started at £300 but currently stands as £2500. It's an exceptional thing for her to do to show her mum her support. Tina says, 'I am so proud of

Taylor Braved the Shave on 14 February and we think she looks amazing.

Tina and Taylor have an important message for *Newsletter* readers. Please do go to the doctor if you have anything new that is worrying you, such as an unexplained lump. With cancer, the quicker it is diagnosed, the more treatment options there are.

If you wish to contribute to Taylor's funding page, it can be found at: <https://bravetheshave.macmillan.org.uk/shavers/taylor-hankin>

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SHOULD WE WORRY ABOUT

Concern grows over the rising phosphorus levels in Loch Leven and the corresponding increase in algal blooms.

THE LOCH LEVEN CATCHMENT Management Group (made up of representatives from organisations such as SEPA, Scottish Water, NatureScot, The UK Centre for Ecology & Hydrology and other bodies who have special responsibility for looking after Loch Leven) met in January to discuss the management and health of Loch Leven.

At the meeting Linda May of UKCEH (The UK Centre for Ecology & Hydrology) reported on Loch Leven water quality monitoring and climate change effects. She reported that in recent years phosphorus concentrations in the loch have been increasing and since 2018 we've seen the return of algal blooms in the summer.

Large new housing developments in the catchment are often thought to be the main cause, due to sewage discharges from the waste water treatment works. It was noted that there 'may be a correlation but that does not necessarily imply causation.'

Phosphorus levels are highest in the summer, whereas sewage is discharged all year round. So, it's more likely that

the recycling of phosphorus in loch sediments with rising summer loch temperatures is the cause. When the loch temperature reaches 15-17°C this seems to trigger the release of phosphorus.

Across Scotland, climate change effects are being considered under a research project looking at loch data and blooms. Possible mitigations include flushing the loch through a planned release of water at the sluice gate, ahead of any algal blooms forming. The timing of any flushing is likely to be critical. Climate change also brings new threats from the expansion in range of some invasive species such as roach, which are zooplankton feeders and could lead to less zooplankton in spring and therefore more algal blooms.



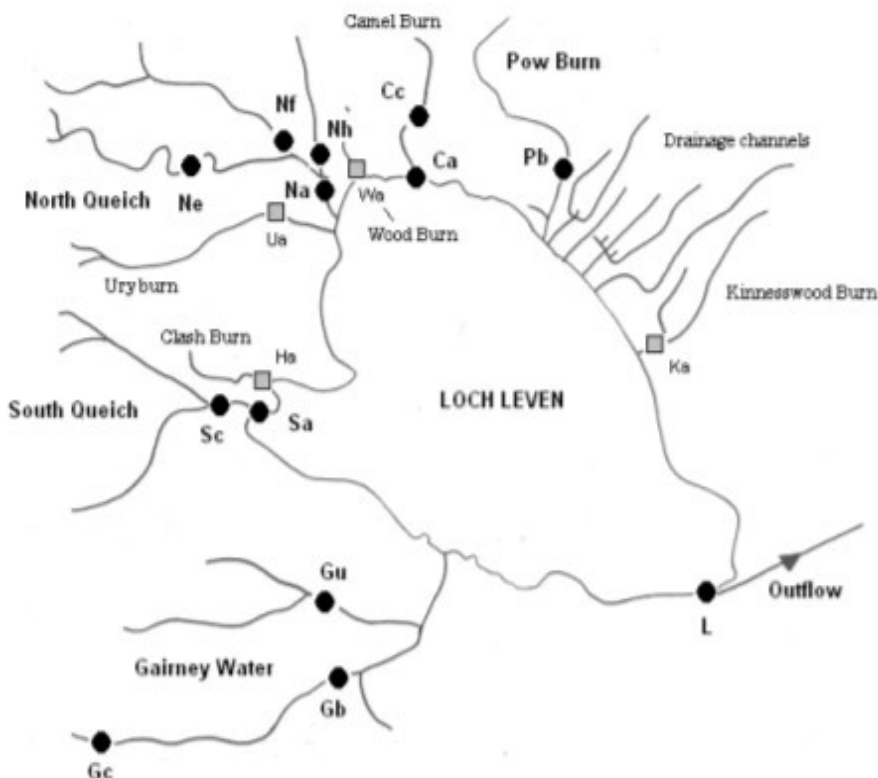
What Is Phosphorous? Why Could It Be Detrimental?

Phosphorus is a nutrient that plants and animals use for growth and development. While it is essential for plant and animal life, too much of it can cause a type of water pollution known as eutrophication, which occurs when the environment becomes excessively rich in nutrients. This process can happen naturally over time, as bodies of water age; however human activity can help accelerate the influx of nutrients and speed up the process.

Eutrophication can cause algal blooms. As extra nutrients enter the water, aquatic plants are able to flourish. Algae will bloom and prevent sunlight from reaching deeper plants, which will consequently die. Bacteria will begin to break down the decaying plants and this process will use up the available dissolved oxygen that remains in the water. When dissolved oxygen levels are low, fish and other life will not be able to survive.

Algal blooms can cause problems as they:

- Disrupt the normal functioning of an ecosystem;
- Deplete dissolved oxygen levels;
- May block out sunlight preventing the survival of other photosynthetic organisms;
- Can produce toxins which are harmful to higher trophic levels and cause problems further along in the food chain;
- Cause a risk to human health from threat near to drinking water intakes;



PHOSPHORUS IN LOCH LEVEN?



Loch Leven (Photo: Margaret Stewart)

- Decrease the aesthetic appearance of water bodies.

Where Is The Excess Phosphorous Coming From?

Phosphorus occurs naturally in rocks and other mineral deposits. During the natural process of weathering, Phosphorus is released as phosphate ions which are soluble in water. The inorganic phosphate is then distributed through surrounding soil and water.

Phosphorus is a common constituent of fertiliser. Rainfall can cause varying amounts of phosphates to wash from farm soils into nearby water, a process known as diffuse pollution.

At the time of writing we have just experienced Storms Dudley and Eunice. Throughout the UK, we are seeing changes in rainfall patterns which are likely to result in increased mobilisation of Phosphorus from farmland, as well as the severity of storm sewage problems including intensive rainstorms, more rain, and more overflows.

While pollution from septic systems and sewers can cause excess phosphorous to occur in bodies of water, the

most prevalent urban source of nutrient pollution is human bodily waste.

Municipal and industrial sources are considered to be 'point sources' of nutrient pollution as they discharge nutrients directly into surface and ground water.

The Loch Leven Catchment Management Group

Cllr Willie Robertson noted his disappointment that the meeting was not attended by a representative of Scottish Water, who are responsible for the wastewater treatment plant. While this operates successfully most of the time, during heavy rain it is unable to cope and the excess is diverted into the loch. He is concerned that an increase in house-building will exacerbate the problem and is calling for tighter controls in terms of licensing.

Cllr Robertson and the other local councillors have written to Jo Green (acting CE of SEPA) asking for a review of the CAR licences for Loch Leven. Cllr Robertson says 'There appears to be growing instances of algal blooms, some toxic, which now seem to last for many months of the year. The water quality in the loch has been improving over the last

20 years but it now appears that these improvements have not only stalled but are now regressing. Evidence given to the Loch Leven Management Committee backs this up.' (Read the full letter to SEPA on p29.)

Independent Consultant Brian D'Arcy commented, 'The logic has always been that the best option for control and for minimising algal bloom risks is to reduce the phosphorus from external sources.

That has been shown, by excellent CEH research, to lead to reduced summer releases of phosphorus from loch sediments. That logic still applies. To suggest that because sediment release is a summer event means that inputs are no longer a concern is strange.

Reviewing the target total external load coming into the loch will be vital. It is more important than ever to reduce inputs. Actions across all contributing sectors need to be encouraged.'

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To their surprise and delight, they were awarded Bronze, having finished in third place.

Although their chocolate ice cream has long been considered outstanding by their customers (it is their second biggest seller after vanilla), Joe Giacomazzi said they were 'very pleased that it was so highly placed in the national competition, particularly given the large number of other entries by quality artisan manufacturers.'

Well done Giacomazzi's!



Pick up the new Kin-nections

THE NEW EDITION OF Kin-nections, the magazine of Kinross Parish Church, is now available free in cafes in Kinross, at the Church Centre in the High Street and at the Library. Contact the church office if you wish a copy delivered (office@kinrossparishchurch.org; Tel: 01577 862570).



The church is one of the congregations in Scotland currently going through the 'Growing Young' programme, developing ideas under the headings 'Inward, Outward and Forward'. Under 'Outward', for example, the magazine reports the congregation's forthcoming involvement not only in the local community but worldwide in Fairtrade Fortnight, Christian Aid Week, World Day of Prayer, the Starchild charity and a partnership with Mission Aviation Fellowship, both working in Uganda, and support for persecuted Christians worldwide.

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LINDISFARNE IN KINROSS!

'Chapter Five: Fifty Years of Fog'. Celebrate the anniversary of the band's pivotal LP at Kinross Backstage

FORMED IN NEWCASTLE in 1969, Lindisfarne were hailed by the music business as 'a breath of fresh air' and 'the new Beatles'.

They toured the world, had many hit singles and albums and released the UK's biggest selling album in 1971, Fog on the Tyne. Their music is still played regularly on the radio, TV and at gigs throughout the UK.



The Lindisfarne Story is a celebration of the life, times and music of the North East of England's most beloved band, Lindisfarne. Founder member and drummer Ray Laidlaw and front man Billy Mitchell tell the remarkable story with a combination of rare video, unseen photographs, acoustic versions of their favourite Lindisfarne

songs and a smattering of scurrilous gossip, opening the '50 Years of Fog' tour in South Shields on 25 March 25.

If you are Lindisfarne's biggest fan or simply love the music of the 1960s and 70s, then this show is for you.

20 April, Backstage at the Green Hotel, Kinross.

Huge Upgrade For Cleish Primary?

PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL are to explore an option which could see a £3 million upgrade to Cleish primary school. In January a PKC committee was presented with options on how to improve the suitability and condition of the school.

Cleish Primary School lies within a conservation area.

Sheena Devlin, Executive director of education and children's services described the school as 'picture postcard pretty'.

The recommended option was put before PKC's lifelong learning committee on 31 January.

It would see the school's capacity drop from 64 to 50 pupils to 'facilitate short-term improvements'.

The favoured option to bring the school's condition – currently rated as poor – up to a better standard would see the mobile buildings replaced by one permanent stand-alone building.



The original school building would be refurbished. Cllr Callum Purves explains, 'This will essentially involve the old building being used for dining, office and staff accommodation, and as a multi-purpose space while the portacabins will be replaced with two new classrooms.'

Cllr Richard Waters added, 'I was delighted to see papers come forward to improve the school estate at Cleish. ... the council is also pursuing the possibility of purchasing new land to increase the currently limited play area.'

Independent councillor Xander McDade was worried about the school's capacity being reduced to 50 pupils.

He said: 'I think it limits the future for the school to be able to grow.'

'Small school rolls can fluctuate a lot. It only takes

a few families to move into an area to change that.'

He asked if options would be explored to be 'creative' with classrooms to provide a third classroom.

A user reference group will be formed with members of the community council, parent council, staff, pupils and local councillors.

Sheena Devlin gave a commitment – following Monday's meeting – there would be 'full involvement with parent council particularly in relation to future plans'.

She added: 'If the parent council are feeling they haven't been involved as they would like to have been then on behalf of the service I would like to say we are sorry they feel like that.'

'We can guarantee that – as with all similar projects – this would mark the point for fuller engagement and involvement.'

Conservative convener Caroline Shiers moved to forward recommendations outlined in the council report to further explore design options and engage fully with the community.

Cllr Shiers agreed to incorporate an SNP amendment from Cllr Rebbeck for more detailed plans and definitive proposals to be brought before the appropriate council committee by the summer of 2024.

This was unanimously agreed.

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PHOENIX RISING FROM THE ASHES

THE 18TH OF FEBRUARY was the first anniversary of the Loch Leven Mill Hide being destroyed by fire. The great news is that following a highly successful My Park fundraising effort which raised almost 30K for NatureScot towards the rebuild, there will not be long to wait before everyone will be able to enjoy the great views from the comfort of this hide once again. The timbers are currently being prepared at a local saw mill with work due to commence in mid-March on the rebuild. The hide will be very similar to what was there before

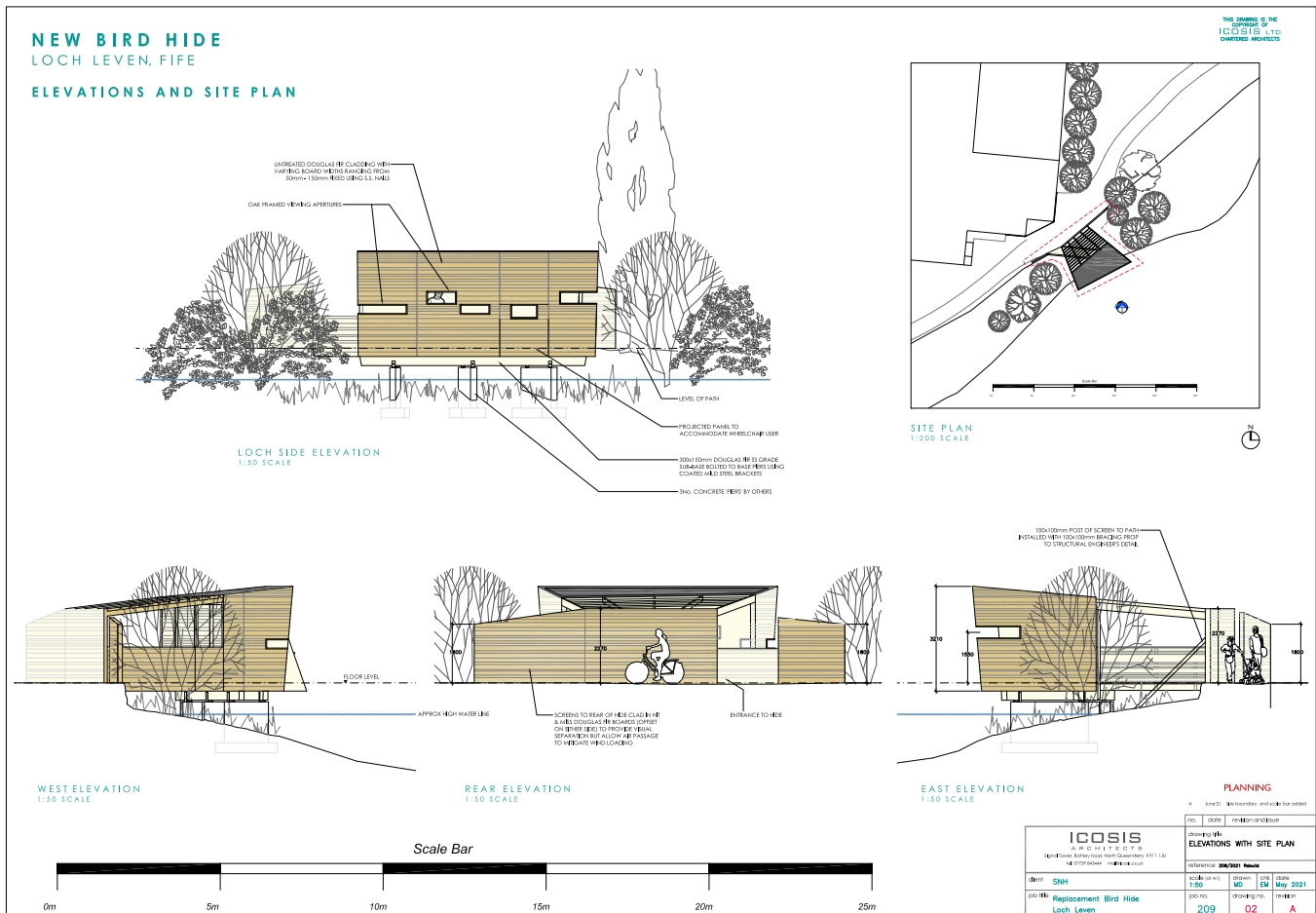


but with a more open back to discourage any unsociable behaviour and so that the camera will be better able to record any incidents.

Whilst the work is going on there will inevitably be some disruption to the operation of the trail and we expect that the

trail will be closed for around two weeks to allow the operation of heavy plant machinery during the works. Please check the NatureScot Loch Leven NNR Facebook page or website for updates and adhere to any signage and instructions from the contractors during the works.

It seems apt now that the hide will now be known as the Phoenix Hide as it rises from the ashes following the generous support of the local community, businesses and visitors alike. NatureScot look forward to welcoming visitors to the hide once again very soon.



Kirklands Renovations Complete

THE KIRKLANDS WOULD LIKE to welcome you all back. They were delighted early in February to have been able to throw open the doors to a new and improved Kirklands!

They have spent the previous few weeks making their vision for The Kirklands come to life and they're very excited to be able to share it with you at last.

It's different, but still reassuringly familiar with a new look for the bar, more seating, new toilets and a reconfiguration of the space that will allow them to be able to offer private dining.

They are often contacted about private dining and wanted to create something that would allow them to be able to provide an exclusive space for parties of 18-24. They've done that by knocking down walls, removing staircases, relocating their office, building new toilets and covering everything in dust. They think it's worth it

Photos: Katie Pryde



for the wonderful new space they've made available.

They have also upgraded their kitchen, and Chef and her team have had a very happy few days testing new equipment and trying out new menu ideas. The drinks list has had a refresh too, and everyone is excited for you to try some fabulous new cocktails and perfect serves.

A spokesperson said, 'We are sorry you've had to wait a little longer for your 2022 Kirkland's visit and are

overwhelmed by the messages of support and encouragement we received during the renovations. This really is such a caring community. We're excited for you to see the changes we've made. Bookings are now open and we cannot wait to see you all again.'

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LOCH LEVEN WALKATHON 2022

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This year's Loch Leven Walkathon takes place on Mother's Day, making a great day out so grab your family and friends and enjoy the Loch Leven Heritage trail while raising vital funds for people in Scotland affected chest, heart and stroke conditions in Scotland.

You can walk a 7k, 12k or 13 mile route all starting and finishing at Loch Leven's Larder. All walks are signposted and are suitable for all ages and abilities! Steph Wilks, Community, Events & Corporate Fundraiser at Chest Heart & Stroke Scotland said:

'The Loch Leven Walkathon takes place in the most beautiful setting and the good news is it's accessible for all.


'This walk has always attracted such a variety of people, from those wanting to simply enjoy a great walk, to people in recovery who are setting themselves a personal challenge or perhaps others who are taking part in memory of a loved one. This year it takes place over Mother's Day which makes it extra special. We're really excited about this year's walk as we've had to postpone this event for the last two years due to the pandemic.

'By signing up you are helping us to raise money so that we can support people when they get home from hospital. You will be ensuring that people get the right support when they need it most, making sure that they can do more than just survive.'

Sign up today and help us to make sure there is no life half-lived in Scotland. Visit www.chss.org.uk/lochleven.

Last month the Newsletter described the Heritage trail as 'traffic free'. Please note this is not the case as there is a section at The Findatie end where the drive serves the Sluice house. The driveway is a private road to which vehicles serving the property have the right of way and access.





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KINROSS SOCIAL GROUPS FOR VISUALLY IMPAIRED


VISION PK HAS received funding from the National Lottery Community Fund to develop activities and mutual support groups for people with a visual impairment in Perth and Kinross.

People who took part in research prior to the funding application had some suggestions for groups. They mentioned an interest in activities, IT support and socialising. In particular they wanted support for those who have experienced isolation during Covid restrictions. In Kinross it is hoped to form a group where people can share interests, exchange skills or knowledge and perhaps share experiences of coping with visual impairment.

We hope the participants can be supported to take ownership of the group and it will run with the help of volunteers.

The plan is to begin in Kinross. Later, similar groups will be started throughout Perth and Kinross.

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LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE PUTS THE BRAKE ON SPEED MANIACS

A 40MPH SPEED LIMIT trial is finally to be introduced on the busy A911 between Scotlandwell and Auchmuirbridge, notorious for blind summits and sharp corners. Previously the limit for this stretch of road was 60mph, with statistics from PKC showing that over 90 vehicles a day went at speeds over the 60mph.

Councillors and local residents have been fighting for speed reduction measures for some time. Parents are worried about vulnerable school-children standing by the edge of the road waiting for their bus, or trying to cross the road while traffic continually thunders past at high speeds.

Previously, a 20mph zone in the middle of Portmoak was announced which kickstarted the campaign to prevent speeding cars. Vehicle activated warning signs were put in place by PKC to prevent dangerous driving on the A911. But both PKC's traffic and network team and Police Scotland had said they did not think a reduced speed limit would be appropriate as there was 'no evidence of excessive vehicle speeds or any significant accident history'. PKC's head of environment and consumer services Mark Butterworth said there was a 'big demand' for road safety schemes across Perth and Kinross, with approximately 800 schemes on the database.

The newly formed Kinross Local Area Committee had their first meeting on 20 January and have the power to make decisions regarding local issues devolved from PKC. Cllr Purves put forward a motion for a 40mph speed limit to be introduced on the buffer at Scotlandwell to the Fife boundary at Auchmuirbridge, Cllr Robertson seconded the motion and said local councillors



and Portmoak Community Council had lobbied hard for this 'year after year'. A keen cyclist, he added, 'If I am happy to cycle a road, I think it's safe. I've cycled nearly every road in Kinross-shire but I've never ever cycled this section.'

The committee agreed to implement the reduced speed limit 'as soon as practicably possible'. They will assess it as part of the Route Action Plan investigation, and can then decide whether or not to make it a permanent speed reduction.

New Leisure Plan For Powmill Quarry

DEVONSHAW LEISURE LTD has served a Proposal of Application Notice on Perth and Kinross Council and other statutory stakeholders indicating the intention to submit a future planning application for a new leisure-based development at the site of the Devonshaw Quarry, near Powmill, Kinross-shire.

An online public consultation is being launched on 3 March to seek the views of the local and wider community on the proposals. You will be able to view the proposals online, as well as completing and returning a feedback questionnaire, for period of 21 days until the consultation closes on 24 March. There will also be an opportunity to ask questions by email directly to Devonshaw Leisure's representatives as part of a live and interactive web-based session, between 12 noon and 8 pm on 3 March.

The 39-acre Devonshaw Quarry site, also known as Powmill Quarry, has not been in commercial use for many years and now provides a well-hidden yet visually stunning location, combining a wealth of natural and man-made features including two crystal-clear lochans.



The site offers significant potential for environmentally sensitive tourism-based development, cleaning up and protecting its fragile ecosystem whilst making it a safe and accessible destination for visitors and holidaymakers alike.

Devonshaw Leisure's initial proposals include preserving many of the existing features which make the site so special,

with the lochans providing a spectacular centerpiece to low-level visitor accommodation and leisure amenities.

Devonshaw Leisure brings together Scottish companies Easy Living Developments Ltd and DQSL Ltd. For more information and to take part in the consultation, visit www.devonshaw-leisure-park-consultation.com

Kinross's First Steeplejack All Set To Scale The Heights

YOUNG KENZIE MACLEAN, who is only 16 and was born in Kinross, is the only person from Kinross-shire to be a Steeplejack. Kenzie will soon to travel to the Steeplejack College in Kingslyne where he will learn the 'tricks of the trade'.

There is only one Steeplejack College in the world, and Kenzie needs to stay there for a month at a time, twice a year. This is a big challenge for such a young lad but Igoe Up Ltd, the company supporting Kenzie, have every faith in him, and as he says, he will get 'peace from his parents'.

So far Kenzie has been up 240ft high, right to the top of St Bryce Kirk in Kirkcaldy. Kinross's first Steeplejack has a very bright future ahead of him and hopefully he will be followed by more youngsters in the area who want to follow in his footsteps.

Managing Director Chris Igoe knew there was only one name for his Steeplejack company: Igoe Up. They



provide a range of specialist services including Steeplejack and rope access, high level building maintenance, power washing, gutter cleaning, stone restoration and roofing. They hold the highest safety accreditation in the UK; and pride themselves on their quality

workmanship, as well as keeping prices as fair as possible.

As Igoe Up continues to grow, it shares its profits through charitable donations, for the benefit of local communities.

Chris told the *Newsletter*, 'We in-



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vest our profits back into society by expanding our profile of charity works as a means of thanking the communities who invest in us. We have recently started a community fund for any work needing carried out on our local charity buildings. We have already completed phase 1 out of 4 on the Men's Shed building in Kinross, repairing slates and sandstone coping stones at no cost to make sure their money goes on more important things within the charity.'

Chris was employed as a General Foreman at one of the UK's leading Steeplejack companies when he moved to Kinross. He had worked his way through the ranks having gone straight into Steeplejacking from school, aged 16, just like Kenzie.

He has worked on some of the biggest and most famous buildings in Scotland, including St Magnus Cathedral in Orkney, Kinross Parish Church, Perth Cathedral and Edinburgh Castle and has over 25 years experience.

He says, 'The plan for the future is to grow the business slowly, making sure our biggest asset, our people, are skilled, confident and competent.'

What Is A Steeplejack?

A Steeplejack carries out repairs, maintenance and renovation work that is difficult for other trades to access –they work at height. This includes industrial chimneys, power station cooling towers, church spires, castles, high-rise buildings and bridges (or anything else with awkward access). The modern day Steeplejack uses ropes, ladders and access equipment to save clients money when compared to scaffolding or cherry pickers.

A steeplejack's work can involve many and varied tasks from making repairs to properties or demolishing chimneys; from installing lightning conductors and fitting aircraft warning lights to high level inspection. They are often asked to recommend solutions to architects, surveyors and engineers, or to provide health and safety assurances.



Rope access can be used for hard-to-reach areas. Many companies offer rope access services, but they may not be qualified to undertake repairs at height, whereas a Steeplejack is.

The History Of Steeplejacking

Steeplejacking first came to exist in the sixteenth century, when steeplejacks were travelling acrobats. They came with poles, ropes and fearlessness, which made them ideal for this type of work. To advertise their bravery and boldness, they would swing off the spire for villagers and townsfolk to gasp at. In many ways today, we still do make people stop and watch. Early Steeplejacks found there was more money to be made in performing repairs than somersaults; a change that remained with the profession, thankfully.

In the nineteenth century their work shifted to the more mundane and became less elegant. The Industrial Revolution brought massive mills and factories,

all steam-driven and fuelled by coal and their chimneys needed constant maintenance. The steeple climber was suddenly in regular demand, and some time around the 1860s they became known by a more-familiar title: Steeplejack. The name Steeplejack comes from the steeples that they worked on, and 'jack', for jack of all trades.

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NEW LEADERS FOR KINROSS SHOW

KINROSS-SHIRE AGRICULTURAL Society has a new team in place to organise this year's Kinross Show.

Incoming President Ewan Paterson takes over from Harold Greer, the 2021 organiser. Dora Smith moves up to Vice President and Scott Black joins the trustees as the new Junior Vice President. They have also recruited a new Secretary and created the new position of Livestock Secretary.

Ewan from Hillside, Carnbo, takes over the leadership role but having served on the committee for over a decade he is no stranger to what's involved. 'I have helped out in most areas of the show field over the years. I usually take annual leave for the set up and assist with anything to make the day go smoothly' he says. His day job at Allan's Butchery in Auchterarder, means Ewan takes great pride in preparing locally sourced beef and lamb for the customers. "Being the connection between field and fork is what I do everyday and this is very similar to the objectives of the soci-



L-R Becca Thomson, Ewan Paterson and Catriona Jeffrey

ety, Kinross Show is a great way for our visitors to find out more about farming and food production."

Catriona Jeffrey the new Secretary, will co-ordinate the organisation of the event carrying out her new role alongside her existing part-time positions with a local food bank and riding for the disabled charity.

With a background in finance and book-keeping, she ran a successful garage in the central belt with her husband, Neil, for over 20 years. Having recently moved to a countryside home near Dollar, Catriona is looking forward to the new challenge. 'I am enjoying becoming involved in the farming

community and working with the Trustees and committee to plan the event.'

Becca Thomson is the first ever Livestock Secretary and she will work primarily to co-ordinate the Livestock entries. With a strong background in agriculture, having gained a HND in Agriculture from Oatridge, she worked in an administration role at the local machinery ring before re-

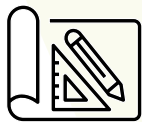
turning home to the family farm at Tillyrie, Milnathort. Becca enjoys helping with both the sheep and cattle enterprises and particularly enjoys bringing out a selection of their pedigree Luings for shows and sales.

She said, 'It's a really interesting time to be working with Kinross Show as we look to maximise the potential of the new technology introduced last year to manage the livestock entries.'

Ewan concludes 'I am delighted to welcome Catriona and Becca to the society, having their extra support will help us ensure Kinross Show is another excellent day out this year.'

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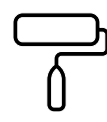
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Kinross-Shire ‘Highest Number Of Boundary Proposals Responses For Whole Of Scotland’

THE BOUNDARY COMMISSION for Scotland have now published all of the comments on their initial proposals. These can be viewed on their website: www.bcs2023review.com. The boundary proposals for Kinross-shire generated the highest number of responses for the whole of Scotland, which is some achievement given our relatively small population. There was strong opposition to the proposals to:

- **Split Kinross-shire between two different constituencies.**
 - **Pair Kinross-shire with Fife rather than Perth and Kinross.**
- There is now a secondary consultation on the initial pro-

posals where people can comment on what people have already said. Representations can be made until Wednesday, 23 March. Again, people can comment in the following ways.

- **On-line:** www.bcs2023review.com
- **By e-mail:** bcscottishboundaries.gov.uk
- **In writing:** Boundary Commission for Scotland, Thistle House, 91 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh, EH12 5HD.

If you missed the chance to comment last time, you can do so this time. If you already commented, you can comment again saying that you support what others have said regarding splitting Kinross-shire in two and preferring being paired with Perth, rather than Fife.

CLIMATE WEBSITE

A NEW WEBSITE DEDICATED to tackling climate change in Perth and Kinross has been launched.

The website www.pkclimateaction.co.uk was developed following requests from residents for a central source of trusted and knowledgeable climate action advice for residents, businesses and visitors.

The new website will allow residents to keep up to date with climate change action across Perth and Kinross.

It will be a platform to share experiences and ideas between groups, encourage others to get involved in climate action and celebrate the valuable work being undertaken by communities to tackle climate change.

KINROSS HIGH STREET: YOUR VIEWS WANTED

FOLLOWING THE KINROSS-SHIRE Local Committee meeting in January, PKC is seeking views on the management and use of space in Kinross High Street given ongoing community concerns.

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CHURCHES THREATENED WITH AXE

BOLD NEW PLANS ARE to be discussed to reform the Church of Scotland in Perth and Kinross. Fourteen church buildings in the Perthshire area would be threatened with closure, including Cleish, Portmoak and Arngask churches.

The planning and development committee of the Presbytery of Perth has produced a draft plan to determine how limited resources should be allocated over a five-year period., with members of the presbytery being asked for their opinions. The presbytery has 45 church buildings and is asking their members to consider

the possible closure of 14 of them within the five year plan.

Committee Convener Rev Allan Wilson said: ‘We are at the beginning of a process to determine how limited resources should be allocated. It requires increased co-operation between congregations and the sharing of resources across existing parish boundaries.’

The draft plan suggests that some congregations could be united and others may be placed under presbytery guardianship to ensure that they continue to function.

The General Assembly of the Church of Scotland have instructed Presbyteries to reduce current staffing. For Perth, the number of Ministers of Word and Sacrament and Ministries Development Staff posts is to be reduced by 37 per cent.

The consultation will last for eight weeks, and a new plan must be agreed by December 31, 2022.

Looking to the future, Mr Wilson said the presbytery is committed to considering any proposal to buy a former church building and maintain it for community use.

New CHAS Jersey For 10th Year Of The Sportive



SPORTIVE KINROSS IS ONE of Scotland’s most popular cycling events and is run by volunteers from Kinross Cycling Club. Since its inception in 2011 the club has supported CHAS and to date the event has raised £75,000 in donations. Sadly the 2020 and 2021 Sportive fell victim to Covid so we know that the cycling community cannot wait to get back onto their bikes and take part in one of Scotland’s best attended Sportives.

To celebrate the tenth year of the event a special jersey was commissioned to celebrate the relationship between the event and CHAS. The jersey was a collaboration between the Sportive organisers, CHAS, and the design department of Kinross High School. Design student Rory Maddocks, a keen cyclist himself, put the design together incorporating graphics created by Isla Riddell, one of the young people who receives support from CHAS.

Event organiser David Haining explains, ‘Sportive Kinross is one of the most popular cycling events in Scotland and has sold out every year it has run. On 30 April 2022 hundreds of cyclists will take on one of the three routes, with many wearing the commemorative jersey. The club would like to thank Isla for her wonderful drawings, Rory for his design skills, Stuart McDonald, Design teacher at Kinross High School, as well as our sponsors Synergy Cycles of Auchterarder and Tunnocks. The jersey costs £45 and can be ordered on the Sportive website with 10% of the sale going to CHAS.

For more information contact Stewart Wilson (Kinross Cycling Club) on 07786 070507 or email stewart.wilson16@btinternet.com.

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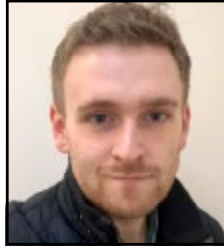
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Councillor Callum Purves



A911 Speed Limit

The first meeting of the Kinross-shire Local Committee was held in January and included a discussion on the stretch of road between Scotlandwell and the border with Fife. As readers will recall, there have been longstanding road safety concerns about the A911 that were brought into focus by the recent fatality.

We had been struggling to make progress on lowering the speed limit on this stretch because of the Council's rigid road safety policy. As this policy area had been devolved to the local committee, however, we were able to take a different approach from the rest of Perth and Kinross.

After hearing from local residents about their concerns, the

Committee agreed to lower the speed limit to 40 mph along the stretch pending a full review as part of a Route Action Plan in the coming financial year. This will also examine other potential speed mitigation measures.

This is exactly the type of thing that the Kinross-shire Local Committee was designed to achieve. It has allowed us to make progress on an issue that seemed intractable. I am hopeful that we will be able to resolve similarly difficult issues as the pilot progresses in the months ahead.

Cleish Primary School

After many delays, there was some positive news about the future of Cleish Primary School following a meeting of the Council's Lifelong Learning Committee in January. The Council has committed to keeping the school open and to improving its condition and suitability.

A number of options were explored and the one that is to be progressed will retain two separate buildings on the site. This will essentially involve the old building being used for dining, office and staff accommodation, and as a multipurpose space while the portacabins will be replaced with two new classrooms.

While this is positive news, I was disappointed by the lack of consultation with the local community, including the parent council. The Council only held one meeting in advance of the paper being presented for decision. I have asked that the Council arranges a meeting as soon as possible so that the parent council and wider community can ask questions on the approach being taken.

Community Campus Access

I have been contacted by a number of community groups who have been concerned by the inability to make bookings at the community campus. Only some sports groups have been allowed to resume using the local facilities following the restrictions brought in as a result of the pandemic.

The Council has repeatedly stated that this is in line with COVID guidelines issued by the Scottish Government in relation to the use of school buildings rather than community venues. When the campus was created, replacing former venues like the town hall, however, the local community were promised that it would be fully open and accessible to the community and not just used as a school.

Given that other community venues are reopening, and gatherings of a larger scale are now taking place (with, where appropriate, mask wearing and social distancing), I am keen to see the community campus brought back into full use for community groups as soon as possible.

After a number of requests, the Council have now confirmed that they are looking to reopen campuses to community groups 'imminently'. I hope that, by the time you read this, they will be accessible again.

Councillor Callum Purves

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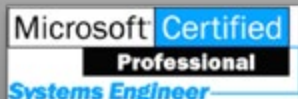


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RAISING THE STANDARD OF CHILDCARE

**John Nicolson,
MP**



AS I WRITE, ‘PARTYGATE’ is all over the news. Every newspaper is headlining with it and my MP in-tray is filled with outrage from constituents and correspondents further afield.

It’s hard to keep track of the detail. It’s perhaps easier to ask on which nights Number 10 wasn’t partying during the pandemic than on which nights it was. There were wine and cheese events in the Downing Street garden. There was a birthday party with cake, candles and a disappearing Chancellor of the Exchequer. And so much celebratory booze was being consumed the night before Prince Philip’s funeral that staffers needed to go out with a suitcase to buy more.

Michael Gove says that we must now show “Christian forgiveness” towards the perpetrators – a carefully chosen phrase, surely, because he highlights both that sin has been committed, but also that no apology has been offered. For to receive forgiveness, repentance must first be offered up. And I see precious little repentance. Instead, there’s a feverish desire to find scapegoats – depute heads must roll, as they used to say at the BBC.

Jacob Rees-Mogg is currently patrolling the tv studios telling us all, in his languid way, that we should stop “fussing about cake”. Can he really be so tone-deaf? The public are not angry about someone randomly eating cake. It is rather what this particular cake represents – who was consuming it and when. Not for the first time in history, we have a cake that symbolises an out-of-touch regime, indulging itself while the people suffer.

I see these events through a very personal prism. March to June of 2020 are seared on my memory. My Mum had had a wee fall at home, went to hospital, and contracted a chest infection.

She threw that off quickly. But doctors didn’t want to discharge her home without physiotherapy so they sent her to a respite centre just as the country went into lockdown. I wasn’t allowed to visit. The rules were quite clear. And, although I phoned every day, she lay alone, month after month without visitors. On the 27th May 2020, we “celebrated” her final birthday over FaceTime with a cake I’d sent in, and a nurse holding it up to the camera. My Mum, desperately lonely, stopped eating and drinking shortly afterwards and died in early June.

The public, I think, hate the weird, convoluted sentences constructed by the Prime Minister and his apologists suggesting that he would be terribly sorry if anyone happened to be upset by his possible presence at a party that he thought was a work event. Across the land, people endured terrible sacrifices. They’re angry that rules that applied to us didn’t appear to apply to our Westminster leaders. And, at the very least, they want a smirk-free acknowledgement of wrongdoing from Downing Street.

John Nicolson, MP

**Jim Fairlie,
MSP**



During the last month the Scottish Parliament marked World Cancer Day with a debate to which I contributed. It was a very personal speech and, if truth be told, I wasn’t as ready for it as I thought I was. I focused on the experience of my brother Andy through his diagnosis, treatment, palliative care and eventual death from a malignant brain tumour.

The cancer was diagnosed 15 years before it ended his life and for at least 13 of them, he lived every moment of it. It is not too many years ago that he wouldn’t have survived more than 2 or 3 years at most. The care and attention of the team at the Beatson gave him – and us – precious time.

And when the time came, the care, respect and dignity he received at the Cornhill Hospice in Perth, was beyond words.

It is for those reasons that I plan to climb Kilimanjaro with a group of his friends later this year to raise funds for the Cornhill Hospice – as a tribute to Andy, and as a recognition of the utterly selfless, amazing work that the people who work there do. So, expect to hear more about that in the months ahead.

Of course, we can’t just be thinking of cancer for that one day of the year and March happens to be the Awareness month for both Prostate Cancer and Ovarian Cancer. In both cases, the older you get, the more at risk you are and one of the symptoms to be aware of is changes in the way you go to the toilet. I would encourage everyone to find out more and speak to their doctor if they have any concerns.

There is no doubt there is much more that we can and must do in trying to deal with all kinds of cancer and some of the ground-breaking work done here in Scotland is fabulous. The new early diagnosis centres are to be welcomed and the sooner they can be rolled out across the country, the better, because early diagnosis is so important.

The elective treatment unit that is being built at the PRI will be transformational in allowing patients to be treated more quickly and effectively, right across Tayside. And, again, the sooner that is completed, the better.

March is also the start of spring, the time of the year for new growth and new beginnings. This March is, almost unbelievably, the second anniversary of when Covid first started to impact on our lives. It is difficult, on a fine spring day, not to have a positive outlook – and it would appear that, in terms of the pandemic, that positive outlook is now justified. Here’s hoping.

Jim Fairlie, MSP

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Councillor Richard Watters



HAVING CAMPAIGNED TO ENSURE that Cleish Primary School did not follow the fate of Blairingone Primary School—which the Tory/Lib Dem administration voted to close—I was delighted to see papers come forward to improve the school estate at Cleish.

The proposal in the papers brought before the Education Committee is to reduce the capacity of the Cleish school to 50 pupils (there are currently 42 pupils attending), to demolish the old cabins, to build two new classrooms, and to refurbish the old traditional building to create a dining room, shared space, and an administrative area. Council is also pursuing the possibility of purchasing new land to increase the currently limited play area.

The original paper said that more detailed proposals would be brought before the committee in four years. In response, the SNP group proposed an amendment to reduce that time to two years—and that was incorporated into the main motion.

It is important—as part of the Council’s commitments to reach net zero—that any new public buildings in Perth and Kinross are built to Passivhaus standards and that any refurbished buildings are made as close to close to Passivhaus standards as possible. So the rebuilding and refurbishing of Cleish Primary School should fit within these standards.

Following on from the recent Tory and Lib Dem decision to shift school meals to frozen meals, some recent investigations have discovered that around 230,000 foil trays are being sent to landfill from Perth and Kinross Schools each year. Concerns have been raised about the environmental impact of this. The PKC waste service manager has agreed to meet with all the relevant parties around the use of single-use items within schools.

It was a privilege to participate in the first Local Area Committee for Kinross-shire earlier this year, debating and voting on papers that have a direct relevance and interest to our local constituents.

Following on from the report last year about Child Poverty in Kinross-shire, I am really concerned about the effect that the sudden dramatic rise in the cost of living is having within our communities. I am concerned both for the people who are currently struggling and for the many more people within our communities who will get drawn into the poverty trap as costs continue to increase. With Broke Not Broken, our local foodbank, also highlighting the strains they have been facing over the past few months, I have asked them to give an update to the Action Partnership on the stresses felt by those in the organisation.

As the Covid Pandemic broke out, we witnessed an amazing reaction from people in Kinross-shire, with a wide range of groups forming and getting actively involved in protecting our communities. During this time, the Action Partnership provided timely and key funding to enable community groups to respond to the pandemic, safeguarding our communities. As we see poverty levels rise and other challenges face our communities, it is essential that we ensure our Action Partnerships are funded to help address inequalities within the area.

If you are struggling, please seek help. The Scottish Government has a ‘Home Heating Support Fund’ available. If you know someone who is struggling with rising fuel costs, please find more information at <https://homeheatingadvice.scot>. Or contact Broke Not Broken.

Councillor Richard Watters

Liz Smith, MSP



KINROSS NEWSLETTER READERS will have been concerned by the very recent February statistics which show a decrease in the number of local police officers in Scotland. The national decrease of 643 officers across Scotland translates into the loss of 35 local police officers across Tayside. This means the total number is down from 968 in 2013 to 933 now.

In particular, residents of Kinross-shire will be worried about the impact this will have on police trying to do their best to cope with rising level of rural crime, including dirty camping around Loch Leven, fly-tipping, and deer and fish poaching, all of which increased during the pandemic. Councillor Callum Purves last year requested that Perth and Kinross Council’s Ranger Service patrol the area around Loch Leven more closely and I have heard this had a very positive effect in reducing the levels of rural crime. I am pleased that the ranger service will be making a return in the spring and summer of 2022 so that everyone can continue to enjoy what rural Kinross-shire has to offer.



Residents of Kinross will also be aware of the two recent break-ins, the first on Broom Road, and the second nearby the following day – The police confirmed that the thief has been arrested and charged. In a separate case, I was shown evidence of a car stolen from Cleish and driven to Lathro Park in Kinross where it was subsequently burned (*pic above*). I am aware that the recent spate of crime in Kinross-shire is of great concern locally and I will be looking to urgently raise these concerns with the police.

My conversations with police in Tayside show how determined they are to do a good job, to keep our communities safer and to tackle crime across Perth and Kinross but they also tell us about the pressure they are facing, especially when it comes to staffing. I will continue to raise the matter of cuts to Police Scotland in the Scottish Parliament.

Liz Smith, MSP

Councillor Willie Robertson



LOCH LEVEN: I voiced my concerns about Loch Leven in last months newsletter. We can’t afford to allow this, our most important asset, to deteriorate. Algal blooms many which are poisonous to humans and animals are become increasingly more common. As a result of this I have written to SEPA asking for them to consider introducing tighter controls in the amounts of phosphorous they permit to be discharged into our loch.

I am pleased that my fellow ward councillors have agreed to have their names added to the letter. Please see the full letter below;

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*Ms. Jo Green, Acting Chief Executive,
Scottish Environment Protection Agency,*

Dear Ms Green,

We are contacting you because of the increasing level of concern in Kinross-shire regarding the water quality in Loch Leven.

There appears to be growing instances of algal blooms, some of which are toxic, which now seem to last for many months of the year. The water quality in the loch has been improving over the last 20 years but it now appears that these improvements have not only stalled but are now regressing. Evidence given to the Loch Leven Catchment Management Committee backs this up. As you will be aware Loch Leven plays a vital part in our local economy being a major tourist attraction and leisure destination. It is a Special Protection Area, RAMSAR site and National Nature Reserve of international importance.

Phosphorus (P) input into Loch Leven is the main source of the nutrients which cause algal blooms. There are limits set for the amount of P permitted to be discharged by our Waste Water Treatment Plants (WWTP) but these limits were set many years ago. The original standard set in 1990s for a maximum of 2mg/L total phosphorus still applies at Milnathort WWTP, but in 2007 the limit for Kinross was changed to a new value of 3mg/L soluble reactive P (equivalent to a permitted deterioration to approximately 4mg/l TP). Since then the amounts of treated sewage entering Loch Leven has risen substantially due to the levels of development which has increased the P loading in the loch. Meanwhile, accepted discharge limits of less than 2mg/L are now being set in the UK and elsewhere and we believe that the inputs to the loch here should be in line with best practice in other parts of the world.

On top of this Milnathort and Kinross have combined sewerage systems. In periods of heavy rainfall the sewers and WWTPs can't handle the flows and are forced to divert the excess untreated combined sewage and stormwater directly into Loch Leven.

Perth & Kinross Council are about to review our Local Development Plan. Before allocating more housing locally in this new LDP it is important for decision makers to be aware of the impact further development will have on the health of Loch Leven.

Currently there is no limit in the total weight of P entering Loch Leven, just a condition limiting the concentration. We would like this changed with a total weight limit being added in a bid to reduce the current P load from these sources entering Loch Leven. This would greatly help in protecting the loch from creeping deterioration in future. We note that SEPA already has planned work for the agricultural inputs to the loch; it

is the town inputs which seem to be moving in the opposite direction.

We would be grateful if you could consider this request for a review of the CAR licence conditions for the Kinross and Milnathort treated sewage effluent discharges. We also request that the CAR Licences for the overflows from the sewerage networks are reviewed, adding a requirement for quantification of the frequency and duration of the overflow episodes and routine reporting that data to SEPA. Such actions will help us reduce the P loading of Loch Leven and help to reverse the deterioration in water quality we are experiencing. With climate change exacerbating the impacts of inputs, these reviews to bring inputs in line with current accepted best practice are even more urgent. Loch Leven is a very important local and international asset which we all have a duty to protect and enhance.

Kind regards,

*Cllr. Willie Robertson, Cllr. Michael Barnacle,
Cllr. Callum Purves, Cllr. Richard Watters.*

ROAD WORKS: Persimmon Homes are planning to lay new sewers at the southern end of Milnathort and Auld Mart Road. These road works are down to last for at least six weeks and will cause massive inconvenience to local people. The works in Auld Mart Road are due to begin on the 21st February and will last for five weeks. The works between Auld Mart Road and Dalwhamie Street on the main road will start on the 28th. March are planned to last nine weeks. I will be doing my best to limit the disruption for local people.

GALLOWHILL ROAD: Residents of Gallowhill Road are very concerned about the number of heavy good vehicles using Gallowhill Road to access the Persimmon Phase 2 site. I have contacted the Council to see what action can be taken to stop site traffic using the southern end of Gallowhill Road. This road has very narrow pavements in places and is very well used by pedestrians and cyclists.

DANGEROUS TREES: I am regularly contacted by people concerned about trees on Council-owned land which have become overgrown and dangerous. The Council has no budget for tree work so tend to do nothing to address concerns expressed. I have asked for money to be allocated in this years Council budget to allow at least some work to be carried out on problem trees. I already have experience of a tree reported to me, on which the Council refused to take action, falling onto the house of the person who had voiced concerns about it. I don't want this to happen to any other resident.

Councillor Willie Robertson

Councillor Mike Barnacle



I CHAIRED THE FIRST historic meeting of the Kinross-shire Local Committee of PKC on 20 January 2022, which I had hoped would be in public in Kinross-shire but COVID restrictions did not allow that. We had a full attendance of Elected Kinross-shire Ward members and the appointed representatives of the six Community Councils in the Ward.

We noted the 'pilot' Scheme of Administration agreed by PKC last October after long discussions between local members and Officers to agree an acceptable scheme. We have an agreed Evaluation Brief for the "Pilot" scheme and it is up to the Committee to demonstrate in the next 12 months that the "model" is making a difference for Kinross-shire.

We discussed the Report on the PKC-wide 20 mph Speed Limit Trial presented to the Environment Committee on 27 October 2021 which featured a village straddling an A class road, i.e. Kinnesswood. The Traffic Order for a 20 mph limit here to be permanent was approved but it was noted that further measures other than the speed limit would need to be considered through further consultation in Kinnesswood.

We had a deputation from residents living along the A911 east of Scotlandwell on the Report into further road safety measures to address speed of vehicles at this locus. Despite the report not advising a reduced speed limit at this stage but referencing the Route Action Plan for the A911 currently being worked on, Councillor Purves moved that we should introduce a 40 mph limit between Scotlandwell and Auchmuirbridge and all local members agreed this course of action. Further mitigation measures would follow as part of the Route Action Plan.

We agreed the Report on the former Blairingone Primary School that I had asked for. It was noted that the school had been declared surplus to requirements contrary to the wishes of three local members in June 2019 and that there are currently no facilities in the village itself. It would cost in excess of £30,000 to bring the premises back to a useable condition, if the community is interested in the future lease or purchase from PKC. I am currently involved in trying to establish a Fossoway and Muckhart Community Development Trust that could be in a position to progress this and we have been given another year from the Trust being established to gauge public support for retention of the buildings for community use, as opposed to sale to a third party.

I appraised the Committee on the background to "discussion on making a recommendation to PKC on engaging with neighbouring local authorities and the Scottish Government on the principle and funding of proposals to improve co-ordination of planning and management in the Lomond and Ochil Hills, including the extension of the Lomond Hills Regional Park to Lochleven and the

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establishment of an Ochil Hills Regional Park". Background to this was a document "Ochil Hills – a special place" updated in 2016 which support of Friends of the Ochils; a briefing note on the "Co-ordination of Planning and Management in the Ochil Hills" from 2019 following participation of Friends of the Ochils in the 2019 "Review of Regional Parks" organised by the Scottish Campaign for National Parks and APRS (I am a member of the Council for Rural Scotland) and finally an email from APRS on the new Shared Policy Programme of August 2021 coalition agreement between the Scottish Government and the Green Party re National and Regional Parks. The whole purpose of this potential Motion to PKC was to kickstart the process of engagement needed to further discussion on the benefits and funding available for improved management, possibly including establishment of an Ochils Regional Park, as soon as possible. This may also address the loss of the Local Landscape Area for Rumbling Bridge Gorge. There was strong support from Portmoak CC for pursuing this Motion and the whole Committee endorsed that approach.

The Kinross Town Centre Regeneration Scheme Report summarised previous consultations and agreement on the design and development of public realm improvements in Kinross Town Centre and recommended further action on traffic management and signage to improve the Scheme through further reviews of data, surveys and consultation with the community in Kinross following representations from local members and the CC. It was agreed to bring a report back to a future Committee after all this had been done.

Finally, I asked the Committee to agree the Agenda note in relation to the meeting of the Kinross Common Good Fund Committee that met in December 2021 to assess applications from Light Up Kinross and Kinross-shire Move Greener Organisation (KMGO) and to homologate the decisions made. Normally Common Good applications are within the remit of our new Local Committee but we had not met when these applications needed to be determined.

In summary, I thought our first meeting went well with good engagement from CC representatives. Provisionally, we have a next meeting scheduled for 24 March, hopefully in public!

I finally note that there will be Elections for PKC in early May 2022 and I would ask readers to consider only voting for candidates that are committed to the principle of the Area Committee that Councillor Purves and I have pushed so hard for and wish to see as a permanent feature of PKC committee structures going forward.

Councillor Mike Barnacle

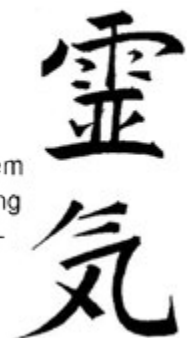
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- A child or young person who seems unfamiliar with the local area?
- A child or young person being approached or intimidated by a controlling peer or group?
- A child or vulnerable person who is deliberately avoiding authority figures such as police officers or security guards?
- More people calling at a local address than normal? Sometimes at unsociable hours?
- Suspicious vehicles or people at an address?
- A neighbour has not been seen for a while?

If you see something concerning either a young or vulnerable person that doesn't feel right, or looks suspicious, you can **report your concerns** 100% anonymously to the charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or contact Police Scotland direct.

Updates

A 62 year old woman was arrested for drink driving on the A823 near Yettis O Muckhart on Thursday 3 February.

A 37 year old man has been arrested and remanded in custody for housebreaking with intent to steal at a property in Montgomery Road, Kinross on Sunday 6 February.

A 34 year old man was arrested for theft by housebreaking after being caught by officers leaving a property in South Street, Milnathort in possession of stolen property on Sunday 27 January. He was also found to be in possession of a knife.

A 32 year old man was arrested for stealing an Audi Q3 from Viewfar Road, Milnathort on Tuesday 29 January. The car was recovered in St Serfs Road, Crook of Devon.

Anyone with any information that may be useful should contact Tayside Division on 101 or any police officer, quoting the crime

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

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

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

- **Contact the independent charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.** You can also visit their website at www.crimestoppers-uk.org

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

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Community officers for Kinross-shire:

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

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

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PC Spalding is also on Police Scotland twitter and can be followed on twitter.com/policescotland or [@Kinross](https://twitter.com/Kinross)

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Kinross' Champion Angler

Archibald Eric Carradale Campbell
13 March 1934 – 11 January 2021

KNOWN TO EVERYONE AS ERIC, he was born in Kinross on 13th March 1934 to Archibald Campbell who had a grocers shop in Kinross and Cecilia Baillie Campbell (nee Hendry) a clerkess.

Eric had 3 older sisters – Kate, Nettie and Bessie and 1 younger sister Edith.

Losing both parents at a young age, his father when he was 4yrs old and his mother when he was 9yrs old meant Eric was brought up by his older sisters Kate and Bessie.

When Eric was just a boy, he caught his first trout from the South Queich burn which runs into Loch Leven using a branch, a piece of string and a bent nail as a hook with a worm on it. And so began a lifelong passion for angling which led to a distinguished fishing career.

1946 – 1949, Eric went to Perth Academy
 1949 – 1954, Mining Surveyors Apprenticeship

1954 – 1964, Colliery Surveyor, gaining a Home Office Mine Surveyors Certificate, plus a City & Guilds Of London Institute in Mine Surveying (First Class) in 1955

1964 – 1977, Colliery Planner

1977 – 1985, Surveyor Project Planner

1985 – 1989, Senior Scottish Planning Engineer in Surveying Department.



After working for the National Coal Board during the day, Eric would work as a Boatman on Loch Leven in the evenings and at weekends. This was before outboard motors were used so there were two Boatmen, one on the front oar and one on the rear oar, there could be one or two anglers per boat. At this time, catches of 100 trout per boat in the evenings could sometimes be obtained.

Eric started competition angling in 1955 when 21 years of age. By 1982 he had fished in 304 club competitions winning 97 of them. Fishing for two clubs C.I.S.W.O. and Tullibole, each club could hold 12 competitions per year. The winner obtained points and at the end of the year, the person with the most points was the club champion. Up until 1982, Eric had been club champion on 28 occasions.

The club champion then represented their club fishing in the Scottish National Trout Fly Fishing Championship which is the oldest National Trout Fly Fishing Competition in the world. It was started on 1st July 1880. 375 – 400 competitors fish in eliminatory heats then 2 semi finals then the final.

Eric won the Scottish National Trout Fly Fishing Championship twice, first in 1970 and again in 1985. He also won the Loch Leven Championship twice, a competition which was held at the end of the year for the anglers who had fished Loch Leven the most that season. This was an invitation event; the only angler guaranteed to fish it was the winner of the Scottish National.

Eric represented Scotland on 31 occasions, 27 times in the Home Internationals which are normally held twice a year between Scotland, England, Ireland and Wales, a record which still stands today.



One International is fished in the spring/summer and one in the autumn, with each country taking its turn to host the event.

In the summer of 1977 he was Scotland International Team Manager fishing Grafham Water in England, he won the Brown Bowl which is presented to the angler with the top catch from the 4 countries, he would also win the Phoenix Silver Salver which is awarded to the top Scottish angler. In the autumn International the same year, fishing at Loch Leven he again won the Phoenix Silver Salver as he was the top Scottish angler, the first time this has ever been done.

In 1984 Eric was again the Scottish International Team manager whilst fishing at Llyn Brenig in Wales.

Later that year he won the Loch Leven Championship and for good measure, he also won the prize for the heaviest fish caught that day, a fish of 4lbs 2oz.

He also represented Scotland in the European Championships and World Championships for trout fly fishing for which he was Scottish team captain and team manager. Eric was a founding member of the Scottish Anglers National Association, of which he was president.

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The symptoms of ovarian cancer are frequent (they usually happen more than 12 times per month) and persistent. They include:


- *Persistent bloating - not bloating that comes and goes*
- *Feeling full quickly and/or loss of appetite*
- *Pelvic or abdominal pain (that's your tummy and below)*
- *Urinary symptoms (needing to wee more urgently or more often than usual).*
- *Occasionally there can be other symptoms:*
- *Changes in bowel habit (eg diarrhoea or constipation)*
- *Extreme fatigue (feeling very tired)*
- *Unexplained weight loss*
- *Any bleeding after the menopause should always be investigated by a GP*

If you have any of these symptoms more than 12 times a month and they are not normal for you please telephone reception on 01577 862112 and make an appointment with your GP to discuss further. Further information is available on the Target Ovarian Cancer website: www.targetovariancancer.org.uk

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 <p>While these sessions are usually drop-in, currently you must either phone the number for the agency you wish to connect with or contact Shona 07896 280843 shona.fowler@nhs.scot or Declan 07557 488902 declanjones@pkc.gov.uk</p>				
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THE POVERTY MYTH

This is the first of a monthly column by Joyce Horsman, Principal Solicitor at Dundee Law Centre (www.dundee.law.org). She lives in Kinross-shire and is the Assistant Editor of the Newsletter.

THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC has taught us many lessons; arguably the most important is that anything can happen and nothing in this life is certain. Any of us can be afflicted by health conditions, mental illness, redundancy and the financial pressures these events can bring. Many of us naively think that, if the worst should happen, the state will step in; protect us and fund us. Make sure we are warm, safe and fed in our darkest hours. Others also live in the comfortable ignorance that 'it won't happen to me'.

Unfortunately, it is not that simple. The law sets out various eligibility criteria for both welfare benefits and housing; and it may not be what you expect.

That said, there is a lot of assistance and protection out there; you have to know what you are entitled to and where to go for assistance. In a society where the need for food banks is increasing on a quarterly basis, it is arguably time for us to wake up and realise that poverty is something which can, and does, affect us all.

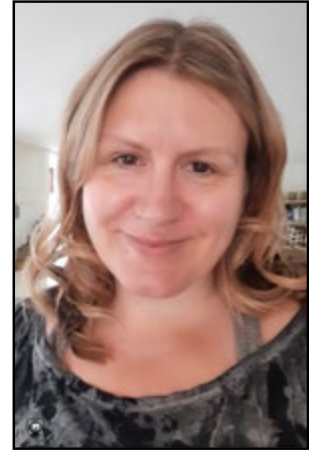
The Department for Work and Pensions has traditionally been the provider of state benefits such as Income Support, Jobseekers Allowance and, more recently, Universal Credit. There are different categories within the Universal Credit system. For example, some people qualify for 'limited capability for work' (LCW) or 'limited capability for work and work related activity' (LCWRA). Not only are these terms a bit of a tongue twister, it is not entirely clear who qualifies and who

does not. Many initial decisions are overturned at Tribunal stage and only the lucky few who have access to adequate legal advice and representation venture that far. It is the same with Personal Independence Payment ('PIP'); there are categories for daily living and mobility activities and then there are different rates which are assessed against a range of 'descriptors' which are set down in legislation.

Add into the mix the fact that the recently formed Social Security Scotland (SSS) is taking over some welfare benefit provision in Scotland on a piecemeal and trial basis, it is no wonder that people get confused! All this is before you consider the whole access to justice issue and the fact that many claimants struggle with literacy issues and digital exclusion.

This introductory article is one in a series that aims to highlight that we should not turn a blind eye to those who are struggling financially, usually through no fault of their own, and who cannot access the welfare benefits system which we are all vaguely aware of. We all know about food banks and most of us lament their necessity in modern day society. However, the problem is deeper, more complex and needs to be addressed. The first step is awareness and I hope this short piece has at least made you think.

Joyce



My Mother's Hands

Winning Ways by Jo Middlemiss

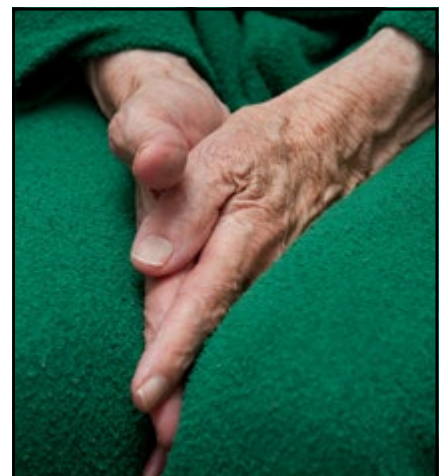
I COME FROM A big family. I am one of eight children – five boys and three girls. My parents were both doctors, so it was a very busy home. If you were to have seen my parents, you might think they were a mis-match. My father was 40 when they married, and my mother was only 28. My father was bald, short and inclined to plumpness, and my mother was tall, slim and elegant. They were very, very fond of each other, and a terrific team. Children generally take after their parents, and we were no different, but I got my father's genes, apart from the baldness, and to tell the truth, I'd rather have had my mother's.

Consequently, all of my life I have persuaded myself that I was nothing like my mother, when suddenly, the other day, when I was bashing something out on the keyboard, I saw my mother's hands. After she died, I inherited her engagement ring, which I wear with great joy and pride. And here it was on my finger, something that I have been familiar with every day of my life. Now,

sometimes I look in the mirror and there she is again, smiling at me. Or I meet a cousin after a long absence, and she says, 'You look just like your mother.' It is so funny to hear, because it's something that I have never ever thought.

But back to hands – her hands. When she was very old – she lived until she was 97 – I used to spend a lot of time caring for her, and that entailed looking after her hands and feet. In contemplating those hands, which were still elegant, but a bit stiff and knobbly with arthritis, I got to thinking about all the things those hands had done. Caring for her ever-increasing brood, washing, ironing, cooking (the best cake and scone maker I'll ever know), gardening, driving and playing golf.

As I said, she was a doctor, and after we were all at school, she went back to work as a school doctor, and would be in and out of schools all over Glasgow, examining and inoculating hundreds of children. She loved those days. These musings have somehow brought back to me great memories and appreciation of my mother, and all the wonderful,



thoughtful and selfless things she did for myself and my siblings.

I know that it is not everyone's story, but if we do have the great good fortune to have had great parenting, then it is something to be rejoiced in, and celebrated. I am still the smallest in the family, and I would be as plump as my Dad if I didn't watch out, but I have realised after all these years that I am truly grateful to take after my Mum, in many of the ways that matter, and that feels very good.

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Kinross Community Council News from the January meeting

Present at the meeting held on 25 January were CClr L McKay, (Chair), CClr D Colliar, CClr W Freeman, CClr H Phillips, CClr T Stewart, Cllr C Purves, one member of the public, Mrs Caron Aird (minute-taker).

Apologies had been received from CClr M Wood, Cllr M Barnacle, Cllr W Robertson, Cllr R Watters and Police Scotland.

Police Report

A police report had been received and had been circulated to members.

Matters Arising

It was noted that the hole in the road at Gellybank had been repaired.

Kinross Town Centre

CCllr D Colliar advised that he had attended the first meeting of the recently formed Kinross-shire Local Committee last week where it had been confirmed that the review of the Town Centre was under way.

Kirkgate Park – Hot Mobile Food Service

CCllr L McKay advised that the lady who had contacted her with this suggestion had now decided against pursuing the idea.

Burns Begg Street/High Street Junction – Suggestion of Mini Roundabout

CCllr McKay advised that she had spoken to Cllr W Robertson about this and he would look into this and report back.

Planning Matters

Planning Applications Received

21/01767/LBC – alterations to Kirkland Hotel, 20 High Street, Kinross. *21/01627/FLL* – extension to dwelling house at 17 Mavisbank, Kinross

21/01589/LAW – extension to dwelling house (proposed) at 14 Ross Street, Kinross

21/01563/FLL – alterations and extension to vehicle workshop and garage at 6 Smith Street, Kinross

21/01544/FLL – extension to dwelling house at Beaufield, Middle Balado, Kinross

21/01536/FLL - erection of 10 dwelling houses, garages and associated works (LDP site H51) at land to the south of the A977 Balado

21/01433/FLL – alterations to dwelling house (revised design) at 16 Swansacre, Kinross. *21/01403/FLL* – installation of replacement windows at 100 High Street, Kinross

21/01402/LBC – alterations to 100 High Street, Kinross

21/0214/FLL – erection of 2 dwelling houses (change of house types – plots 7 and 8) at land 110 metres south east of Beaufield, Balado

21/02027/FLL – erection of 2 dwelling houses and garages (revised design) at land 20 metres south west of 16 Curate Wynd, Kinross

21/01988/FLL – extension to dwelling house at 4 Garrowhill Road, Kinross

21/01976/FLL – extension to dwelling house at 3 Green Road, Kinross

21/01866/FLL – erection of 3 dwelling houses and associated works (revised design – change of house types – plots 1, 2 and

3) at land 110 metres south east of Beaufield, Balado

21/02203/FLL - extension to dwelling house at 108 Argyll Road, Kinross

21/02013/LAW – erection of an office and fence (proposed) at 47 Green Park, Kinross

21/01992/FLL – extension to car park, reinstatement of window and alterations to boundary treatment at former Bank of Scotland, 2 High Street, Kinross

21/01990/LBC – alterations to former Bank of Scotland, 2 High Street, Kinross

21/01724/LBC – reinstatement of fire-damaged roof at top flat, 111 High Street, Kinross

22/00010/FLL – alterations to dwelling house at Woodside, St Ronan's Drive, Kinross

22/0009/LAW – installation of replacement conservatory roof (proposed) at 2 Sandport Gait, Kinross

21/02189/FLL – alterations and extension to dwelling house at Mulberry Cottage, Easter Balado, Kinross

21/02149/FLL – formation of storage compound at Nelson Car Transport Yard, Balado Bridge Poultry Farm, Balado

Planning Applications Determined

21/01767/LBC – alterations to Kirkland Hotel, 20 High Street, Kinross, approved

21/01627/FLL – extension to dwelling house at 17 Mavisbank, Kinross, refused

21/01589/LAW – extension to dwelling house (proposed) at 14 Ross Street, Kinross, approved

21/01563/FLL – alterations and extension to vehicle workshop and garage at 6 Smith Street, Kinross, approved

21/01544/FLL – extension to dwelling house at Beaufield, Middle Balado, Kinross, approved

21/01433/FLL – alterations to dwelling house (revised design) at 16 Swansacre, Kinross, approved

21/01403/FLL – installation of replacement windows at 100 High Street, Kinross, approved

21/01402/LBC – alterations to 100 High Street, Kinross, approved

21/01988/FLL – extension to dwelling house at 4 Garrowhill Road, Kinross, refused

21/01976/FLL – extension to dwelling house at 3 Green Road, Kinross, approved

21/01852/FLL – extension to dwelling house at 4 Morlich Place, Kinross, approved

21/01290/FLL – alterations and extension to dwelling house at Mayfield, 13 Sandport, Kinross, approved

21/01329/FLL – S42 application to amend condition 4 (access construction) and delete condition 14 (street lighting) of planning permission *16/00996/FLL* at land 110 metres south east of Beaufield, Balado, approved

Other Planning Matters

Complaint from Mr R Caldwell re application *21/01729/FLL*

The CC had received an email of complaint from Mr Caldwell in respect of application *21/01729/FLL* which had been discussed at the October 2021 meeting. In his email, Mr Caldwell advised that this application had been the second submission of the same application this year, with the earlier submission have been refused on a number of grounds. Mr Caldwell believed that the members of KCC who were present at the October

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2021 meeting had not been provided with the full information in respect of this application and had agreed that there had been no reason to refuse the application.

Mr Caldwell has therefore asked KCC to debate the application again, which he believes is a breach of the Development Plan (2019) and withdraw their letter of support until deliberations had been concluded.

In response to Mr Caldwell's email, Councillor Colliar advised that minutes of a meeting do not, and cannot, reflect the whole discussion on a particular subject and confirmed that Milnathort CC had previously refused to support the application. Councillor Colliar noted that Mr Caldwell claimed that the application was contrary to the Development Plan (2019) but on checking, there had been no specific policies against that plan, and on checking the application itself, there had been no objectives submitted from anyone, including Mr Caldwell.

It was agreed that the decision taken at the October CC meeting would stand.

Proposed Sale of Private Parking Area to Owner of Myre Cottage, Smith Street, Kinross

Councillor W Freeman advised that PKC had emailed the CC to advise of the Council's proposal to sell a small area of ground held on Common Good to the owner of Myre Cottage, Smith Street, Kinross. The area was 82 square metres and would allow the owner of the property access to the 2 existing and established access gates to the property and for parking directly in front of the property windows.

There is no existing community use of the area in question and it is utilised as a small private parking area and for the owner of the cottage to take access to their property.

It was agreed that PKC's email would be circulated to members but after discussion, it was agreed that Councillor H Phillips would write to PKC opposing the application.

Reports from PKC Councillors

Cllr Purves advised that the first meeting of the Kinross-shire Local Committee had been held last week and he hoped that this would continue to grow, demonstrating that local decisions affecting the area were being taken appropriately. Budgets are yet to be announced, and while it was noted that local government would receive an increase in their budgets, this had proved not to be the case.

Councillor McKay reported that there needed to be funding spent on parks as she felt these were not safe, both in terms of the condition of the equipment and the surrounding areas.

Reports From CC Representatives

Councillor Colliar

KCC Accounts: Councillor Colliar enquired as to the whereabouts of the current accounts as these were required to be submitted to PKC by 28 February 2022. It was believed that the Accounts were currently with Ross McConnell and Councillor Colliar would contact him to confirm this.

Christmas Deliveries: Councillor Colliar advised he had been contacted by a resident complaining about the lack of street signs in the area and the issues this was causing with the number of extra deliveries being made in the run up to Christmas. Councillor Colliar had spoken to all the Councillors but both Cllrs Purves and Robertson had responded to advise that they would visit the particular area to see the issue for themselves. Councillor Colliar would contact them again for an update

Councillor McKay advised that a number of delivery drivers had been from without the area and therefore were struggling to find addresses. She also highlighted an issue with Bughton Road and Wilson Court, where signs were covered by hedges.

Kinross-shire Local Committee: The first meeting had been held last week and while it had been quite successful, there had been very little discussion with regard to Kinross with

most discussion focusing on Scotlandwell and Kinneswood, especially the 40mph speed limit to join up with the Fife side. However, the committee had confirmed that the review of Kinross High Street was underway and they would look at the potholes in Kinross. It was noted that the sign about the Provost's Lamp had been erected but there was a planter in front of it, which may restrict access to residents with mobility issues. Councillor Colliar agreed to contact Kinross in Bloom to see if this could be moved. He also advised that there was still some funding available and whilst this should be returned to KiB, there were suggestions of incorporating a bench or 2 larger single seats into the area, and possibly some paving.

Light Up Kinross: It was noted that there had been ten new lights erected at Christmas

Drainage at Springfield Road/junction with The Muirs: It was noted that this required to be fixed as flooding was now becoming an issue. Councillor McKay advised she had previously reported this, along with the requirement to fix the pavement in the area.

Councillor H Phillips

Parking at Greens

She had received a number of complaints in respect of the new parking arrangements at Greens – signage is not visible, narrow entrance, pay machine not visible, short duration (45 mins) and a number of complaints letters would be issued in the next edition of the *Newsletter*.

CC members agreed with the complaints and it was suggested that Councillor Phillips write to the owners (Greens) highlighting these issues Councillor Colliar is to provide the correct email address.

Councillor W Freeman

Partnership/Website

Councillor Freeman suggested that a meeting be arranged to discuss the new website, which was still at the drawing stage. Councillor Colliar disagreed with this saying that the CC had previously decided to go ahead with the *Newsletter* website and withdraw from using the Kinross.cc website.

After discussion, it was agreed that the CC would stand by the decision made at a previous meeting.

The next meeting of Kinross Community Council will be on 22 March 2022 at 7.30pm.

Milnathort And Orwell Community Council

News from the December Meeting

Apologies: Apologies were received from Kevin Heneghan (associate member); Councillor Michelle Kirkbright and PKCllrs Richard Watters and Willie Robertson.

Minutes Of The November Meeting

Approved following brief discussion. Cllr Calum Purves said that he and the other ward councillors were no longer receiving CC minutes, which Chairman Malcolm Thomson promised to rectify.

Police Matters

There were no police in attendance, which, it was hoped, indicated that there had been no incidents of concern in Milnathort.

Correspondence

Email from the Arnold Clark Community Fund, which offers financial help to registered UK charities and community groups affected by coronavirus. Visit www.arnoldclark.com for more information. Noted.

Email from Scottish Water encouraging people to prepare their homes for winter, particularly second homes, where pipes should be insulated. Noted.

Advice from PKC about changes to waste collection dates over the festive period.

Notification about PKC's £400,000 Health and Wellbeing Fund, set up to provide support during COVID-19. Applications close on March 31, 2022. Noted following brief discussion.

Traffic notice advising of BT repair works in Victoria Avenue on January 17, 2022. Noted.

Planning Matters:

Ref 21/01973/FLL: Erection of a house on land 50 metres south west of Lighthland Stables, Mawcarse. **Refused.**

Ref 21/01906/FLL: Alterations to garage at Killyburn Park, Mawcarse. **Awaiting decision.**

Ref 21/01900/FLL: Alterations and extension to house at 6 Mawcarse Crossroads. **Approved.**

Speedwatch

Cllr Andrea Ward advised that she had carried out a survey via the Milnathort Neighbours Facebook page to ascertain people's views on speeding in the village. Fifty-eight people completed the survey and 21 of those expressed an interest in finding out more about becoming a Speedwatch volunteer. There was widespread concern about pedestrian safety, particularly in South Street, New Road, Stirling Road and Burleigh Road, where speeders were frequently observed, sometimes even leaving the road altogether. Speedwatch is a police-led initiative and they would provide training. Cllr Purves said that Cllr Robertson had been leading this project and hoped to see it rolled out throughout Kinross-shire, although volunteers wouldn't necessarily operate in their own villages. Following discussion, it was agreed that Cllr Ward would forward the information she'd obtained to all four ward councillors.

Responding to a question from a member of the public about 20mph zones, Cllr Purves said that five villages across Perth and Kinross – including Kinnesswood – had had 20mph zones set up on a trial basis, but they hadn't made a great deal of difference in terms of speeding traffic unless other mitigation measures were in place. He advised that this was an issue that had now been devolved to Kinross-shire.

Core Paths

The chairman reported that the landowner at Hattonburn Farm had asked for the core path there to be relocated as walkers were straying onto his land. It was eventually agreed that the path would remain *in situ* but that it would be maintained by the CC's own core paths group so that there was no doubt as to its location.

Vacancies

The CC was still without a treasurer or secretary and it was agreed that a concerted effort should be made to fill these posts. It is also hoped that younger people will be encouraged to join the CC and, after discussion, it was agreed to invest in a large advert in the Newsletter and to contact Kinross Community Council in the hope of joining forces to attract young members.

Councillors' Reports

Cllr Purves advised that the inaugural meeting of the Kinross-shire Committee was scheduled for 18 January and he thanked the CC chairman for forwarding input from MCC.

News from the January Meeting

Apologies were received from Cllr Craig Williams and Cllr Michelle Kirkbright.

Secretary and treasurer Cllr Malcolm Thomson, chairman, advised that these two positions had now been filled.

Police Matters

Wildlife crime: Cllr Andrea Ward will circulate the Commander's Bulletin on wildlife crime to other CC members and publicise it on social media.

Parking on 'H' white lines: A number of complaints have been received about this and there is confusion about whether it is illegal or advisory. 'H' white lines are those with a bar at each end, such as the one in Church Street, but there are concerns that parking on them could obstruct access for emergency vehicles. Cllr Ward has spoken to the police, who say that anyone seen parking on them should be reported via 101.

Correspondence:

Email from PKC inviting CCs to comment on its strategic tourism plan. Cllr Ward will circulate.

Email regarding PKC housing strategy team consultation. Cllr Ward will share the appropriate link.

Notification from Scottish Civic Trust about its annual 'My Place' award scheme for 2022. Cllr Ward will share the information with the public.

Letter from a local resident about foil container recycling. There used to be a facility in Back Loan but Ba'hill is now being considered.

Parking on 'H' white lines: A number of complaints have been received about this, particularly in relation to Church Street and Wester Loan. PKCllr Willie Robertson said that the roads department had contacted him to say that a gritter had been unable to access Wester Loan one morning and he had written to the police to ask if they would speak to the vehicle owners concerned. He was not in favour of installing yellow lines as this measure would lead to its own problems but they may be used as a last resort.

Planning

Applications Submitted:

21/01708/AML: Erection of a house (approval of matters specified in conditions of 17/01861/IPL) on land 50 metres east of Sallyvonteen. **Awaiting decision.** Noted.

21/01729/FLL: Change of use from agricultural storage building to workshop (class 5) and display area, and erection of a fence on land 70 metres south of Gallowhill Cottage. **Awaiting decision.** Noted.

Applications Decided:

Ref. No 21/01900/FLL: Alterations and extension to house at 6 Mawcarse Crossroads. **Approved.**

Core Paths

Kevin Heneghan reported that the Core Paths group had been given funding by PKC to buy its own petrol strimmer for cutting back bushes. The path alongside the golf course is to be tidied up and potholes filled. The Men's Shed is soon to re-start and members are to make benches that will be sited on appropriate paths. Kevin advised that he had spoken to one landowner who was happy for benches to be located on his land.

Members of the public who'd like to help tidy local paths can do so by contacting kevin@rockpool.co.uk and protection equipment will be provided.

Kinross-shire Fund: The Fund's advisory committee is looking for a member from MCC. After a brief discussion, it was agreed that Phil Britton will take on the role, as he is shortly to be co-opted on to the CC.

Traffic Issues

Speeding and road safety

Following discussion, it was agreed that Cllr Purves will arrange a site visit with PKC road safety officers, to be attended by Cllr Ward, to get advice about appropriate mitigation measures. The issue is also to be discussed at the first meeting of the Kinross-shire Committee. Cllr Ward also agreed to send a list

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of potential Speedwatch volunteers to Cllr Robertson, who will contact them with further details about the scheme.

Loch Leven

Cllr Robertson advised that he had attended a meeting of the Loch Leven Catchment Management Group, at which the effects of phosphorus on the health of the water was discussed. This can lead to the formation of blue-green algae, which is toxic to animals and humans. He noted his disappointment that the meeting was not attended by a representative of Scottish Water, who are responsible for the wastewater treatment plant. While this operates successfully most of the time, during heavy rain it is unable to cope and the excess is diverted into the loch. He was concerned that an increase in house-building will exacerbate the problem and is calling for tighter controls in terms of licensing. There followed a discussion in which CC members expressed their dismay at the apparent lack of input by the environmental agency NatureScot (formerly Scottish Natural Heritage).

Queen's Platinum Jubilee

A member of the public asked if there were any plans to mark this occasion, perhaps by presenting each Milnathort Primary School pupil with a commemorative coin. After discussion, it was agreed that PKCllrs Robertson and Purves will look at funding options and report back.

News from the February Meeting

Present at the meeting held on 10 February were M Thomson (chairman); P Britton (treasurer); E Rougvie (secretary); A Ward, F Brooks, N Bingham, A Macrae, K Heneghan (associate member); Cllrs C Purves, W Robertson and R Watters, and one member of the public.

Police Matters

A 34 year old man was arrested for theft by housebreaking after being caught by officers leaving a property in South Street, Milnathort in possession of stolen property on Sunday, 27 January. He was also found to be in possession of a knife.

A 32 year old man was arrested for stealing an Audi Q3 from Viewfar Road, Milnathort on Tuesday, 29 January. The car was recovered in St Serfs Road, Crook of Devon.

During the previous week, two drivers were found to be without insurance; three had no licence and two had no MOT.

Matters Arising

Website: Following a brief discussion, it was agreed that the community councillors would provide a head and shoulders photograph and a short 'bio' for inclusion on the MCC website as there were a number of new members.

'Smelly Tree': Kevin Heneghan said he was awaiting advice from the Botanics in Edinburgh about the ginkgo biloba tree in Church Street, but in the meantime he will speak to the head greenkeeper at Milnathort Golf Club to see if there was somewhere appropriate it could be sited.

Correspondence

Rural Community Engagement Fund Launch – Support in Mind Scotland.

Support in Mind Scotland has been funded by the Scottish Government in an effort to improve the mental wellbeing of people in rural communities following the pandemic. The fund is part of a larger community engagement project, working directly with people in local communities to raise awareness, identify need and work collectively to develop creative local solutions to address local needs. This grants scheme is designed to fund creative local ideas that develop as communities work together to protect and support the people most excluded as we recover from Covid. It was agreed that Andrea will share this via social media.

Community Investment Fund Round 2

The second round of the Community Investment Fund is now live and accepting applications. The closing date for applications to CIF@pkc.gov.uk is Friday, February 18, at 5pm. The application form and guidance documents can be found on the Community Investment Fund webpage. www.pkc.gov.uk/cif. Any further queries regarding the second round of the Community Investment Fund can be made to James Gardner, PKC Community Empowerment Officer, by email: JamesGardner@pkc.gov.uk or by phone: 07887 625142. In view of the imminent closing date, Andrea will also share this.

Food Waste Survey

PKC's Waste Services Team has launched a Food Waste Survey to gather feedback from householders across Perth and Kinross regarding their food waste reduction and food waste recycling behaviours. The survey will be live for four weeks until Monday, February 14, and the results will influence a series of mini-projects which will be delivered in early 2022 to assist householders in reducing the amount of avoidable food waste that they generate and will also encourage and inspire them to recycle their unavoidable food waste. The Food Waste Survey is available online via <https://foodwasteequalsclimatechange.commonplace.is/> - and via the soon-to-go-live webpage, www.pkc.gov.uk/FoodWasteEqualsClimateChange

Undernutrition Grant Scheme

Tayside Nutrition & Dietetic service would like to offer funding for the prevention of undernutrition in older people in Perth & Kinross. The aim of this funding is to provide grant funding to organisations in Perth & Kinross for them to pilot a range of activities that increase awareness of undernutrition within their communities through training, screening and boost box provision. Information can be found via a link to similar work that has been carried out in Dundee at <https://api.ltb.io/show/ABBBO>.


Sustaining Choices 2022, Active Travel Action Plans

Following the successful piloting of the first Sustaining Choices project last year, the place and active citizenship charity PAS has gained further project funding from the Paths for All 'Smarter Choices, Smarter Places' fund to deliver another round of the project. The project grant requires some match funding, which they are currently seeking. Sustaining Choices 2022 is a project to create mini active travel action plans in up to seven locations across Scotland. It is currently inviting expressions of interest from local authorities and community groups to take part in this project, with the aim of confirming successful project locations by early March 2022. The deadline for expressions of interest is 21 February, 2022 at midday.

Census

The Scottish Census will now take place in March 2022, after being delayed due to Covid-19. The survey of the entire population normally takes place every 10 years in the second

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year of the decade. The last census happened in 2011. Information gathered provides government and councils with information on Scottish households which helps decisions to be made on services. In Scotland, the National Records of Scotland (NRS) is responsible for the census. Noted.

Events for CCs: Draft National Planning Framework online events during February and March. PKC passed on the following from the Scottish Government Planning and Architecture Division: NPF4 Consultation Events: Registration is now open for Draft NPF4 online events during February and March, facilitated by Kevin Murray Associates (KMA) and PAS. The purpose of the informal, interactive sessions is to raise awareness and share views about the Draft NPF4, in order to inform and support the preparation of responses to the consultation, which closes on March 31, 2022. Noted following discussion.

Managed for Wildlife Trials Consultation

The Managed for Wildlife Trials public consultation was due to be launched on 7 February via <https://consult.pkc.gov.uk/communities/managed-for-wildlife/> The consultation includes a survey with a story map which shows all the sites and areas within the trials in an easy to view and understand format and includes a short video explaining the trials. It invites people to suggest additional sites for future consideration and to get actively involved. The consultation will be open until the end of the growing season in September/October.

Local Place Plans

Local Place Plans offer communities the opportunity to develop proposals for their local area, expressing their aspirations and ambitions for future change. Legislation on the preparation, submission and registration of Local Place Plans came into force on January 22, 2022. The Scottish Government has prepared a Circular to accompany the legislation - *Planning circular 1/2022: Local Place Plans - gov.scot* (www.gov.scot). Additional resources to support their development will be published shortly at www.ourplace.

Planning Matters

Applications Submitted

Ref. 21/02223/FLL: Erection of a house and garage on land 80 metres south west of Athronhall Farm. Noted.

Ref. 21/02184/FLL: Extension to house at 35 Muir Way. Noted.

Applications Decided

Erection of a house, alterations to garage/store to form ancillary accommodation, home office studio and store, formation of vehicular accesses and associated works at Tillywhally Farmhouse, approved.

Queen's Platinum Jubilee:

The secretary advised that Charlotte Giacobazzi had offered to form a sub- group to plan events to mark the occasion of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June. Following discussion, the

secretary agreed to flag this up on social media. Funding will be made available from PKC but the amount won't be known until after its budget meeting on 23 February.

Core Paths Group

PKC were to be commended for the speed with which a fallen tree had been removed from the path alongside the golf course following the recent storm.

A meeting had been arranged with Alistair McLeod of Greenspace to discuss what could be done about the depressions in the local paths, which were becoming very muddy.

Kevin and Malcolm are to visit Birnie Loch Nature Reserve to look at the various types of benches there before deciding which would be the most suitable for Milnathort. They will be installed on the core paths not owned by PKC and, following discussion, it was agreed that Kevin would pursue the idea of acquiring sponsorship and look at the possibility of installing a bench to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Councillors' Reports

Cllr Purves had attended the first meeting of Kinross-shire Local Committee along with Malcolm Thomson, which had been successful in that decisions could be taken about long-standing issues that PKC had either been unable or unwilling to deal with. For example, the committee's devolved powers allowed it to lower the speed limit on the road from Scotlandwell to its border with Fife, which has been a matter of concern for some time.

As the council's block grant had been reduced, decisions will be taken at the budget meeting on 23 February as to where cuts could be made.

Cllr Robertson advised that there was potential for significant traffic disruption due to forthcoming work by Persimmon Homes to re-lay the sewers from Lathro and link them into the sewerage system. This will involve digging up Auld Mart Road and part of South Street. Work will begin on 21 February and 28 March respectively and will last for a total of 11 weeks. Residents of the affected areas have been informed by letter and there may be scope for Lathro residents to claim compensation as a result of the well-documented sewerage issues in the first phase of the development.

Cllr Roberston has written to SEPA to request that tighter controls are placed on the amount of phosphorus going into Loch Leven, as the water quality is deteriorating. The letter has been signed by all four ward councillors. He was supported by Cllr Watters, who said that scientists were currently investigating ways of preventing the growth of algae. Following discussion, it was agreed to await the response from SEPA, which, it was hoped, would be positive.

CC Membership

The chairman reported that Allan Macrae and Phil Britton had



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officially been co-opted on to the CC, and that Freda Brooks and Neill Bingham were awaiting validation. He expressed his thanks to Phil Britton and Liz Rougvie for taking on the roles of treasurer and secretary respectively.

The chairman also wished to record his gratitude to Craig Williams, who was stepping down after many years' service to the CC, including a lengthy spell as chairman.

AOCB

Neill Bingham noted that Fossoway Community Council were looking for a minute-taker, possibly a school pupil taking modern studies. It was agreed that Malcolm would contact Fossoway CC to find out what the feedback had been as MOCC is also keen to attract young people.

The next meeting of Milnathort and Orwell Community Council will be held at 7pm on Thursday, 10 March, 2022. It is hoped that meetings can be resumed in the Town Hall as work on the sound system is nearing completion. Members of the public are invited to attend.

Fossoway and District Community Council

News from the February Meeting

Present at the meeting on 1 February 2022 were Councillors S Bruce-Jones, T Duffy, C Farquhar, N Marchant and G Pye; Cllrs C Purves, W Robertson and R Watters.

Apologies: Councillors A Cheape, F Hansraj-Jackson and G Mudie; Cllr M Barnacle; PC A Mitchinson.

Matters Arising

Community Council Membership: Councillor Carol Farquhar tendered her resignation from the CC, but was then adopted as an Associate Member to continue her special relationship with the residents of Crook Moss. The appropriate time having elapsed, Councillor Marchant is now a full member of the CC.

Police Report

There were no incidents to note in our area since the last CC Meeting from the Commander's Reports received via Perth and Kinross Community Watch. Councillor Duffy will make contact again as we need feedback and information on the Community Speedwatch Project.

Matters Arising

Access to Cash in Kinross-shire: Cllr Purves updated that Bank of Scotland have progressed the community project with the opening of a Community Hub at Millbridge Hall, Kinross. Details will be published in the Kinross Newsletter and on social media channels. Councillor Marchant advised that the CC will continue to be proactive on the subject of access to cash as feedback from users of mobile banking was that they were

feeling uncomfortable about doing large transactions online or in an open location.

Community Development Trust: Councillor Duffy reported on a public meeting held in Crook of Devon. Unfortunately it was not well attended by the public and only three members of the Steering Committee were available to attend. There has been discussion about possibly combining with Muckhart CDT. The view of Councillors present was that this was not an avenue to pursue as it was different local authority areas, there was a risk that outlying area of the CC would miss out and need to get local commitment. All Councillors present voted to recommend that Fossoway CDT is maintained as a separate identity.

Councillor Marchant emphasised the need to communicate aims and objectives to the Fossoway community and need to secure funding for leafleting. Need to get a commitment locally and identify suitable projects.

Fossoway Area Transport/DRT: The new bus service 202, operated by Bay Travel, is now up and running, from Tillicoultry to Kinross. Cllr Watters explained that a review of the usage of this service will be taken shortly after the trial period. Bay Travel are currently using hired in buses and drivers and unlikely to invest in vehicles for a short term contract. It was agreed that the CC would take the lead in communicating with other CCs on the route to promote the use of this service, possibly by posting the schedule on Noticeboards, Facebook, via the schools, etc. Since travel is now free for young people this may be an incentive for increased use as for example there are just over 400 young people in Fossoway alone.

A977 Mitigation Measures: Cllr Purves has made an application to request speed measuring lines to the west of Crook of Devon and east of Drum, but this has not been done yet. He will follow up. Councillor Mudie has expressed concerns about the realignment plans for the B9097 and A977 junction and if there could be a better use of resources. However as the work has already been agreed and budgeted it will go ahead.

Crook Moss Travellers Site: Councillor Farquhar updated that there appears to be more derelict caravans and damage caused by storms is not being cleared. Councillor Marchant confirmed that there have been four Enforcement Notices served on the site which appear to have been ignored and that none have been followed through by Planning. Requested information on the process. Cllr Robertson explained that whilst the Council could issue further Enforcement Notices if residents appealed it is likely to go to Scottish Government and be overturned. It was very difficult in these particular circumstances for an Enforcement Notice to be upheld. Cllr Robertson agreed to write to Planning. Advised that CC should write to P&KC Chief Executive directly with our concerns about the process.

Speeding in Carnbo: Cllr Purves said that he hadn't received any response to the proposal to extend the 40mph buffers

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further out of the village. It will be progressed through the Transport Committee

Flooding in Drum: Cllr Bruce Jones been in contact with several Drum residents to hear views on how flooding issues can be addressed. The main concern was what implications being assessed as Flood Vulnerable would have on residents and how can it be done. They supported the proposal that a flood assessment for sites and neighbouring areas be a requirement for any planning application in Drum

Community Speedwatch: A Facebook post has been created, asking for suggested locations and volunteers.

Kinross-shire Area Committee (previously known as the Kinross Forum): Cllr Bruce Jones reported on the 20th January meeting that was held online. This was a successful meeting attended by representatives of all Kinross-shire CCs. Presentations were made with papers submitted by Council Officers on the 20mph Speed Limit Trial, Issue of Speed Mitigation measures on the A911 East of Scotlandwell, Options for a Community led solution for the former Blairingone Primary School, Coordination of Planning and Management in the Lomond and Ochill Hills and Future Development of Kinross Town Centre. Next meeting will be in March but it is hoped to have an interim meeting of CCs before then. Items for discussion are welcome from all CCs.

Devonshaw Whinstone Quarry: Cllr Marchant reported that the owners have been in contact with the CC and have suggested we meet them onsite to discuss their proposals. They have asked for our availability weeks commencing 14th and 21 February.

Rumbling Bridge Gorge Bridge: The flood risk survey has been completed. We are awaiting quotes for the otter and tree surveys.

Possible Adoption of Spur of U241 Road, Drum: It was confirmed that if the road is adopted by the Council, it remains a public right of way.

New Business

Local Review Board: The minutes, and hence decisions, from the LRB are very hard to obtain. Can Local Councillors get anything done about this? Cllr Robertson offered to write to Planners and suggested that the CC write directly to Planning and the Chief Executive.

Crook & Drum Growing Together: Permission has been granted to start planning and planting a Community Orchard in conjunction with St Serf's Church on land beside the cemetery.

Community Council Business:

Minutes Secretary: The search for a volunteer continues, but with no candidates. In the interim the CC members will continue to undertake the task in rotation.

Councillors' Reports:

Richard Watters: No additional comments. Budget is due in a few weeks and will be available next month

Callum Purves: No additional comments

Willie Robertson: No additional comments

Planning

New Applications

21/02133/AML Erection of ten dwelling houses, six garages and associated works (approval of matters specified in conditions of **18/01855/IPL**) at Land 70 metres west of Innerdownie, Crook of Devon. CC Object on grounds of no sewage capacity, no affordable housing, traffic issues and over development.

21/02187/IPL Renewal of permission **18/01855/IPL** (Residential development) at Land 100 metres northwest of Schiehallion, Crook of Devon. CC Object – same site as **21/02133/AML**, hence same grounds.

Appeals

21/00001/FLL S42 application to delete condition 6 (access upgrade) of permission **20/01319/FLL** at Land 180 metres southwest of Powmill Cottage, Rumbling Bridge. At the 14 September LRB meeting the application was deferred – it was not on the agenda for the January meeting.

21/01168/FLL Erection of garage/workshop/garden machinery store at Craighend House, Powmill, Kinross. Appeal dismissed, the CC had not commented.

Decided Applications

21/01997/FLL Extension to dwelling house Merryhills, Rumbling Bridge, Kinross. The application was approved, the CC did not comment.

21/02078/FLL Alterations and extension to dwelling house, erection of garage, formation of vehicular access and decking at Rosewood, Naemoor Road, Crook of Devon, Kinross. The application was approved, the CC did not comment.

Enforcement Issues

20/00809/FLL Craighton Farm Lane – An Enforcement Notice has been issued, requiring the caravans and hardstanding to be removed and some fencing to be lowered.

20/00972/FLL Erection of two dwelling houses and garages at Land 100 metres southwest of Easter Muirhead Blairingone (enforcement ref: **21/00236/PLACON**) - The agent has been in contact with Transport Planning regarding the widening of the road.

Crook Moss: The new Enforcement Officer notes that four Breach of Condition Notices, a Temporary Stop Notice, an Enforcement Notice and an Amenity Notice have been issued at this site.

Site visits by Planning: Cllr Duffy expressed concern that Cllrs were being asked to visit sites and obtain evidence in relation to planning issues. Uncomfortable with this situation and keen that Planning site visits were fully recommended.

AOCB

Cllr Duffy formally thanked Cllr Farquarson for her dedicated work on and support for the Community Council over the years. We will welcome her continued presence and input as an Associate Member and she will always be welcome at CC Meetings.

The next meeting of Fossoy and District Community Council will be held on Tuesday 1 March 2022 at 7.30pm in Moubray Hall, Powmill.

Portmoak Community Council

News from the February Meeting

Present at the meeting held on 8 February were Cllrs C Purves, W Robertson, R Watters; Cllrs A Miller (Chair), D Morris (Vice-Chair), A Davidson (Treasurer), S McGregor (Secretary), K Donaldson, S Forde, D Paterson, G Smith and five members of the Public.

Matters Arising

Official Co-option of Graham Smith to Portmoak Community Council.

The completed signed Documents were confirmed as received at PKC. The Chair raised a Motion to co-opt Graham Smith. Proposed: S Forde. Seconded: A Davidson and D Morris

Kinross-shire Committee – update following first meeting

The Chair had attended the first Kinross-shire Committee (KC) meeting. Application to extend the speed limit 40mph from Scotlandwell and Bowhouse: Cllrs and Cllrs had discussed the issue and residents representing Bowhouse had attended and made a deputation. The KC had voted in favour of implementing the speed restriction. Cllr Purves confirmed the instruction from KC to PKC officials had been made to implement the speed restriction. Speed measuring will be implemented

afterwards. Changes to road markings, signage and footpaths will also be reviewed. There will be a consultation period to monitor and review, but it was a huge positive for Portmoak Community and the Bowhouse residents.

20mph Speed restrictions in Kinnesswood: following the trial period these will now become permanent. There are approx. 800 areas flagged for speed restrictions in P&K, with 20mph speed trials in a number of other locations also. The Chair had requested info. Regarding the amount of PKC budget allocated to Kinrosshire and regarding the costs the various speed mitigation measures cost. This request was deemed appropriate so that an assessment of realistic spend and delivery within the area could be assessed. PKC confirmed they would supply the information. Cllr C Purves highlighted that PKC had committed informally to the Route Action in the past, but this was formalised at the KC meeting.

KC Planning & Matters Arising: Cllr CPurves raised intention to get all CCLRs and Cllrs together to identify priorities and main focus and plan for the next 10 months, rather than an ad hoc approach. The Chair asked if any of the Cllrs wanted to raise anything. D Morris noted that he could not pick out the main issues from the existing KC documentation, and any person not sitting on the committee would have reason to ask what is the purpose of the committee? Cllr C Purves said this was a fair comment. Key themes should have been discussed, but there had not been time in advance of the first meeting, hence the suggestion to have another meeting as noted previously to plan the next 10 months. The Chair suggested a short online meeting of the CC members within the coming month to rationalise ideas at a time /date to be arranged.

Creation of Regional Park: Many of the other Kinross-shire CC had shown strong support for a Regional Park extension of the Lomond Hills Park into Kinross-shire. There was a general agreement to put a motion to PKC at a future date. The Chair highlighted that strong support for the Regional Park also gave impetus to look at other issues like pollution into the loch, and farming methods. W Robertson commented that the KC gives all CCs direct input into what is discussed and a much greater degree of power, but it is not up to Cllrs, it is up to the CCs to bring issues to the KC.

Road Safety Action Update

The requested data on the Scotlandwell 20mph limit trial was still outstanding. Cllr C Purves read a statement from PKC roads explaining that analysis is being undertaken on the data for all the 20mph trials across PKC which were installed under emergency rules. Once all the data is collected it will be shared with the relevant CCs.

Roads & Signage Damage: A member of the public raised the issue of a sunken manhole on the southbound exit from Kinnesswood. The materials surrounding the manhole were reported to be severely degraded and a potential risk was raised. Cllr S Forde also raised the issue of the northbound speed signage into Scotlandwell having been subject to storm damage and was lying at the side of the road.

Footpath from Scotlandwell to the Church: The Chair apologised that the proposed on-site meeting among PCC members was still outstanding due to availability of members

and restrictions of dark evenings to view the layouts properly. The PCC agreed to arrange the onsite meeting now that light afternoons and evenings was becoming more favourable.

B9097 Poor Road Surface: Cllr Robertson had raised the issue of the surface of the B9097 to the Perth and Kinross Council Road Maintenance Partnership, who had replied. Two surface dressing schemes had been carried out over the last three years with the most recent one being carried out on the section between Findatie and the B920 junction. Patching works and resetting of gullies had also been completed along this section of the B9097. The current overall condition of the South Loch section of the B9097 did not give immediate concerns. Looking forward to PKC Roads capital works programme over the next three years, there is a section of the B9097 due for resurfacing on the section that runs from the M90 to the A977. A survey of the South Loch section of the B9097 will determine if structural patching works need to be carried out in the 2022-23 financial year and / or any resurfacing works need to be programmed into the three-year rolling programme of capital works.

Bowhouse Bus Laybys: Cllr C Purves and the CC had received a paper circulated by the Developer at Land 50 Metres West Of Wester Bowhouse Leslie under planning Ref. No: 20/00231/FLL re: the bus lay-bys at Bowhouse. In brief, some years ago, RTK original developers were to install a bus layby on the West bound side of the A911, but this had not been done and the building firm had subsequently gone out of business. In years since then, on the opposite side of the road, the farmer has created a widened field entrance which has created a space that school children can stand back from road and the residents were satisfied with this solution at present for children waiting for the school bus. One of the criteria of the planning of the two new houses at Bowhouse was to create a new stance on the Eastbound side of the road. This is now considered to be superfluous. The Developer commented that the tarmac at the entrance to the development will suffice as a bus layby on the East bound side once the development is finished. The Developer intends to submit a request to planners to remove that conditional criteria from their planning permission. Cllr D Paterson commented that he felt a bus stop was advised to allow a bus to pull off to avoid a hazard of traffic coming from behind round the corner and over the blind summit. The Developer replied that the tarmac will allow the bus to pull safely off the road. The Chair thanked the developer for his communication to PCC and it is up to PKC Planning to decide on

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any request to remove the condition, however the Chair raised reservations regarding deviation from current development planning conditions for the benefit of all current and future Bowhouse residents.

Glenlomond sewage, and Water Supply to Glenlomond and Wester Balgedie: Cllr A Davidson explained the reason why there was a small core of retired residents looking after the sewage plant, was because the nursing home had previously maintained the sewage plant but this had stopped when the home was demolished. The village committee had submitted a FOI request concerning how many of similarly maintained plants had been adopted by Scottish Water, suspecting that many had been taken on already. It was suggested if this turned out to be the case, that there was a significant precedent for the Glenlomond site to follow. Some professional analysis of the current sewage system had shown that all the surface water is not flowing into the sewage system, this is good news as the system should not become overwhelmed and this has provided some reassurance and peace of mind to the villagers. R Watters commented that the partial or total adoption of the sewage system would be great news. Cllr Davidson also advised there is a new developer was in the process of taking over the nursing home site. It was also advised that part of the site upon which nothing can be built, the developers have removed mature bushes and wild habitat, which has upset residents. Cllr A Davidson asked the Cllrs if there was any recourse for enforcement by PKC regarding these actions. Cllr D Morris suggested that a local Glenlomond Development Trust could apply for assistance to acquire the land. The Chair declared a potential 'Conflict of Interest' and that he would not be able to take part in any further discussions regarding the development of the former nursing home site, due to professional engagements related to engineering consultation. The Chair requested if the Vice-Chair could pick up on any further discussions concerning the development at Glenlomond, and Cllr D Morris agreed.

Scotlandwell to Portmoak Church Path: This item had been covered under Road Safety. PCC members will meet to walk the area and identify a best option for a route.

Kinross-shire Community Investment Fund – second round open for applications: The 2021/2022 Community Investment Fund had opened for a limited second round of applications on 10 January 2022. Some projects had not used all the funds granted to them and so there was still £16,013 available for Kinross-shire. Information for the Community Investment Fund can be viewed at www.pkc.gov.uk/article/20535/Community-Investment-Fund. Applications close on Friday 18 February 2022 at 5pm. If you have any questions, please email CIF@pkc.gov.uk or call 0345 30 111 00.

New Matters

Wester Balgedie Farm development: Correspondence had been received by the Secretary and Kinross Civic Trust, from the Developer at Wester Balgedie Farm. PCC were encouraged that a developer had approached the CC in advance of

submitting planning and expressed encouragement to other developers to do similar and engage the community in advance of submitting planning. The Developer had offered to meet to show plans to PCC and /or the Community. The consensus was that a public meeting would be preferred. The Secretary to reach out to the Developer to arrange this as soon as possible. At time of meeting no planning application had been submitted, but residents had reported some actions occurring at the site that appeared to be outside those permitted within a Conservation area, such as demolishing some old stone walls and a tree being taken down. The Secretary had reported the commencement of work to the PKC Planning Enforcement Officer, who had confirmed the developer could take down the metal barn which was dangerous. Some residents had expressed concern about safety at the site. There are concerns that there are discrepancies between what the Planning Enforcement Officer has stated, and the open line of approach that has appears to have been taken by the developer. Cllr W Robertson confirmed that consent is required to do most things within a Conservation Area, including tree felling. PCC are concerned that due process is not being followed correctly, given this is also a sensitive historic layout at Wester Balgedie Farm.

Police Report

Community Speed Watch program: Cllr W Robertson had heard from a number of CCs confirming they would like to be involved. Some volunteer names have been submitted to the police. The Police are awaiting response from all CCs before putting a program together. Cllr W Robertson hoped to have a more significant update in March. PCC Secretary is still collecting volunteer names if any local residents would like to be part of the Speedwatch team.

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Planning

New Applications

21/02118/FLL Erection of a dwellinghouse and garage | Land 20 Metres West Of Applerigg Leslie Road Scotlandwell. Closing date for comments: Fri 18 Feb 2022, no PCC comment

21/02274/FLL Replacement of sewage treatment plant, erection of a coffee takeaway building and playhouse, installation of a sculpture and associated works (in part retrospect) | Vane Farm Nature Centre Kinross KY13 9LX. Closing date for comments: Mon 28 Feb 2022, no PCC comment

Existing Applications:

21/00997/FLL Erection of 22 dwellinghouses, 3 garages and a garage with ancillary accommodation, formation of SUDS pond, landscaping and associated works (LDP site H54) . Land 100 Metres South East Of Cragton Villa Rost Gardens Scotlandwell.

A follow up to a previous actionable point was requested by the Chair who had requested Cllrs approach The Planning Officer for information regarding the reasons the Planning application had been withdrawn. The Officer had confirmed the reason was due to the representation made in opposition, and it appeared likely that the application was going to be refused. Cllr Watters indicated that Sean Paton thought the application would probably be resubmitted.

Planning Decisions

Progress with Developments

Westfield Community Liaison Committee: 16/02/22. Cllr K Donaldson confirmed work has commenced on the site. Site offices are being set up, and roads and infrastructure are being created. There have been some variations submitted, due to the design and build company that have taken over. The Chair

asked if there were any items that PCC should be aware of or items for consideration. K Donaldson thought the main item was to ensure lorries and large vehicle traffic travelled into the site along the B9097 from the motorway, but some large lorries had been seen coming in the C50 from Glenrothes.

Paths Group update: Maintenance of the Orwell Arlary Core path MTHT/127, A911 west of Orwell to Cycle route east of Arlary. Cllr D Morris had sent some documents to Cllr W Robertson on this item. D Morris and Ann MacIntyre had a virtual meeting with D Stubbs about the maintenance of the core path between Glenlmond and Glenvale scheduled for 9 Feb.

Treasurer CC Accounts: no change to January 2022 accounts:

General Account: £700.00

Michael Bruce Way Account: £1,523.00

Councillors' Reports

W Robertson: Complaint from residents of Cobbles about runoff damaging the road. The problem areas have been repaired. Also, the burn is needing some attention at the point it is piped down through the village, where it often blocks and overflows down the Cobbles. Potholes have been filled on A911 between Milnathort and W Balgedie.

R Watters: returned to the subject of Affordable Housing (AH). M Barnacle had received a response from the Chief Executive. On the H54 plot: the letter stated that the developer had met with PKC, explaining their intention to provide self-build plots as contribution to AH. This was one item that had been covered in the letter. This was considered an interesting and extremely contentious response from the C Executive specifically in respect of H54. The Chair did not accept the answer from the CE, citing self-build plots are not an option, where the purchase cost was potentially way beyond the cost of the average house-buyer and would certainly not fulfil the principles or ethos of AH. Cllr R Watters said there is not guidance or framework for how this would work, as self-build plots were not something that had been explored much to date in P&K. Cllr W Robertson highlighted a self-build scheme at Crook of Devon. Scripture Union had donated a plot of land to people who were renting, PKC agreed planning to build 8 houses, the residents were able to obtain the money to build as the land had been acquired. The Chair re-iterated opposition to such a scheme on H54, advising it was highly unlikely to meet any definition of affordability in specific relation to this site and would significantly oppose any such proposal.

AOB

08/02/22 meeting the Chair extended his apologies in advance that he would not be able to attend. The Vice-Chair thought he would be available to Chair the meeting.

The next meeting of Portmoak Community Council will be held at 7.30pm Tuesday, 8 March 2022 (online)

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Club & Community Group News

Portmoak Film Society

February's film, 'The Farewell' directed by American-Chinese director Lulu Wang, was enjoyed by our audience; 75% rated it 'good' or 'excellent' on our unique and rather eccentric marble count.

On Saturday 12 March we are showing 'Sorry we missed you', the latest and perhaps final offering from the great British socialist-realist partnership of 82-year-old director Ken Loach and Scottish scriptwriter Paul Laverty. It's a searing indictment of the so-called gig economy or zero hours culture that forces almost one million workers in Britain into fragile, exploitative and unprotected jobs. As usual the team takes no prisoners. Come prepared to be angry!

We have made the venue as safe as possible, and all guests are asked to wear masks throughout the evening, following Scottish Government guidance for the use of community halls. The seating is well spaced and hot drinks and refreshments will be served after the film, but please keep your distance! Use your membership card to get in (£40) or pay £6 on the door. Doors open at 7pm and films start promptly at 7.30pm. For further information, contact Felicity Garvie on 01592 840825.



Kinross Garden Group



In February we enjoyed an extremely entertaining and informative talk about the Restoration of Bannockburn House and Garden by the Head Gardener, Kate White. This is a beautiful building that has been left to decay, but is being brought back to life by an army of volunteers now that it is in the hands of local people. There will be events there so go and take a look!

Our next meeting is on **Thursday 10 March at 2pm** in the Parish Church, Kinross, when Ian Christie from Angus will talk about 'Snowdrops'. Summer visit schedules will be available again.

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

For more details contact Caroline Anderson on 01577 864589.

Kinross and District Art Club

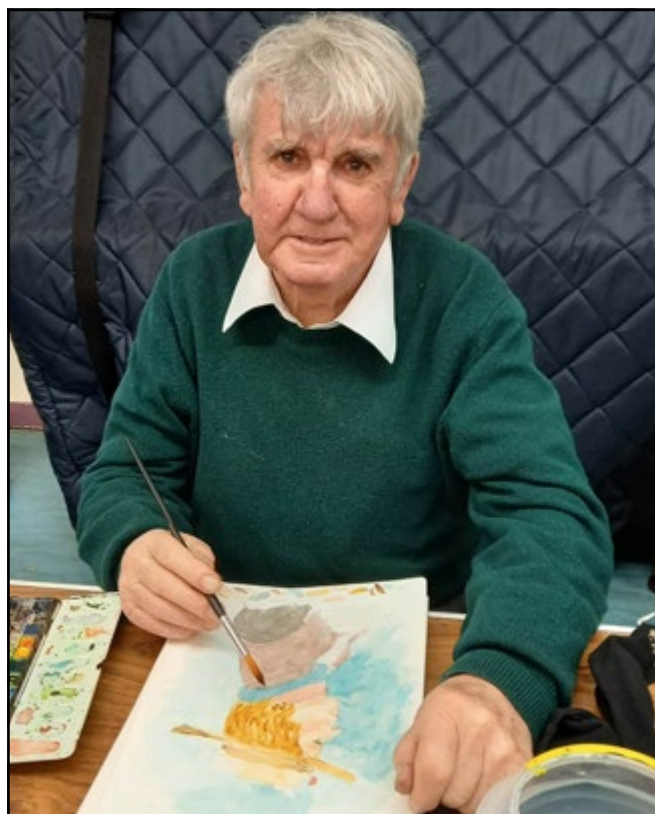


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'Hurrah!' was the cheery call of our members when they realised that the club could meet up once again towards the end of January. All the twice-weekly painting sessions since then have been well attended and fabulous artworks are being created once again.

After the COP26 Global Conference in November, members were motivated to capture in art the world around them, as it is now. Thirty-five members contributed to a photobook called 'Our Beautiful World, Our Fragile World', which has now been printed. It is available to view on our website as an online book so please have a look and enjoy it.

Another month and another showcase artist, Ian Gellatly, who is a committee member and a long-time member of the



Ian Gellatly enjoying Art Club

club. Enjoy reading about Ian's interesting artistic journey.

'Born in Perth, my family and I moved to Zambia when I was a small boy. It was at school there that I started to paint, which I continued to enjoy into my youth. However, after that, it was another 25 years until I picked up my brushes again.

I started focusing on my art during the 1970s when I was travelling all around the world as an electrician on cargo ships. During that time, I created a daily cartoon which the ship's crew enjoyed. It was also delightful visiting art galleries in many of the ports around the world.

Moving on in the late 1980s, I began working out of Aberdeen on Oil Rig supply boats and continued to develop my painting (although it was often a bit choppy in the North Sea and my art equipment had to be tied down!). Once again, back on dry land I regularly visited Aberdeen Art Gallery.

After retiring, I joined KADAC where I still enjoy painting and the great camaraderie.'

The Kinross and District Art Club meets every week on Tuesdays and Fridays (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.

Kinross Camera Club

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We have some fantastic news to share! Our club was victorious and came first in the 3-way club competition against St Andrews and Cupar held on 10 February. There were absolutely stunning entries from all three clubs and the judge Terry Hewitt commented on





'The Bass Rock' by David Sharman

the very high standard of all of the images entered this year. The competition was held via Zoom and hosted by St Andrews Photographic Society. It was very well attended by members from all three clubs. It was great to catch up with news from members from the local clubs and an enjoyable evening was had by all. We look forward to next year which will be hosted by Cupar Camera Club and hopefully we will be able to enjoy a meeting face to face in Cupar.

In March the club is looking forward to learning about workflow and ways to organise and store our images. Club member Richard Dibley will explain his own methods and ideas on workflow and it will be an opportunity for members to discuss and chat about their own techniques. These internal speaker evenings are always enjoyable and a great chance for learning and discussion in a relaxed friendly environment.

In the second week of March our league 3 competition takes place and it will be judged by Douglas May FRPS. Members are invited to enter colour prints, mono prints and projected digital images. This is the third of our yearly league competitions and the scores from the previous league competitions are added together to discover our winners for the 2021-2022 season. Good luck to everyone who has entered!

This month we are looking forward to a presentation by Still Life photographer Andy Phillips called 'The Inner Landscape'. This is a presentation of still life images with a difference. Andy says his still life images are illuminated by just carefully controlled natural light and for very little expense too! It is a journey from simple set ups through to more elaborate schemes. Definitely one not to miss.

Our yearly joint meeting with our local Scottish Wildlife Trust group takes place this month. This year our speaker

is Wildlife Photographer, author and lecturer David Boag. David has also taught photography to both photographic degree and wildlife illustration students. David has led African wildlife safari trips to Kenya, Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe. We are very much looking forward to hearing about David's life and listening to his presentation on 'The World of a Wildlife Photographer'. This presentation spans 35 years of photography and takes us to 5 continents. We are looking forward to joining up with the SWT to enjoy this fascinating and inspirational talk.

If you are interested in photography and would like to find out more about our small and friendly club please drop an email to our secretary who will give you further details:- secretary@kinrosscameraclub.org.uk

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Coffee, teas and home baking are still served every Tuesday and Saturday morning from 10-12.30pm. Everyone is welcome, especially those who have recently moved into the area and wish to have a friendly chat and meet new friends.

A Valentines morning was held on Saturday 12 February and featured extra home baking and chocolates!

An old Milnathort presentation slide show is kindly being given by Kevin Heneghan on Friday 18 March at 2pm at Common Grounds. Tickets are available from the hall on Tuesday and Saturday mornings. Cost is £5 including drinks and refreshments. Come and learn or reminisce about old times!

The charity chosen for our February donation is Excellent, who build sand dams in Africa.

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Kinnesswood in Bloom

Despite the restrictions and winter season, there has been plenty going on in Kinnesswood. The school finally got the shed in place and John is working hard building shelves and fitting it out before the equipment is moved in. We recently had a meeting after school with Caroline, the teacher in charge of outdoor activities. We were able to tick off those which were completed and decide on other tasks for the childrens' learning missions. It made such a difference to talk in person, show her where plants like the buddleia bush are, and point out how much can be taken off the willow. Remote gardening is difficult but not impossible. We were also able to allocate tasks which Kinnesswood in Bloom can do after school hours. We washed down the sides of the polytunnel ready for the new season and gave it a tidy up. It is great to see how well it is standing after the recent gales.

Thanks to funding we have received recently from the Climate Festival, we now have a compost tumbler. It did take several hours to build but is now ready to go and we have left laminated instructions for the staff and pupils to follow. The children are choosing vegetable and flower seeds to plant in the raised beds and polytunnel.

More funding came from the Community Investment Fund and we are waiting for delivery of a trolley mounted powered waterer. Since there is no water supply in the school grounds except for a water butt, this will make life much easier for everyone, especially watering the polytunnel. We first saw one of these being used by another group in the Beautiful Scotland newsletter and thought 'we need one of those'!

Our big coral reef went to COP 26 and hopefully has been passed on to a school or care home. The small one was revamped and installed in the bus shelter along with the other artwork. We continue to recycle batteries, stamps and glasses but are now collecting blister packs rather than ink cartridges as they were too difficult to recycle.

The bus shelter also became a pop-up shop recently when Karen had some road safety bits and pieces to recycle. Torches, scrapers and chamois proved to be very popular and everything went in a week. It made a change from a pop-up vegetable box.

Carol and John have started to plan our work parties. One of our first tasks was to remove a tree and ivy which was blown down in the recent gales.

Like other groups, we are taking part in adding to the Queen's Jubilee Canopy. Two trees were planted in the picture garden and are marked on the canopy map. If anyone else has



Recipe



Supplied by Kinnesswood in Bloom

Smoked Haddock and Mushroom Traybake

Ingredients

3 med potatoes (450g approx), very thinly sliced
 200 ml fish or vegetable stock
 1 tbsp olive oil
 2 onions sliced
 75g crème fraiche
 280 g smoked haddock, skin and bones removed
 140g chopped mushrooms
 50g butter, chopped into pieces
 3 sprigs of thyme, leaves only
 50g bread made into breadcrumbs
 25g parmesan, finely grated

Method

Heat oven to 180°C. Cook the potatoes gently in the stock for 8-10 minutes. Remove when tender and reserve the stock. Heat the oil in a frying pan and cook the onions for about 8 minutes till golden brown.

Spread them over a shallow ovenproof dish about 26cm square and arrange the potatoes neatly on top. Season well and pour over the stock. Spoon the crème fraiche over the potatoes in an even layer. Lay the haddock on top then scatter over the mushrooms and chopped up butter. Cover with foil and put in the oven for 8 minutes..

planted a tree recently it can also be included by looking up the Queen's Green Canopy.

We can see all the bulbs which were planted over the last few years starting to show above the surface. Spring is in the air and we hope all the other groups are seeing signs of new growth and looking forward to the 2022 season too.

Kinross High School



As the spring bulbs come into bloom and the days are stretching, we look forward to the opportunities that spring and summer will bring for our learning community here at Kinross High School.

This year, our school improvement plan has focused on school recovery under three key themes; reconnect our community, reimagine our potential and re-engage with high quality learning. Our young people have enjoyed a range of extracurricular activity which enriches the school experience and, although current Covid-19 mitigations mean that many family activities are still online rather than in person, we have delivered a number of key events to help reconnect our community through the computer screen. As we reimagine our potential, our focus in the approach to self-evaluation has been refreshed with a number of school improvement groups to support working together to support the empowerment of young people, families, and colleagues. Most recently,





Louis with his bike

our commitment to re-engage with high quality learning has been brought to the fore with our annual staff conference on the February in-service day.

We are also very proud to announce that Kinross High School has been awarded the 'Excellence in Professional Learning' award by the GTC Scotland.

In April and May our S4-6 pupils will be sitting their SQA exams; could you support this? If you would like to be part of the SQA exam journey taking place from April to June, we are looking for invigilators. We are looking for people who have internet access, basic IT skills and a personal email address.

Almost all young people leave Kinross High School with a positive destination such as work, college or university. To help prepare young people for work and connect them with potential future careers, Morgan McLeod has recently been appointed as the Developing the Young Workforce (DYW) Co-ordinator.

If you are a local business and would like to support our pupils by working in partnership with Kinross High School, we would like to hear from you. If you could help by allowing young people to gain skills or knowledge through work experience, informal meetings, apprenticeships or mock interviews then please email KHSDYW@pkc.gov.uk. DYW can also help local businesses who assist our pupils by providing financial funding through the Young Person's Guarantee and regular employment support.

Looking back to January, we would like to take the opportunity to share some activities that our young people have been participating in during school time.

We have been celebrating Chinese New Year by having a themed assembly and getting our pupils to create traditional dumplings in Home Economics. Dumplings are commonly eaten during New Year and are associated with wealth. Apparently, the more dumplings you eat during the New Year celebrations, the more money you will make that year!

The safety of our pupils is always paramount. To ensure this in the local community we were lucky to have a visit from iBike in January. They provided some of our pupils and staff with bike safety programmes. They also joined us in February to share their unique bike which motors a blender when you pedal. To reward one of our pupils' pedalling work he created a chocolate fudge brownie smoothie, mmm tasty!

Kinross Beavers

The Beavers got their first meeting of 2022 underway with a games night at the Millbridge Hall. There was plenty of fun as they completed a variety of games and challenges. They also discussed what challenges they would be completing at home



Murray and Finlay with special recognition awards

for the personal challenge badge. To finish the evening off we presented the last of the badges which were earned last term and, in addition to this, some certificates were presented to those who attended the Remembrance Parade in November.

The following week the Beavers went over the code of conduct and they also played lots of Scottish themed games as well as creating their own tartans. The Beavers have also been working on their communicator activity badge as well as learning how to tie some basic knots.



Oliver with his special recognition award

At the beginning of February, we were delighted to welcome Aerospace Kinross to our weekly meeting. It was a brilliant experience for the beavers as Aerospace Kinross brought along their planetarium and took the beavers to infinity and beyond! We learned a lot of great facts about space for the space activity badge as well as finding out about astronaut and scouts ambassador Tim Peake.

This term we have said goodbye to Murray and Finlay who have both moved onto cubs. Meanwhile Will and Stewart have departed after spending the last couple of years with us. We have also welcomed some new faces to Beavers. Welcome to Rory, Charlie, Thomas, Tommy, Gregor and Leo! Congratulations to Finlay and Oliver who were both presented with a special recognition award for working hard and being kind and helpful at Beavers last term. Bravo!

Are you interested in volunteering with scouting? It is easier than you think. We have opportunities both behind the scenes and directly supporting young people in our group. With full support and training, you can volunteer on a flexible basis. Not only is it incredibly rewarding and great fun, but you will also learn some brilliant skills transferable to the workplace and further education. Please contact us on kinrossbeavers@hotmail.co.uk for more information.

Kinross Cubs

To kick start 2022 the cubs spent the first couple of weeks of the new term working on their astronomer activity badge. To earn this badge the cubs did a variety of tasks including making a pinhole camera to observe the sun safely. They were identifying different constellations and also discussed the facts they had learned about from the space-related subjects they had been researching.

At the end of January, we had a Scottish themed evening and the cubs were working on some of the badge requirements for the Scottish thistle badge. The cubs had a mini highland games, did some haggis hunting and also spoke about the Burns supper and learnt the Selkirk Grace.

At the beginning of February, the cubs find out about groundhog day as well as doing a craft activity for Chinese New Year. This term we have been working on the athletics badge. The cubs had an active evening participating in a variety of activities including relay races, standing and sargent star jumps, sprints and some skipping.

This term we said goodbye to Tom, Karmia and Ruaridh who have all moved up to scouts. We also said goodbye to Magnus



and Jude who are moving on after spending the last couple of years with us.

There have also been some new faces at cubs this term. Welcome to Finlay, Murray, Harris, Innes and Samuel.

At the beginning of the term we presented the cubs with the badges that they had earned last term and a number of certificates were presented as well. All cubs who took part in the Remembrance Parade in November were presented with a certificate of participation. In addition to this, Angus, Fraser and Ryan were each presented with a special recognition award for working hard and being kind and helpful last term. Bravo! Congratulations to Harry who has been appointed as the new secondcer for the purple six. Well done Harry!

Congratulations are also due to Karmia, Tom, Ruaridh, Angus, Fraser and Benjamin who were presented with their Chief Scouts Silver Award, which is the highest award that can be achieved at cubs. Bravo!

If you would like to get involved with 1st Kinross Cubs and see how far your young one can grow, then please email kinrosscubs@hotmail.com for more details.



Kinross-shire Local Events Organisation

www.kleo.org.uk



Community event to celebrate Queen's Jubilee

This year is, of course, the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and KLEO are now looking to organise a community family event to celebrate this milestone on Saturday 4 June at the Market Park (opposite The Green Hotel).

This will be a fun event for the whole family and proposals include a big picnic event with music and various performances and entertainment. For those of you who remember the Gazebo Gathering 12 years ago, we are thinking along the lines of that but we are open to any suggestions anyone may have. We would welcome input from any other community groups which would like to be involved with this. If interested please send an email to info@kleo.org.uk

Kinross Farmers Markets

The markets will start again in April, with the first market on Saturday 23 April from 10am-2pm on the High Street of Kinross.

The following market dates will be the fourth Saturday of the month from April to October (apart from the July market, there will not be a market that month). The dates are as follows:

23 April, 28 May, 25 June, 27 August*, 24 September and 22 October from 10am-2pm.

On market days, the High Street will be closed from the entrance at Burns Begg Street to the entrance at Montgomery Street.

* Like last year the August market will be a bigger market and will take place at the Market Park.

Leven Voices singing again!

After a very long break, sessions of community choir Leven Voices have started again with tutor Adelaide Carlow. Sessions run on Tuesdays from 1-2.30pm in Milnathort Town Hall. Depending on venue availability we hope to offer



Photos: Eileen Thomas

evening sessions again after the Easter break.

Leven Voices is a fun, informal drop-in singing group which you can join anytime. No music reading or singing experience is necessary, just come along, sing and enjoy! The current block of 6 sessions will run until 29 March costing £4 a session.

Kinross 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, we are a very friendly and informal bunch. Sessions take place on Wednesday evenings from 7pm to 9pm at Kinross Parish Church, £5 a session.

For more information about Leven Voices or the Kacophony Orchestra please contact Bouwien Bennet on 01577 863107 or by email at bouwien@kleo.org.uk.

For more information about KLEO events visit our website.

Boys Brigade and Girls Association



Our Anchor Section has been busy with art and craft activities surrounding topical winter dates of Robert Burns and St Valentine's Day. They have also been having fun activities in the upper hall of the Church Centre with tag games, relay races and beach ball mini-volleyball games.



Juniors are currently preparing for Battalion competitions in chess, mini-volleyball, figure marching and singing.

Company section members are also preparing for Battalion competitions also in dodge-ball, chess, mini-volleyball, drill and midnight hike.

Both Junior and Company Sections will also be taking part in 'top team challenges' where they take part in a combination of physical, mental and logic challenges against other companies from all around the world. The results from the six challenges are forwarded to BB HQ with results announced around May.

Company Section members were disappointed about the cancellation of their planned summer camp to Gace in Normandy but an alternative venue in Kenmore is being explored with a range of adventure activities including hill walking, mountain biking, canoeing and white-water rafting.

There are still a few vacancies available in both Junior and Company Sections. All sections meet in the Church Centre on Friday evenings.

Anchors (P1 - P3) from 6 till 7:15, Juniors (P4 - P6) from 7 till 9 and Company (P7 till age 18) from 7 till 9:30 pm.

Fairtrade in Kinross-shire



The theme this year is 'Climate, Fairtrade and You'. If you are concerned about climate change, there are many individual choices which make a difference. For example, every time you choose to buy an item with the Fairtrade mark, you are also taking positive action to combat climate change. This is because farmers with the Fairtrade Mark accreditation use sustainable farming methods, which do less harm to the environment. Also these farmers are already struggling with the effects of climate change on their crops so the fairer price they receive for their goods help them to continue to grow the goods such as coffee, tea, bananas and cocoa that we so enjoy.

Kinross & District Rotary Club

www.ribi.org



Recent Meetings

On 24 January we were addressed on Zoom by Colin Campbell, Chief Executive of the James Hutton Institute, Dundee. He described the "transformational research" which takes place at their scientific research facilities. Colin told us about the scope of their work, from breeding new potato varieties to innovative indoor vertical farming as they tackle the global challenges of population growth and climate change. Club members were fascinated by Colin's talk and now look forward to visiting the facility later this year.

An aspect of fellowship in our club is to invite new members to tell us about their career – on 7 February George Riddell told us about his long career with RBS. He started as an apprentice with the bank straight from school and worked his way through many different aspects of the service. His description of his earlier days, pre computers and with multiple branches and the many developments he experienced, were a reminder to us all of how much banking has changed over the years.

Youth Activities

We have been busy planning and preparing for several activities to support and develop the youth of our

Kinross In Bloom 200 Club

January Draw

1st	No 89	Janet McIlroy
2nd	No 13	Catherine Clark
3rd	No 26	Maisie Gibson
4th	No 6	Paul Baughan

February Draw

1st	No 32	Clare Hill
2nd	No 80	Cath Watson
3rd	No 17	John Dryburgh
4th	No 73	Fiona Todd

community. Young Writer entries are now in and results will be announced soon. The Primary Schools Quiz will take place on 9 March. Interviews for the Rotary Youth Leadership Award to take place this summer are taking place and will also be announced soon.

Forthcoming Meetings

We are looking forward plan to introducing face to face meetings again at the Kirklands Hotel on 7 March with a 'Desert Islands Discs' session.

On Monday 21 March at 6.30 pm we are very lucky to have booked a Falklands War veteran to give us a talk on his reflections and recollections of the war, 40 years ago this year. Major General Adrian Freer was a young Parachute Regiment officer in 1982, and took part in the war. His first-hand account will be fascinating .

Anyone wishing to attend this talk, which includes a supper – or, indeed, any of our meetings – should contact *secretary.kdrc@gmail.com*

Kinross Centre

It has been bitterly cold for the past few weeks. We have had rain, sleet, snow and sunshine and that's all on the same day! Our wonderful Scottish weather!

We have been busy at Kinross Centre over the last month. There have been lots of activities and the main one was Burns Day. A huge thank you to Richard Scott for piping everyone into the centre and addressing the haggis, which he does with enthusiasm. It made our day extra special so thank you again Richard.

We have just had confirmation that our very popular barge trips at Ratho are starting up again in April. We all love the barge trips; relaxing along the canal, having a picnic, and watching all the wildlife, it truly is amazing.

We are also starting up our ever-popular days and hope to cover, the Kelpies, Falkirk Wheel, Anstruther for fish and chips amongst other ideas.

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

Meanwhile, please continue to stay safe!

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Portmoak Community Woodland Group



www.portmoakcw.org.uk

We've had a good start to 2022 with volunteers from the government agency, NatureScot, putting in a brilliant day's work to help restore the Portmoak Moss peat bog.

The squad, consisting of their regular 'Wednesday volunteer team' and three members of staff, pulled out birch saplings from the centre of the peat dome, where the trees dry out the peat and prevent the spread of sphagnum moss. Sphagnum is the plant that comes in a wonderful array of colours, from pinks and reds to acid greens, but which eventually fades and rots down to create more dark brown peat.

Back to January and it was a rather different Wednesday for the team, who generally work in the Loch Leven National Nature Reserve carrying out jobs like path clearance and meadow management. They are used to pulling out the highly invasive flower, Himalayan Balsam, but the tough roots of birch offered a new challenge. It was tough work and sometimes involved sawing round the base of individual trees to loosen the root ball.

Neil Mitchell, Reserve Manager, said: 'We don't normally get to work on a bog and it's nice to do something to help one of our neighbours.'

Those neighbours, the Portmoak Community Woodland Group, were truly grateful! Some members of our group make a regular habit of pulling out saplings and that is making a difference, but it is so encouraging to see how much can be achieved when a lot of folk get stuck in for the day.

Michael McGinnes, who organised the event, said that the NatureScot volunteers had covered over 90% of the area we were trying to clear, in the latest phase of the restoration work. They cleared nearly 3000 square metres of quite difficult terrain, with many larger birch trees. That area has now been completed by members of the Portmoak group.

Now we are looking forward to the return of the Lothians Conservation Volunteers to clear another area of the bog in April. They last joined us in November and have become true friends of the Moss. One of the most visible signs of success will be a good display of another bog-loving plant, cotton grass. Is it too early to dream of early summer and sunlight shining through the cotton wool blooms?



Milnathort & Kinross Bridge Clubs



Yes, we are back on track! Milnathort Bridge Club is running on Monday evenings each week in Orwell Bowling Club hall. At the meeting on 31 January, members agreed that, because we have a thorough health and safety plan and strict protocols in place, weekly sessions can start

again. Each week our numbers have grown and the club is delighted to welcome new member Geoff Bilton, David Poole and Peter and Kathryn Edgerton, all of whom have played in Kinross Bridge Club previously or as visitors at Milnathort Bridge Club. A special welcome is extended to Richard and Ruth Baty who recently moved to the area and have also joined. We trust they will enjoy their involvement, not only the games but also the social interaction with our members. Results: Winners North/South, East/West; January 31, Willie



At play on 7 February

Young/Jane Smith, Sandra Fullerton/Margaret Hooper; 7 February, Willie Young/Jane Smith, Jessie Mitchell/Liz Pottie; 14 February, Willie Young and Jane Smith, Sandy Greenhill and Nicol Tomney.

At the last meeting, the committee decided that there was no longer a need for organising 'Host a Table at Home' or the online league. If further restrictions are introduced, this will be reviewed. With 2 rounds left to play in the league, those involved were asked to arrange their games as soon as possible to allow it to be finalised. Closely vying for the top spot currently are three couples, Willie Young and Jane Smith, Jim Marshall and Sandy Greenhill and Jan Hill and David Poole.

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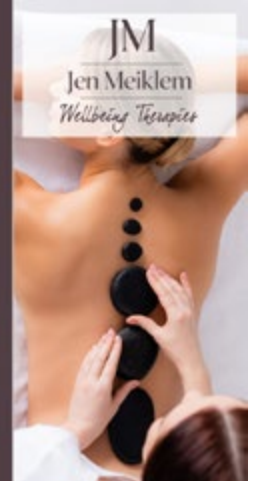
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A further opportunity for any bridge fanatics to play is 17 February in Orwell Bowling Club hall at 2.30pm when Kinross Bridge Club will be returning to face-to-face sessions. New members and visiting guests are most welcome to join the play. *For further information on Milnathort Club or Kinross Club contact either Gloria Wilson on 01577 862553 or Catriona Marshall on 01577 864482 respectively.*

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Raingardens

Work to transform the greenspace at the Kinross Park and Ride will be carried out in March 2022. The level of the grass central strips, which have bulked up over the years such that rainfall cannot drain off the car park surfaces, will be lowered and in part replaced with plants and seeds to create three semi-natural raingarden wildflower features. A single barrier for each of the raingardens will prevent cars being driven across the new raingardens. There will be a mosaic of turf and bare soil seedbeds, until the seedlings come up and the new vegetation becomes established.

Comments welcome, as always, to our email address: Kinrossshirecivictrustsecy@gmail.com.

Loch Leven Community Library

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The Soutar Festival of Words

It's back, and it's bigger than ever! This year the festival will run from 22nd to 24th April and is a response to Scotland's Year of Stories, where we as a nation celebrate stories inspired by, written, or created in Scotland.

The three-day annual festival returns with a variety of writers, poets, and musicians, all celebrating the diversity of Scots Language, literature and culture inspired by Perth poet and writer William Soutar.

Events will be taking place from the Birks Cinema in Aberfeldy to the Loch Leven Community Campus in Kinross.

Kathleen Jamie, the current Scots Makar, leads a line-up that features Elaine C Smith, Alistair Heather, Ashley Douglas, Lenniesaurus, Graeme Armstrong, Hamish Macdonald, Gerda Stevenson, The Witches of Scotland, Linda Cracknell, Jim Mackintosh, Caro Ramsay, Joe Donnelly, and many more.

Full details can be found on the Culture Perth and Kinross website www.culturepk.org.uk/soutar2022.

Bookbug

These sessions are held in Loch Leven Community Library every Saturday morning from 9.15–9.45am and every Wednesday afternoon from 2–2.30pm. Bookbug sessions are **FREE**, fun, and friendly sessions of songs, rhymes and stories for babies, toddlers, and pre-school children to enjoy with their parents and carers. Please book ahead by emailing lochlevenlibrary@culturepk.org.uk or call on 01577 867205.

Storytime Sessions are back at Loch Leven Community Library! Come along and join our fun storytelling session with your child on a Friday morning. Sessions will run weekly, every Friday from 11.30am – 12.00pm. These drop-in sessions are for pre-school age children – no need to book. For any

queries, please get in touch with Loch Leven Community Library.

Digital services, Technology and Recycling

Did you know we have a digital Maker_Space at Loch Leven Community Library? There's free access to a fantastic selection of creative technology, including a 3D printer and Adobe Creative Cloud. We have free public access to computers, Wi-Fi, printing, photocopying, and scanning available for use.

Online library services are available via the library website (www.culturepk.org.uk/libraries) or by downloading the library app: browse the library catalogue, online joining, requesting and renewing items.

A selection of e-resources is also available from the library website (www.culturepk.org.uk/libraries): e-books, e-audio books, e-magazines, e-news, and e-reference resources (Britannica, SCRAM, Theory Test PRO and Ancestry).

Don't forget, Loch Leven Community Library accept used stamps and batteries for recycling.

Loch Leven Community Library Opening Hours

Monday:	Closed
Tuesday:	10am – 7pm
Wednesday:	10am – 6pm
Thursday:	10am – 7pm
Friday:	10am – 6pm
Saturday:	10am – 1pm
Sunday:	Closed

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Kinross-shire Climate Café

On 7 February climate café met in Milnathort Town Hall to discuss green transport. At the meeting we welcomed two guest speakers.

First, Malcolm McFarlane from Kinross-shire Move Greener Organisation (KMOG) presented a very informative talk about local green transport solutions that not only help environment, but promote health and wellbeing. Move Greener Organisation focuses on three aspects of movement – car travel, cycling and walking. As car travel is the largest transport contributor to climate change, KMOG have organised and financially supported the launch of car sharing in Kinross through an agreement with Enterprise Rent-a-Car last year. A hybrid car (soon to be replaced by an electric car) is now available in Kinross for anyone who would like to support this scheme. To register for car share go to www.movegreener.org/car-share.

Malcolm also talked about the electric bike sharing scheme to be launched this year. Electric bikes have become recently "the thing" as they open up cycling to all groups and abilities. Cost might be prohibitive to many, so KMOG e-bike sharing facility is an exciting progress in the local active travel. In addition to this KMOG have also plans to provide extensive information on local walking routes (maps and details).

Our second speaker, Kirsteen Ross, presented a passionate talk about wonderful local Cycling Without Age charity (known as trishaws). Kirsteen started trishaws to enable her mum to enjoy getting out and experience cycling, after she learnt about such an initiative in Copenhagen. This soon developed into a regular event for many other older people. Trishaws required lots of fundraising due to high cost for the electric specialized bikes, but Kirsteen was soon joined by a group of volunteers which helped to extend this service to many different people including families and disabled people. We learned about all positive social aspects of Cycling Without



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Age – how it helps older people struggling with loneliness and depression as they also have ‘the right to the wind in their hair’. The act of two passengers sharing a trishaw, along with the volunteer pilots, creates new relationships and friendships. To arrange a ride or volunteer contact Kirsteen on KinrossTrishaws@gmail.com.

At our next meeting in March Trudy Duffy will talk about textile up-cycling and in April we are organising an up-cycling workshop. If you would like to join our climate café or have any questions please contact Gosia Stanton on climatecafe@kleo.org.uk. Everyone is welcome.

Kinross (Marshall) Museum



Now that restrictions have relaxed a little, museum volunteers look forward to welcoming more visitors to the Kinross (Marshall) Museum. Our study room is manned by volunteers on Thursdays and Saturdays during library opening hours. Despite having our activities curtailed, we have continued to help those undertaking research and have recently enjoyed providing historic resources to classes in Kinross Primary School.

A new display has just been launched; it tells the story of the late mining surveyor and champion trout fly fisherman Eric Campbell who was born in Kinross in 1934 (see the feature on p37). We have been able to mount this exhibition with a range of angling memorabilia, generously loaned to the Museum by members of the Campbell family. Do drop by to view our various displays which include material on George Thompson VC, the Crosswell Fountain, the story of Kinross Burgh and the Rev Robert Leishman, not forgetting the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service presented to Broke not Broken last September.

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At our last meeting, the club heard an absorbing account of the worldwide work of Water Aid. Their aim is to provide everyone in the world with clean water and sanitation by the year 2030.

Our next meeting on 14 March will be a coffee morning and social get-together. Details to follow. For any information please email Jenny MacLeod at jennymac101@icloud.com.

Kinross and District Probus Club



The Paddle Steamer Waverley, presented by Ken Blacklock, 2 February 2022

Born in Milngavie just north of Glasgow, Ken was a young lad when he first saw and sailed on the Waverley. Back in those days the Paddle Steamer was based on the Clyde and was a strong favourite with families wanting to ‘Sail Doon the Water’. Launched in 1947 after the original Waverley was sunk at Dunkirk, the new Steamer weighed in at 693 tonnes and was 240 feet long. She had a capacity of 1450 when built but, as regulations changed, this was reduced to 920. She remained in service on the Clyde until she was eventually laid up in Greenock by its operator Cal-Mac in 1974. That could have been the end of the Waverley but, thanks to the Preservation Society, she was rescued when they bought her for £1.

Ken had an ongoing association with the Waverley throughout his maritime engineering career and his involvement grew until he was finally appointed Chief Engineer. The Society set about restoring the ship and quickly realised that it was not going to be financially viable to only have a summer season sailing in the Clyde; adventures further afield would have to be found. Hitting the rocks at Gantock off Dunoon in 1977 didn't help, so a plan was put in place to ensure the financial future of the vessel.

In 1978 the Waverley sailed down to Liverpool and, in the following couple of years, down to Bristol and London. By extending the season and seeking out new markets in the south the Waverley became a major attraction.

It's a constant job keeping a vessel like the Waverley operational and Ken had his work cut out to make sure she was sea worthy and also that she met current environmental regulations. Investment in new and improved boilers in 1981 and again in 2001 and 2019 have kept the Waverley operational. Her new challenge however is finding trained and experienced engineers and Ken plays a key part in ensuring the Waverley and her crew are fit for purpose. For Ken it's been a lifelong association and one that isn't going to end anytime soon.

A vote of thanks was given by Harry McLennan.

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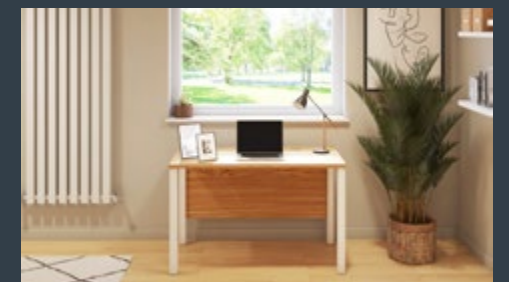
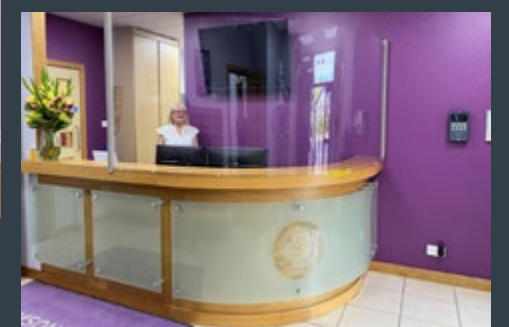
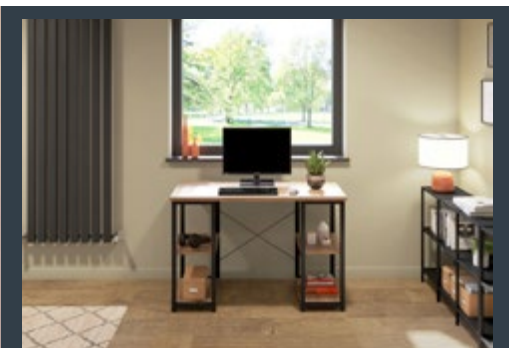
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Kinross in Bloom

Last month we held our first meeting of the year. The recent storms have taken down a few of the trees at the polytunnel; the first tree down in November just missed the polytunnel and our chairperson's son-in-law was able to saw it up. The second tree, unfortunately, will need a bit more sawing before access to the polytunnel and the allotments is cleared.

Meanwhile, during February and March we have been keeping an eye on the planters; keeping them free of chickweed and dead-heading the pansies.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 2 March at 7pm and anyone can attend.

Can You Help?

If you would like to help in any way (formally or informally) please contact susan.mitchell50@gmail.com. We are looking for people who can drive the buggy and water the hanging baskets and planters from June to September.

Guide Dogs Kinross

www.guidedogs.org.uk

Hopefully we will see the support for all charities increase in 2022. Guide dogs are increasing our efforts; at the last count over 8000 people with visual impairment are waiting for a guide dog. Most of us are volunteers who are supported by the wonderful team from guide dogs. Every dog costs around £63,000 over their lifetime; in other words, we have a lot to raise as these costs are covered almost entirely from donations.

A huge shout out goes to Sainsbury's, who host our well-trained, life-sized collection dogs. More of these are available



so get in touch if you know of a place that would like one. Customers have donated to the Sainsbury's dogs and raised enough cash to name several puppies. For £5000 you could name a puppy too; a lot of people raise money to do so in memory of a loved one, or from a business or community group. Two thirds of our pups are funded by gifts in wills. We obviously need lots more cash as our waiting list climbs.

The photo is of my present guide dog pup visiting Sainsbury's. She is five months old. She said 'hello' to the collection dogs and everyone heard her!

As usual, I am very happy to chat to anyone interested in learning more about guide dogs. If you would like to host a talk to a group or business, my diary is open for bookings. Please contact She61@hotmail.co.uk.

Sheila Marshall, Guide Dog Volunteer, Kinross Support Group.

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Kinross-shire U3A

u3asites.org.uk/Kinross/home



Kinross-shire u3a is a self-help organisation for people no longer in full-time employment. Members organise their interests and activities on a monthly cycle mostly during the day. There is virtually no end to the interests and activities members pursue. It is a case of like-minded people getting together to follow whatever it is that interests them within the fellowship and support of the u3a network. A number of groups already exist such as a book club, famous Scots study group, military history and RummiKub. In addition there are monthly open meetings in Kinross Parish Church at 2.30pm on the first Tuesday of the month with an invited speaker. All welcome. Masks, social distancing and a pre-attendance LTF test are required at the present time. A full list of speakers and groups can be found on our website. There is also a contact form for enquiries online.

Kinross-shire U3A is part of 1000 strong u3a network throughout Scotland and the rest of the UK. In addition to local meetings there is an extensive range of online groups and talks in a dedicated Scottish online network and also one covering the whole of the UK. For more information and links visit the website.

Kinross & Ochil Walking Group

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www.ramblers.org.uk/kinross-ochil

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

Tuesday 1 March: South Queensferry circular

A pleasant walk in South Queensferry taking in views of the three bridges, Dalmeny House and Barnbogle Castle.

Tuesday 15 March: Crook of Devon and Drum circular

From Crook of Devon Village Hall to the River Devon which we cross twice. Then along a farm track leading east to the village of Drum. Return through Penney's Community Wood.

Tuesday 29 March: Daffodil Walk at Riverside Park, Glenrothes

A combination of some of the 10 short walks available in the park to provide a 4 mile walk. We start in Daffodil Avenue where we hope to see the Marie Curie 'Field of Hope' in bloom.

For further details of where to meet us for Tuesday walks, or for general enquiries, please contact: Edna Burnett on 01577 862977

Weekend Longer Walks

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

Sunday 6 March: Beecraigs Country Park (nr Linlithgow), Witchcraig & Cockleroy Hills, 6 miles

A walk on good paths through the country park, ascending to the top of Witchcraig, then through woodland to enjoy the views from the top of Cockleroy.

Saturday 19 March: Gartmore Dam Circular, 7 miles

Circular walk from Muircot Farm Shop, descending to Gartmorn Dam. Circuit of the Dam on good paths and tracks before returning to Muircot. Lunch/coffee available in farm shop from approx 1.30pm at end of walk.

Sunday 3 April 2022: Glen Sherup Horseshoe, 9 miles

A circular walk following tracks and paths taking in the summits of Innerdownie, Whitewisp, Tarmangie and finally Ben Shee.

For further details of where to meet us for weekend walks or for general enquiries, please contact: Sandra Wilkinson on 01577 865472

Kinross Flower Club

We will be holding our first meeting of 2022 at 2pm on Thursday 24 March in Millbridge Hall. Louise Littlejohn will be giving us a demonstration called 'It's a jungle out here'.

On Thursday 28 April at 2pm Regina O'Regan will be demonstrating and her title is 'It was only a whisper'.

Both members and visitors are welcome.

Cleish SWI



President Agnes Thomson welcomed 24 members and 2 visitors to our February Meeting. After the business Agnes introduced Mr Neil Freshwater from "Fresh Wines" who gave a very interesting and informative talk on different wines. He explained about the variety of grapes and how the wine was produced and the countries where it came from. Some of the members were quite happy to sample the wine!!

Judith McLaren thanked Neil for his very interesting talk.

Competitions

Bowl of Bulbs

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Happy new year to you all from Kinross Road Runners! As usual, all the runners are setting their goals for 2022 including distance, races and so on. Let's all hope that 2022 brings less cancellations than the previous year and more social running.

Our list of races for the last month attended by our club members includes the Forfar Multi Terrain Half Marathon and the Falkirk 33 Mile Ultra. As usual our mad club members were keen to attend these harder long-distance races and our picture this month shows Matt, who was first finished from the club for the Forfar run, still with a smile on his face.

As we start a new year of parkrun, our members are still travelling far and wide with visits to Bridlington, Bushy, Dean Castle Country Park, Kelso, along with the normal more 'local' races that are on offer around the area. The parkrun for Loch Leven remaining a firm favourite with our members.

Training sessions included intervals at KGV, 2 mins on/2 mins off session at park and ride, our 2 mile time trial session, and a hill rep session at Ba'Hill

Torchlit runs included the normal runs around Milnathort and Kinross, and also a run up to John Knox's Pulpit.

If you have set yourselves a new goal for 2022 that involves starting or doing more running, then have fun wherever you run and stay safe.

Just a reminder as always 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 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. However you run, enjoy it.

Kinross Volleyball

Competitive volleyball returned for four Kinross teams on Sunday evenings as Perth College hosted the opening round of the recreational league cup competition and Bell's Sports Centre hosted the opening round of the premier league cup.

Kinross junior men



Smiley Matt finishing first in Forfar

In the recreational league cup a total of ten were divided into three sections; one of four teams and two of three teams and it was good to see many new young faces amongst the regulars. There were three teams made up totally of school age youngsters; Kinross, St Juan and Primal. These three teams were kept apart in the initial round with one youth team in each of the sections.

Matches had to be relocated for the first time in over 30 years as Bell's Sports Centre coaching hall was unavailable due to national badminton and table tennis championships.

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Kinross High School girls

That unique set up will never again be repeated if the coaching hall is turned into a gym and national governing bodies move their main events to other areas of Scotland. Perth's hotels, guest houses and eating establishments will miss out on a large slice of potential income as a result.

The two Kinross teams (one boys' team and one girls' team) found it difficult playing against the adults but they are still learning. Playing competitive games will help the development process.

The first round of premier league cup fixtures saw a very strong Kinross Scotrange team win both their qualifying ties with ease. However, the Kinross Cosmos development side found it hard going against experienced sides, especially with three key players unavailable through illness or injury. The Cosmos team has one more opportunity to qualify when they play two games against Dodgy Spikers and Fifers Too on finals night on 6 March.

Monday evening coaching sessions continue. They take place in the large games hall at the campus at 8-9.45pm. New members are welcome.



The club has entered two teams in the Scottish Open Volleyball tournament. This event is due to take place on Perth's North Inch over the last weekend of May. A total of 26 teams have already entered and the tournament organisers are anticipating a final entry of around 100 teams. Interest from our regulars in the Faroe Islands and Belgium is expected with further interest from France and Canada in the offing.

Kinross Tennis Club

www.kinrosstennisclub.org.uk

Play at Kinross TC has continued over the cold Winter months! We've had 82 Juniors aged 4-15 enjoying indoor sessions at Loch Leven Community Campus plus our usual social session have continued outdoors for our most hardy players!

Our youngest players have also been competing this Winter. Rohan, Cameron, Isla and Niamh (pictured) went up to Gleneagles to play an indoor fun tournament and came away with lots of wins. Well done team!

Coaching starts outdoors again this month with classes for Tots all the way up to our adult players. Sessions run on Mondays, Tuesdays, Saturdays and Sundays. There are still a few spaces left so get in touch with coach Siobhan at kinrosstenniscoaching@gmail.com to find out more.

The club's membership year starts from April. Prices will remain at half price! Membership gives players access to our free online court booking system, the opportunity to play at our free junior and adult social sessions (Wednesday evenings, Thursday afternoons, Fridays 3-4 for Juniors, and Sunday mornings) and access to our popular coaching programme. For more information on membership visit our website at <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/KinrossTennisClub>

Kinross Otters

The club has been gradually returning to normality after the easing of Covid-19 restrictions, with new starts and regulars increasing their time in the water and increasing competitive swimming opportunities for some of the more senior members.

At the start of February, some of the older Otters enjoyed a very fruitful weekend of racing at the Midland District Open Championships in Montrose. The swimmers showed resilience, commitment, effort, technique, speed, power, friendship and more through a busy two-day schedule.

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It was a chance to gain more race experience and new personal best times, while several were also in pursuit of qualification or 'consideration' times for this year's Scottish National Age Group Championships (SNAGS).

As well as Struan Bennet being crowned Open Champion in the 1500m freestyle and Ben Smallwood winning the Junior 50m freestyle, a total of six club members achieved either qualification or consideration times, with another chance ahead at the second meet next month.

Coach Fiona Dodds said: "All of our athletes went home with improvements in times, techniques and race experience. A coach can't ask for much more!"



There was further good news for Struan Bennet, who was short-listed in the category of Young Sports Personality of the Year at the Perth and Kinross Sports Awards, which are due to take place on 4 March.

Up against Gregor Miller from the world of judo and golfer Connor Graham, Struan has been recognised for his hard work and dedication during lockdown. Despite difficulties in training because of restrictions he still posted amazing results in 2021, with a win at the British Triathlon Super Series (Youth B rankings), individual and team relay event wins at the School Games, 3rd Junior at Super League Jersey and two Scottish Under 20 titles in Sprint Triathlon and Aquathlon.

Good luck Struan!

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Weekly Programme For March 2022

Monday	Exercise Class	11.30am
	Games – with safety measures	1.30pm
	Indoor curling, quizzes, Scrabble	2.00pm
	'Stride for Life' Walking Group	
Tuesday	Carers Cafe (8 Mar ONLY)	10-12pm
	Exercise Group	11.30am
	Games (with safety measures)	
	Indoor curling, quizzes, Scrabble	1.30pm
Wednesday	Church Service	11.15am
	(Only for our own service users)	
	Games – with safety measures	1.30pm
	Indoor curling, quizzes, Scrabble	1.30pm
Thursday	Interactive Games	11.30am
	Games – with safety measures	
	Indoor curling, quizzes, Scrabble	1.15pm
	Art Group	1.30pm
	Exercise Class	2.00pm
Friday	Exercise Group	11.30am
	Bingo – with safety measures	1.30pm
	Games – with safety measures	
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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

Kinross in Bloom: Volunteer group that provides and maintains floral displays to enhance the environment of Kinross. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Susan Mitchell at: susan.mitchell50@gmail.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.

Guide Dogs Kinross

Support group. We are always looking for new volunteers. Contact Sheila at She61@hotmail.co.uk.

RSPB Scotland Loch Leven

RSPB Scotland Loch Leven: We need volunteer fundraisers to help support the wonderful world of nature on our doorstep. Pin badges, bucket collections, events and sponsored walks – if you'd like to join our team, please contact Lyndsay Stobie at: Lyndsay.Stobie@rspb.org.uk or call 01577 862355.

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.

Common Grounds

Charity café staffed by volunteers on Tuesdays, Wednesday, Fridays and Saturdays in Guide Hall, Church Street, Milnathort. Open to public 10am-12.30pm. Opportunity to serve in café or bake for the café. Also opportunity to gain recognised hours towards Duke of Edinburgh Awards and Saltire Awards for young people 16 years and over. Funds raised are used to support charities mainly in Africa. Contact: Convener Elspeth Caldwell on 01577 863350 or Secretary Linda Freeman on 01577 865045 for more information.

Seamab

Seamab is a residential school that cares for some of the most vulnerable children in Scotland. We are looking for volunteers to help us place and manage collecting cans. Volunteering for Seamab makes a huge difference to the lives of the children and is a great way to meet people and develop new skills. For more information contact Melloney Flinn at mflinn@seamab.org.uk or call 01577 840307.

SSAFA

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

Kinross-shire Day Centre

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

Can you spare a couple of hours a month? We are looking for volunteers to join us. For more information please contact us at milnathorttownhall1@gmail.com.

Volunteering with Aberlour!

We are currently recruiting new volunteers to support Aberlour, Scotland's Children's Charity. 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.

Contact us at dofekinrossshire@gmail.com or visit www.dofe.org/run/volunteer for more information.

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, a main aim being to give education to schoolchildren about plants, gardening and the environment. If you would like more information about our volunteering opportunities, please

contact the Convenor, Amanda James, on 01577 840809, or amandajames1577@gmail.com

Interested in Guiding?

Girl Guide Troops In Milnathort, Kinross & Portmoak Need Helpers. Volunteer with Girl Guiding and help make a difference to the lives of girls. Be an inspiration for girls and young women and help them realise their full potential and share some unforgettable moments along the way. Register on line at go.girlguiding.org.uk and I will get back to you. Kinross need a Guide Helper, Brownie leader and helper. Portmoak need a brownie helper and Milnathort are looking for a Rangers leader. If you would like to volunteer and would like a little more information, please just give me a buzz. Call Alison on 07764 750212

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: lyndsastobie@chas.org.uk or 07557 370746.

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

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Fossoway and District Community Council

Ideal for a Modern Studies/ Social Studies student?

Fossoway is located within Perth & Kinross and includes the settlements of Blairingone, Powmill, Crook of Devon & Drum, Rumbling Bridge and Carnbo. The Fossoway and District Community Council is a group of volunteers, elected by the Community who work together for the benefit of the Community. We meet with members of the public on the first Tuesday of every month from 7.30pm to 9pm and discuss issues that affect the community which can range from planning applications to local crime to concerns about community facilities. Our meetings rotate around public buildings in our villages.

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.

- The Fossoway District is also in the process of establishing a community development trust. Presently we are looking for community engagement opportunities to seek members of the trust and again the individual could support these events and help raise our profile with the younger generation.

- Ideally the candidate would be confident using Microsoft Office and social media tools.

- Training and mentorship will be provided

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 <http://www.fossoway.org/dcc:about>

Organisations: If you would like a volunteer appeal to be added to the list above, please email the Newsletter Editor. Please let us know if you no longer need your appeal to be listed.



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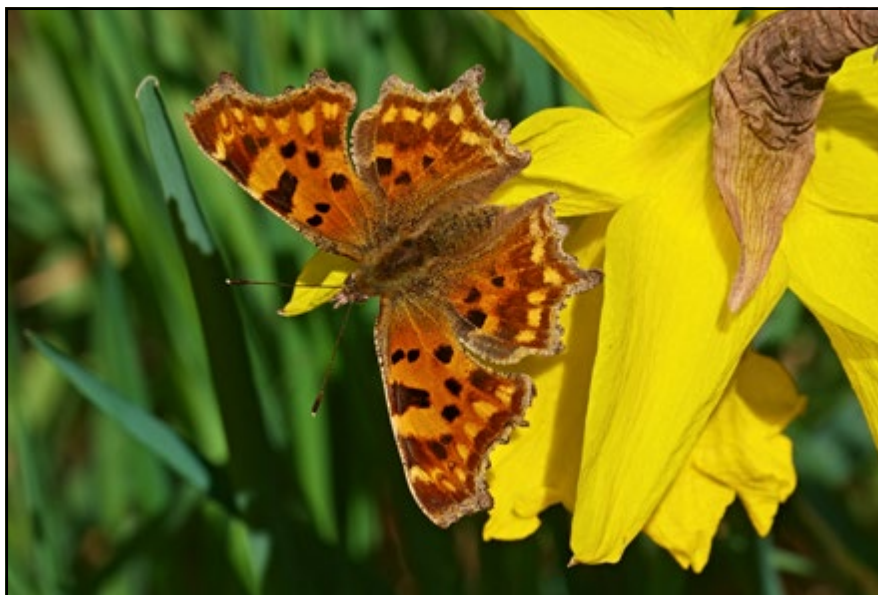
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Nature Comes Back To Life

SPRING IS OFFICIALLY HERE, although it might not feel like it! March can go either way – a warm, sunny introduction into the delights of spring or a wet, cold wintery month, it's pretty much a gamble! It is also a crucial month for the wildlife of Loch Leven NNR. Birds are pairing up all around – the ducks on the loch are courting and starting to think about nesting. Some birds will already be nesting, including herons and crossbills! The swans are setting up their territories and the mornings are accompanied by the early stages of the dawn chorus.

One of my early spring milestones is the sound of the first singing skylark. This beautiful song is one of the best songs in nature in my opinion. The complex song is full of rolling notes, whistles and chirrups at an extremely fast pace, as they are singing they often display as well. They beat their wings extremely fast (12 times per second) as they rise vertically to heights of 60 metres. The saying 'up with the lark' comes from the early-rising of the skylark. This bird is known to rise early and is often one of the first birds that you hear if you are out at dawn. In Northern Europe, the long days mean that this bird is often heard singing at 3am – I guess the early bird does catch the worm!

When the weather turns milder, March is often the time I spot my first butterfly of the year. Normally, the first butterflies are ones that have over-wintered and hibernated – often looking a bit worse for wear. The usual first butterflies are the small-tortoiseshell or peacock, if you are lucky you may stumble across a comma. In March, they are often seen scampers around looking for any sources of nectar. In March these tend to be daffodils, snowdrops, lesser celandine, willow catkins or winter aconites.



As well as the butterflies, the bees also make a first appearance in March. Queen bumblebees awake from their hibernation after spending the entire winter underground. They have spent the winter using their stored energy and are now on the move for nectar while looking for a suitable nest site. Since moving to Kinross, the bumblebee I see most in early spring is the tree bumblebee. Tree bumblebee was first recorded in the UK in 2001 and was first recorded in Scotland in 2013. It has been marching northwards and is now a common sight in spring here.

Some of our long-awaited 'summer migrants' will be arriving during the course of the month. Look out for the first osprey, sand martin and swallow! I cannot wait to see these much loved and iconic birds again over the loch. Look out

for regular 'migrant updates' on our social media.

Latest wildlife highlights from the reserve include; a stoat in ermine, one wintering green sandpiper, two short-eared owls, three ravens, 300 pochard, 18 pintail and two kingfisher from the Burleigh hide.

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.

Cheers!

Simon Ritchie

Loch Leven Nature Reserve Officer

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Curlew: Photo by Alex Gilfillan

IT HAS BEEN ANOTHER great month for wildlife at RSPB Scotland Loch Leven. Such a mild January has kept the Wetland Trail from freezing over and maintained our wader numbers at good levels. Regular sightings of teal, wigeon, mallard, mute swan, whooper swan and gadwall have been reported.

A regular flock of around 150 curlews have been seen too, which is fantastic as these birds are in serious decline across the UK. Numbers of breeding pairs have halved since the mid-90s in the UK, and the UK hosts around a quarter of the total global breeding population, so it's really important to have places like Loch Leven for them to live. The RSPB is working hard with farmers, crofters, land-managers, and other con-

Curlews Flock To The Loch

servation organisations to help save curlews by providing good quality habitats at sites where curlew can thrive.

Other highlights this month have included regular sightings of kestrel, buzzard, peregrine, and a ring tail (female or juvenile) hen harrier. Short eared owls have also been seen sporadically around the wetlands and hillside path. Around the visitor centre and feeders, we have had some lovely sightings of tree creeper and goldcrest, as well as bullfinch amongst the regulars. Jays and sparrowhawks have been spotted around the feeders, and great spotted woodpecker has been heard 'drumming' from the car park.

On the reserve we have been using a big machine called a spoil spreader to open up some of our ditches and wetter areas. This helps to spread the soil away and creates lots of exposed mud for waders to feed. Our wonderful volunteer team have also been preparing the reserve for the breeding season by raising the flood pipes. This will hold back water from the wetlands and provide a larger area for birds to nest and raise their chicks. They have also been working on the island and rafts in front of the hides to make them suitable for nesting birds and give our visitors a great view of the nesting gull colony. We must also say a massive thank you to them for the tremendous job of replacing our pond dipping decking area with plaswood, made from recycled plastic.

The café is currently closed on Mondays and Tuesdays until further notice due to staff shortages. We hope to increase our capacity and get back open seven days a week soon, so watch this space! For more information and updates please keep an eye on our socials on Facebook at @RSPBTaysideFife and Twitter @RSPBLochLeven.

*Rachel Gooday
Visitor Experience Officer*

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Farming

Gambolling On The Spring Lambs

OUR FIRST LAMBS ARE due just about when this *Newsletter* is published. By 1 March we should have a couple of new-borns and hopefully by about the 10th most of the 100 ewes in our early lot will have lambed. The delivery window looks to be short; it will be a fast and furious few days for us all. With a third of this group expecting triplets we have had to feed treacle for the first time in a number of years and will be scrubbing up the automatic pet lamb feeder in readiness to take some of these lambs into our care.

We made a decision to spread out the rest of lambing in 2022, so a further 250 ewes are due from 9 of April, 200 gimmers (first time mums) from the 20th and the final 190 will lamb outside from about 8 May. It's an extended season and there are a number of reasons we thought we'd try it this way. Probably the biggest driver is grass growth, our traditional system of lambing the earlies in March, followed by remainder during the first two weeks of April was putting a lot of pressure on the grass causing us to rely more and more concentrate feeding and fertiliser to get the grass growing. Our neighbours lamb a little later which is more in tune with the natural growth for this area so it seems to make sense to go this way and let the power of nature in the form of increased sunlight and warmer days help the grass grow.

Tied in closely with new approach is the second reason for the change which is the rising cost of fertiliser. John mentioned the hike in prices in his last *Newsletter* column, since natural gas is a key component for producing ammonium nitrate, the current high cost is linked to the increased gas price. With this year's supply of fertiliser costing two and a half times more per tonne than last year, we have bought less and are going to try to apply it strategically in order to feed the same number of mouths throughout the summer. We are fortunate that due to regular applications of dung, our soils have good levels of Phosphate and Potassium. I've



also been applying regular limestone annually meaning the land is sitting at a reasonable pH level, hopefully laying a good foundation for grass growth without the need for as much top up from a bag. The last compelling reason is workload and with my poor health we are hoping a slow and steady approach might make it easier for my son to continue sheep farming in a more sustainable fashion for both livestock, land and shepherd.

Talking about sustainability, we carried out our first carbon audit last week and it revealed that 13 tonnes of CO2 equivalent is produced on our sheep farm in the agricultural processes that take place to keep the ewes and rear the home-bred lambs plus some calves that we buy in.

The calculations suggest that we produce 26 tonnes of livestock, 21,600kg of Scotch lamb that went straight into the food chain and 4400 kg of beef that went to other farms for fattening. That's at least 2200 people fed with our nutritious Scotch lamb with a further potential of another 600 plus meals from the beef animals once they are finished. I'll let you draw your own conclusion on the carbon cost of the production but to set it in context, my research tells me a family car produces about 2.2 tonnes, a return flight to New York produces 968 kg per passenger and the Formula One circuit generates an eye-watering 256,000 tonnes per season.

If we are lucky we will have a new winning formula for our farm, come through the season in one piece and reduce our small emissions slightly to do our bit for the environment.

Fiona

Weather



Recent Weather Reports From Kinross

January 2022

Total Rainfall	62.4mm/2.49in
Heaviest Fall	9.1ml (1 Jan)
Total Sunshine	60.3 hrs
Sunniest Day	6.9 hrs (27 Jan)
Max Temp Average	8.11c
Highest Temp	13.32c (1 Jan)
Min Temp Average	-0.54c
Lowest Temp	-5.9c (3 Jan)

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Gardening

A Chilli Spring

Greetings fellow gardeners! Well, that was a wet and windy winter wasn't it... and it's not over yet. As I sit here writing, trying to summon thoughts of spring, it's snowing... big fat disks of the stuff falling from the sky. So, I'll do my best with the first gardening column of 2022. Here goes.

What have I done so far this year? Well, I've got all my seeds for the year ahead, which I'll start sowing in mid-March in the heated propagator. I think I mentioned at the tail-end of last year that I was going to try to grow all my hanging basket plants from seed this year – well I have all the seeds, so we'll see how it goes. For those who are interested, I have: Swan River Daisy, Bidens, Diascia, Petunia Wave and Bacopa, and I'll chuck some over-wintered Begonias in the middle.

I've also sown my chilli seeds on a wee heat mat in the kitchen. Chillies have a long growing season and as we have fairly short summers in Scotland, the sooner you can get them growing, the better. They're an inch or so tall now so I've removed them from the heat mat and they're on the kitchen windowsill waiting for me to get my act together and pot them up. I'll keep them in the kitchen until probably the end of March

when I'll put in the greenhouse, with the heater on.

And that's all I've done gardening-wise so far this year... apart from wandering around the garden between rain and snow showers thinking about everything that needs done!

When it starts to warm up a wee bit, or stops snowing and blowing a gale, I'll be tidying up my pots and borders to take out any of last year's bedding plants and cut back all the perennials. It doesn't take that long and really makes such a difference to the tidiness; I just need to get around to it!

As I said, all my seeds for my baskets and borders will be started around mid-March in the propagator. You can use just about anything to sow seeds in – yoghurt pots, egg cartons, old meat and veg trays – as long as you can get a couple of inches of compost in it and poke holes in the bottom for drainage, it'll do as a seed tray. Three quarters fill your chosen container with compost, throw some seeds in and sprinkle some compost or vermiculite over the seeds. Put the container in a poly bag or cover with cling film and place somewhere warm and light to germinate. Once the seedlings have their first



set of true leaves (usually the second set of leaves), prick out into trays or cells of compost to grow on.

I'll also be starting my over-wintered Begonias off around mid-March. I've kept them in the back bedroom in paper bags over the winter and by mid-March they should start to sprout. These will be gently pressed into trays of compost (discarding any really soft corms) with the concave side up – the rounded, hairy side is the roots and should be placed downwards. They'll be water two or three times a week – I usually water around them to wet the compost, if water collects in the corm there's a danger of them rotting, and we don't want that!

So, from not knowing what to write about a wee while ago while looking out the window at the snow, it seems there's quite a bit to do! I shall leave you for this month and wish you happy and fruitful gardening – if the weather ever lets up!

Teresa Stirling

Gardens to Visit

Cowden Garden, Dollar

Stop...Look....Listen....and connect with nature!

The Japanese Garden, Cowden are running forest therapy sessions throughout March - a chance to slow down, enjoy the detail in nature, and give your wellbeing a boost this March!

Based in the Japanese Garden and Stewart Woodland, your Guide Jean Nairn (woodlandsbreathing.co.uk) will take you through a series of simple activities designed to help you to connect with nature and for it to connect with you!

Sessions last 90 mins - 10.30am-12pm

Runs Wednesdays in March (2/9/16/23) You can do all four sessions or just one!

Adults Only

Sessions are free (thanks to funding from Scottish Government's Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund)

Booking essential (spaces limited). Please email Nicola at outreach@cowdengarden.com or phone 07570 506188.

Come give it a try!

Kirklands Garden, Saline

We have a brand new website: www.kirklandsgarden.co.uk Please take a look.

The snowdrops are really putting on a show and getting better every day! The hellebores, winter aconites (*Eranthis hyemalis*) are joining in the display. They're looking forward to welcoming you to Kirkland's for our next Snowdrop Weekend on 5/6 March. Teas, coffees and cakes available too.

Entrance £5, includes a clump of snowdrops to plant.

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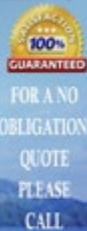
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The Church Office is operating remotely. Leave a phone message or email.

Minister: Rev Alan D. Reid MA, BD

Tel: (01577) 862952

Ordained Local Minister: Rev Margaret Michie

Session Clerk: Jaffrey Weir

KEEPING IN TOUCH: contact the Church Office to be included in our weekly email of events.

CHANGES: Changes in Covid guidance have allowed us to relax some restrictions this month, including restarting coffees after the Sunday service. Some House Groups and the Craft Group may return to meeting in person during March. Check the church website, or subscribe to our weekly email, for details.

Regular Services and Events:

Sundays

10.30am: Morning Service, in the church with an informal start before with music then a gathering song about 10.25. The theme in March is 'Praying the Psalms'. Activities available for children and teenagers. Coffees available after the service.

NHS Test and Protect details taken. The church is cleaned and ventilated before services. The main door is kept partially open. Most seats are no longer spaced but there remain some spaced seats downstairs so you can choose a single seat or a pair. Masks have to be worn. You are encouraged to take a lateral flow test before attending

Sunday morning services are also available as a live stream on the church website, YouTube and Facebook, and on Zoom*. Thereafter available to view on YouTube, Facebook and the church's website; from around 1pm, listen by phone on 01577 528270 and press 1; or request a CD or copy of the sermon from the church office.

12 noon: Youth Alpha. At the Kythe Hub.
Contact Kythe for details

6pm: Sunday Evening Prayer, on Zoom*

Mondays

8pm: House Group – Bible study and fellowship

Tuesdays

1.45pm: House Group

Wednesdays

1.30pm: Craft Group

7.45pm: Men's House Group

8.00pm: Women's House Group

Thursdays

11-12pm Table Talk – Chat and coffee on Zoom*

Fridays

Boys' Brigade and Girls' Association in the church centre.
Anchors 6pm; Juniors 7pm;



Company and Seniors 7pm

Other Services and Events:

March

Sun 6 10.30am: Morning Service: Quarterly Communion. Special collection for 'Starchild', a Guild Project in Uganda.

Mon 7 8am: Silent Meditation in the church.

Tue 8 7.15pm: Guild on Zoom* - 'Hackers and Scammers', Gerry Grant

Sun 13 Let's Sing, for those living with dementia, is likely to remain cancelled this month because of Covid but we will keep in touch with people by phone.

Thu 17 9pm: Evening service of Compline in the church

Sat 19 All Friends Together (part of Prospects Across Scotland for people with learning disabilities). On Zoom*

*For Gatherings on Zoom: see weekly email or contact the Church Office for link details.

FAMILY WEEK 2022 : 1 - 5 August

Fossoway, St Serf's & Devonside Church

Church of Scotland

(Charity number SC013157)

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March 2022

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

Sunday, 6 Mar

9.45am: Morning Worship.

Refreshments and the Fairtrade Stall will be available after the service

12.30pm: Joint Cleish and Fossoway Churches morning worship by 'Zoom'

Sunday, 13 Mar

9.45am: Morning Worship.

Sunday, 20 Mar

9.45am: Morning Worship.

Sunday, 27 Mar

9.45am: Morning Worship

Refresh Thursday

We are open again on Thursdays 2 - 4pm in the Church Hall.

Join us for a friendly blether with delicious home baking, tea and coffee, all are welcome

Film Evening

Our next film is: *Military Wives* which is inspired by the true story of the Military Wives Choirs, a network of 75 choirs in British military bases across the United Kingdom and overseas, featured in the British documentary television series *The Choir*.

March 4th 7.30pm – 9.30pm in the Church Hall

Please join us for the film, a cuppa and a blether and even some popcorn, all are welcome

Church Information

Fossoway Crafts

Monday evenings from 6.30pm in the Church Hall.

Bring your own craft and join us or join with us in knitting items for neo-natal babies for Project Linus UK.

Fossoway House Group

Our House Group continues to meet by WhatsApp on a Thursday evening.

The material that we are looking at through video and study is also sent out by email. If you would like to join the WhatsApp Group or receive the material by email please contact Lis

Fossoway Babies and Toddlers

Every Friday during term time 9.30 – 11.30am,
Fossoway Church Hall
Snacks, play and blether

The Men's Breakfast

After a long break this group is meeting for the start of a new session on Saturday 19th March at 8.30am in the Church Hall. Come and join us for a delicious cooked breakfast and a time of fellowship.

If you would like any more information or to join with us for any of the Zoom services, please contact the Rev Lis Stenhouse 01577 842128.

Cleish Parish Church

Church of Scotland

(Charity No: SC003168)

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We are very pleased to announce that our church building is open and we look forward to welcoming you to worship with us once again in Cleish Church.

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

March 2022

Sunday, 6 Mar

11.15am: Morning Worship,
12.30pm: Joint Cleish and Fossoway Churches
Morning Worship by Zoom

Sunday, 13 Mar

11.15am: Morning Worship.

Sunday, 20 Mar

11.15am: Morning Worship.

Sunday, 27 Mar

11.15am: Morning Worship.
Stated Annual Meetings

If you would like any more information or to join with us for any of the Zoom services, please contact the Rev Lis Stenhouse (01577 84212) who will be happy to send you the link.

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St Paul's Scottish Episcopal Church (Part of the Worldwide Anglican Communion)

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Fr David Mackenzie Mills, Rector.

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You can also find us on Facebook

www.facebook.com/stpaulsepiscopalchurchkinross

St Paul's is inclusive, friendly and welcoming to all age groups (whether regular churchgoers or if you're simply inquisitive about who we are and what we do.)

****The church building is open for services in person. Our Sunday morning services begin at 10am, unless otherwise advertised. (Our church bell rings from 9.45am.) We will provide regular updates on our website. Please do refer to it regularly. Although government guidelines removed the need for social distancing, we maintain a 1m distancing policy in the church building and face coverings are worn. We also operate a track & trace system for those who would like to attend in person. We look forward to seeing you!****

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.

Please be assured of our prayers and intercessions, especially if Covid-19 has directly affected you and your family. As always, you are most welcome to contact the Rector by phone or email if there is anything that our community can offer, a listening ear or practical help.

May the road rise up to meet you.

May the wind be always at your back.

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 March

Wednesday 2 Mar ASH WEDNESDAY

The season of Lent begins today. It is a series of weeks for conscious personal reflection the lives we lead as we prepare to retell the intense drama of Jesus' Passion, Death and Resurrection.

10am Midweek Meditative Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes

7.30pm Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes

Sunday 6 Mar: (Lent 1)

10am Sung Eucharist Celebrant and Preacher: Bishop Ian

Wednesday 9 Mar

10am Midweek Meditative Holy Communion

7.30pm Online Lent study group – *Living Stones, Living Hope* (USPG) 1. An Introduction to the course (download the free study guide from <https://uspg.org.uk/resources/study-courses1714>)

9pm 'Zoom' Compline

Sunday 13 Mar: (Lent 2)

10am Sung Eucharist

Wednesday 16 Mar:

10am Midweek Meditative Holy Communion

7.30pm Online Lent study group – *Living Stones, Living Hope* (USPG) 2. African Women's Theology (download the free study guide as above)

9pm 'Zoom' Compline

Sunday 20 Mar: (Lent 3)

10am Sung Eucharist

Wednesday 23 Mar:

10am Midweek Meditative Holy Communion.



7.30pm Online Lent study group – *Living Stones, Living Hope* (USPG) **3. Liberation Theology** (download the free study guide as above)

9pm 'Zoom' Compline

Sunday 27 Mar: (Lent 4)

10am Sung Eucharist

Wednesday 30 Mar:

10am Midweek Meditative Holy Communion.

7.30pm Online Lent study group – *Living Stones, Living Hope* (USPG) **4. Celtic Spirituality** (download the free study guide as above)

9pm 'Zoom' Compline

Orwell and Portmoak Parish Church

Church of Scotland (Charity number SC015523)

Interim Moderator – Rev Alan Reid

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Locum – Rev Robert Calvert

Sunday Worship, and Junior Church:

10am Portmoak Church

11.30am Orwell Church

All children welcome.

Services will have all current Covid safety procedures in place, including the wearing of masks.

Please note that joint services will be held on the first Sunday of each month in alternate churches at 10:30am.

4 Mar **WORLD DAY of PRAYER** service is to be held in Orwell Church at 7.00 pm. The service has been prepared by representatives of churches in England, Wales and Northern Ireland on the theme of 'I know I have plans for you' (*Jeremiah 29*).

6 Mar Joint family service in Portmoak Church at 10:30am

No morning service at Orwell Church

Please check the church website or Facebook page for further information on all services in case things change.

Stramash Magazine

This magazine has been distributed free to all houses in the parish, but we are currently unable to continue doing this unless we can find someone with a sales background to arrange the advertising by local firms on which the magazine depends. Equally we need more contributors of material with a local interest. If you can help in either capacity, please contact the Church Office by email as below.

Church Office

At the time of writing, the Church Office and Shop is once again closed due to current Covid regulations, but it is hoped that we will soon be able to open again from 10am to 12pm, from Monday to Friday.

Office email: orwellandportmoakchurch@gmail.com

Website: orwellportmoakchurch.org.uk

Kinross Gospel Hall

8 Montgomery Street, Kinross

www.kinrossgospelhall.info

contact 0781 805 0785

At Last! We're delighted to announce that we are able to recommence Gospel meetings. These will take place **every Sunday at 4pm** for approximately 40 minutes.

We look forward to welcoming old friends and new and especially welcome everyone who is able to join us. **We will, of course, follow all the current Covid-19 guidelines.**

Sadly, we do not think it appropriate at this point to restart Friends and Neighbours, but we continue to monitor the situation.



Acknowledgements

ROBB: Jimmy and the family of the late Barbara (Barrie) Hunter Robb would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for the support, cards and flowers received following Barrie's death and to all who attended her funeral, held in November at Perth Crematorium, and who gave so generously to the collection at the door. The sum of £350 has been donated to the Alzheimer's Association.

Thanks also to the Rev. Alan Reid for his comforting service and to Stewart Funeral Directors for their caring and sensitive guidance with funeral arrangements. A special thanks must also go to the staff of Ashley House for the caring kindness that they gave to Barrie and Jimmy over the past five years.

Loch Leven Church

(Charity No: SC049050)

The location is still to be confirmed, so please check our Facebook page (details below).

Our sermon series from January to March is called 'Faith in Action' from the book of James, and we'll be hosting the following services in March:

6 Mar: When boasting is evil (4:11-5:12)
Andy Hunter (FIEC)

13 Mar: When prayer is effective (5:13-20)
Jim Crooks (Tayside Christian Fellowship)

20 Mar: Mission Sunday
Jacob Brothers (Glenrothes Baptist Church)

27 Mar: Communion service
Tim Power (LLC)

Everyone, of all ages, is very welcome. **To find out more about us, please visit our Facebook page *We Love Loch Leven*, our website www.lochlevenchurch.com, or email us at info@lochlevenchurch.com**

Kinross Christian Fellowship

Jesus said, 'I am among you as one who serves.'

Sunday morning service at 10.30am (refreshments and blether at 10am), Millbridge Hall, Old Causeway, Kinross.

Lively praise (children participate), reverent worship open to the leading of the Holy Spirit, prayer, ministry and solid Bible-based preaching and teaching. An all-round family service for families, which includes Sunday School. Communion every second Sunday, as is our evening service at 6.30pm; a time for praise, worship, sharing and joy in The Lord Jesus. (Followed by light refreshments and more blether.)

Everyone is welcome to either service or to both, so please come and taste and see that the LORD is good.

KCF also runs the Talking Donkey cafe. Additionally, the Friday evening Youth Group at the Millbridge Hall (Space) is also the responsibility of our Fellowship, and we are pleased to accept this privilege.

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

are in our Notices section

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KVG/BOS is supported by Perth and Kinross Council but there is always a shortfall. Our Management Committee are continuously fund raising, and coupled with the donations we receive from local organisations, service users and individuals, we are able to provide the funds to cover our expenses and running costs. We are so grateful to everyone who supports us and allows KVG/BOS to deliver this vital community service.

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Notices

THE GAELIC SOCIETY OF PERTH

The Gaelic Society of Perth will hold a Gaelic Evening Cèilidh to celebrate the coming of the Mòd to Perth from 14 to 22 of October 2022. This will take place at St Matthew's Church Hall, Tay St, Perth on Friday 18 March 2022 at 7.30pm. This cèilidh will feature several highly talented Gaelic singers, musicians as well as a piper from the Perth Pipe Band. Admission is £5- for an evening's entertainment plus refreshments! Please note that these are traditional highland cèilidhs – lots of music and singing but no dancing. Further information can be obtained from the Secretary on 01577 864589, on our website gaelicsocietyofperth.com or like us on Facebook – we are Gaelic Society of Perth.

MUSIC IN DOLLAR

Music In Dollar will hold their next concert on Sunday 6 of March at 3pm at the Gibson Hall, Dollar Academy, Dollar. This features two fantastic young musicians – the Tunnell Trust winners, cellist Yoanna Prodanova and pianist Mihai Ritivoiu, who will play a selection of works from Chopin, Schubert, Debussy and Dohnanyi. Tickets cost £10 either on line or at the door, £7 for members and free to under 18s and those in full time education. Further information from the Concert Secretary on 01577 864589 or the Society website www.musicindollar.org.uk.



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MOBILE LIBRARY 2, 16, 30 March (Fortnightly, Wednesdays)

Kinnesswood (Opposite Shop)	09.30 – 10:00	Powmill (Mill Gardens)	13:20 – 13:40
Portmoak Hall	10:05 – 10:20	Crook of Devon (Village Inn)	13:45 – 14:45
Scotlandwell (Leslie Road)	10:25 – 10:50	Carnbo (Pitcairnie Lane)	15:00 – 15:30
Levenmouth Farm	11:00 – 11:20	Whyte Court (Kinross)	15:45 – 16:15
Hatchbank Road (Gairneybank, Kinross)	11:40 – 12:00		

SPARKs Kinross
Local Community Group

Are you an adult physical or learning disability?
Would you like to meet new people in the Kinross-shire area?
Come join us for a cuppa and chat.

We meet on a weekly basis
@ Kinross Men's Shed, Swansacre, Kinross
on Thursday's 1300–1500

We have various optional activities:

- Weekly Quiz
- Board Games
- Arts & Crafts
- Occasional Guest Speaker
- Boccia
- Trips out to Museums, Ten-Pin Bowling, Picnics

The group is mainly self led, with support from fantastic volunteers, NHS & PKC community workers.

LOCAL CHEMIST INFORMATION

Rowlands Pharmacy, Kinross

Mon – Fri 9am-6pm

Saturday 9am-5pm

Tel 01577 862422



Davidson's Chemist, Milnathort

Mon – Fri: 9am-6pm (Open lunchtime)

Saturday: 9am-12.30pm

Tel: 01577 862219

Sundays: Nearest open pharmacy: Asda, Dunfermline



Grants and Funding Websites

www.pkgrantsdirect.com

www.foundationscotland.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

Perth & Kinross School Term Dates 2022

Term ends: Friday 1 April 2022

Spring holiday: Monday 4 April 2022 - Monday 18 April 2022

Summer term 2022

Term starts: Tuesday 19 April 2022

Jubilee holiday: Thursday 2 June 2022

Jubilee holiday: Friday 3 June 2022

Term ends: Thursday 30 June 2022



Social Groups in your community

VisionPK runs local groups for people with visual impairments, offering opportunities to meet others, share experiences, socialise and participate in activities.

We would like to hear from you if you live in Perth and Kinross and are interested in taking part in a group or would like to volunteer to support your local group.

For more information, call or email Lidia Dye:
t: 01738 626969
e: lidia.dye@visionpk.org.uk



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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

NEWSLETTER DEADLINES

More deadlines for the months ahead can be found on our website.

In very rare circumstances it may be necessary to change a deadline at short notice. Check the *Newsletter* website for latest information: www.kinrossnewsletter.org

Issue	Deadline	Publication Date
April	Friday 18 March	Saturday 26 March 2022
May	Friday 15 April	Saturday 30 April 2022

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

Local Correspondent

for Perthshire Advertiser and Fife Herald newspapers

Linda Freeman

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Situations Vacant

Field Services Engineer, Glendevon Energy Company Ltd

May suit a wide variety of applicants, from experienced renewables engineers to plumbers or electricians looking for a new challenge. Training and mentoring available.

Servicing, repairing and installing renewable heating systems (ground source heat pumps, air source heat pumps, solar thermal systems and biomass systems).

Duties and skills include:

- Responding to emergencies, determining the issue, and making a repair
- Effective communication with customers
- Solo visits and team work as required
- Liaising with suppliers to identify potential solutions and source parts
- Reporting and Documentation for customers, warranty claims and regulators
- Following safety regulations while work takes place
- Maintaining and developing your personal skills & knowledge
- Any other related work requested

Terms and conditions:

- Full time. Pay according to skills and experience
- Usual on-site hours; 8am - 4pm.
- Ad hoc overtime to meet the needs of the team and customers – overnight stays for remote sites.
- Travel to sites across Scotland.
- 28 days holiday per year including Bank Holidays
- Training and mentoring available.
- Company vehicle and uniform supplied.

Could you be an SQA invigilator?

In preparation for the SQA 2022 Exams, Kinross High School are recruiting invigilators. We are looking for people who:

- have internet access, basic IT skills and a personal email address
- are suitable to work within an education environment
- are physically able to undertake the duties of the role
- live within easy reach of the centre – in rural areas this should be no more than 5 miles from the centre.

For more information about the role, visit

www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/35770.html

If you are interested, please email

KinrossHigh@pkc.gov.uk using 'SQA Invigilating' in the subject box or apply at

www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/35770.html

For Sale

Items for Sale

The Newsletter publishes items for sale listed on the *kinross.cc* website. If interested in purchasing an item, we suggest **checking the website for current availability** (*www.kinross.cc* then 'Local Adverts' then 'Classified Adverts'). If interested in selling an item, please list it on *www.kinross.cc* and it will automatically be published in the next available *Newsletter*, subject to space.

BOOKS

SET OF 15 Roald Dahl Books

£15

Seller: Alan Briscoe

01577 840680

alanenby@outlook.com



Fancy doing something different with a member of your family?

Come and join artist Sue Crawley for a fun printing workshop, inspired by features you can see in The Japanese Garden.

No previous experience required. All materials supplied.

Family groups can be up to 1 or 2 adults with up to 3 children (all ages most welcome).

Refreshments provided.

Sessions are FREE.*

We're running on 2 Saturdays in March:

Saturday 5th March – Coronation Hall, Muckhart – 2-4pm

Saturday 12th March – The Hive, Dollar – 2-4pm

To book or for more information please contact Nicola Dibley on outreach@cowdengarden.com or phone 07570506188.

*We are grateful to the Scottish Government's Communities Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund for funding these sessions.

Cleish Fete and Classic Car Show

(Postcode KY13 0LR)



Saturday 14th May 2022

Cleish Village Hall – 1.00 - 3.30pm



BBQ ("Rootin & Roamin"), Teas, in the Village Hall

Produce, Cake & Candy, Tombola, Plant Stall, Cards, Books,

Media and Children's games

Classic Car Show

All pre-2000s cars welcome – Please be in field by 12.00pm

Entry to Classic Car Show free but contact

David Leslie on 07778772349 or at cleishcarshow@cleish.org

to confirm car details and entry.

If you have a pre-2000s car please come, and let your local car contacts know too.

All proceeds in aid of Cleish Church (Charity No SCO03168)

**MOBILE POST VAN AT
BUCHAN AVENUE,
KINNESSWOOD**

**MONDAYS 13.45 till 14.45
WEDNESDAYS 12.45 till 13.45**

**KINROSS DELIVERY OFFICE
ROYAL MAIL
87 High St, Kinross KY13 8AR
OPENING TIMES**

MONDAY	8-10am
TUESDAY	8-10am
WEDNESDAY	8-10am
THURSDAY	8-10am and 4-7pm
FRIDAY	8-10am
SATURDAY	8am-12pm
SUNDAY	CLOSED

Kinross Garden Group

2021/22 Season
Thursday 10 March 2pm
Kinross Parish Church.
Ian Christie: Snowdrops
All welcome to join us.

Kinross Recycling Centre

Bridgend Industrial Estate

Opening Times:

Mon - Fri 9am - 7pm
Sat - Sun 9am - 5pm

Bras, bicycles, cans (inc aerosols, biscuit tins, aluminium foil), car and household batteries, cardboard, cooking oil, electricals (WEEE), engine oil, fluorescent tubes, long life light bulbs, food and drinks cartons (Tetra packs), fridges, freezers, garden waste, glass, large domestic appliances, paper, plastic (rigid plastic packaging), rubble stone and soil, scrap metal, telephone directories, textiles (clothes and shoes), timber, tyres (maximum two per visit, strictly householders only) and non-recyclable (general) waste. Bikes and bike parts will be recycled.

Compost can be collected from the Recycling Centre, subject to availability. Maximum of 2 x 25kg bags per visitor.

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

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 (*42* telephone and leave a voicemail)	01738 476173*42*
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

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Portmoak: Email: portmoakcommunitycouncil@pkc.gov.uk

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Portmoak Community Councillors

S McGregor	(Secretary)	
A Davidson	(Treasurer)	
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Have a look at our website: www.portmoak.org

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Mobile Library Service

Mobile Library services have now resumed. See panel on p102 for details. For more information, see: www.culturepk.org.uk/libraries and click on 'Services in the Community'

Perth Samaritans

Need to talk? We'll listen.

Contact us by

phone: 01738 626666 or 08457 909090
email: jo@samaritans.org

Visit us at 3 King's Place, Perth, PH2 8AA

Mondays	1630 – 2130	Thursdays	1630 – 1900
Wednesdays	0830 – 1100	Fridays	1000 – 1630
and	1930 – 2130	Sundays	0800 – 2130

No pressure, no names, no judgment.
We're here for you, anytime.

Enquire

Are you looking for information about your child's rights to support in school? If so, contact Enquire, the national advice and information service for additional support for learning.

Enquire offer: a confidential telephone helpline and online enquiry service, practical guides, fact sheets and newsletters, helpful materials for children and young people with additional support needs.

For more information contact: Tel 0345 123 2303

Website: www.enquire.org.uk

Enquire is funded by the Scottish Government and managed by Children in Scotland.

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is available from:

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