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Letter From The Editor

THE CLOCKS HAVE just gone back and the nights are drawing in... it won't be long before we really feel as though winter is upon us. I recently discovered the origins of the phrase "It's blowing a hoolie,": it is supposedly derived from the Orkney word 'hoolan'. Hoolan describes a strong gale-force wind. They will be experts on that in Orkney! Hopefully we will not have to experience too many 'hoolies' in Kinross this winter.

We already know our Scottish climate is changing faster than scientists expected. A study by the James Hutton Institute in Aberdeen (www.hutton.ac.uk) found that Scotland has already experienced more winter rainfall than predicted for mid-century. February and April have become up to 60% wetter in the last 30 years compared with the previous three decades.

About The Kinross Newsletter

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

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

Readers use the *Newsletter* to find local trades and services, and our loyal advertisers support the community by enabling us to publish local clubs' reports and essential community information free of charge. Readers, when answering an advertisement, please say you saw it in the *Newsletter*. Thank you.

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CC: Community Council

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If you are in need of a story of hope, Milnathort Filmhouse are this month showing a free screening of *Why Not Scotland* on Friday 15 November at 6pm in collaboration with the Kinross-shire Climate Café. This documentary follows Flo, from Glasgow as she seeks out examples of nature recovery around Europe. Like many of her generation, Flo is concerned by the state of nature and fearful about an uncertain future.

However, during her travels, she discovers places where nature is making a spectacular comeback. Encouraged by these stories of hope and renewal, she is prompted to wonder: *Why Not Scotland?*

November is one of the busiest months in the Shire as the Winter Festival (see p32-33) events get underway, including the Festive Market on Saturday 23 November and the switching on of the Christmas Lights on Saturday 30 November. Community events like these help to bring everyone together, and spread a bit of Christmas cheer. Love it or hate it, it will soon be here!

The Kinross Christmas light display is funded by donations from local traders and community fundraising, so please give generously when you see the buckets in aid of Light Up Kinross. You can help support the future of Kinross Christmas lights by giving a donation, no matter how small, to www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/LightUpKinross. This year is the 25th anniversary of Light Up Kinross.

Hannah Phillips, Editor

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Sarah Myerscough, a former pupil at Cleish PS (2001-2008) and Kinross HS (2008-14), studied nursing at Queen Margaret University and now works in medical research.

Cormac, who also studied at QMU, is a physiotherapist. He hails from County Donegal, Ireland.

Together they now live in Winchburgh with their dog, Iarliagh (meaning 'Prince').

*'Our glass will rise, both stout and malt
To hearts that are wild and free
For a love that spans from loch to shore
Across the Irish Sea'*

Niamh Gallen 2024



ANDY AND LIZ WHATMORE are delighted to announce the safe arrival of new grandson Julian Alexander Isaac Whatmore on 14 September 2024, weighing in at 7lb 7oz.

Julian will be a baby brother for Theo and Miles and new cousin to Chloe, Rosa and Meggie.

Congratulations to proud parents Chas and Helen.

Thanks!



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The 9th End Cafe over the season

Small private meeting area available to book out please see link on website for details.

NEW PLANS, NEW BOATHOUSE!



FIRST SIGHT ESTATES have lodged two planning applications; one to transform the Boathouse Restaurant on the pier and the other for a new Historic Environment Scotland office. The first application would see the Boathouse space turned into a bar, restaurant and events space. The plans include the creation of a fire pit

bothy, relocation of the public toilets and some outdoor seating.

The current owner of Kinross House, Donald Fothergill, is a director at First Site Estates.

A key part of the Heritage Trail, it has been out of use for several years and lo-

cal residents are keen to see the building, which is currently inoperable as a restaurant, restored and opened again for use. The design statement indicates that the Boathouse would be fully inclusive to all, including being dog friendly, and 'available to the public seven days a week and at all times of day and evening'.

There will be further detailed wider consultations in relation to landscaping, interpretation and wayfinding signage at and around the Boathouse and heritage car park.

Kiran Fothergill, Chief Executive of First Sight Estates, said 'We are focused on working with local suppliers, producers and businesses to celebrate everything that is local and to create a desirable venue that establishes our own unique blend of food, drink, style and service.'

The planning applications can be viewed on the PKC planning portal.

24/01443/FLL Alteration and extension to mixed use boathouse to form bar/restaurant/cafe/events space, erection of firepit bothy, relocation of public toilets, erection of windbreak screens to outdoor seating area and other associated works, Loch Leven Fisheries, Pier Road, Kinross

24/01445/FLL Erection of storage building, staff welfare building and associated works, Loch Leven Fisheries, Pier Road, Kinross

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY takes place on Sunday 10 November 2024.

Each year, we gather to commemorate and remember the service and sacrifice of all those that have defended our freedoms and died to protect our way of life.

We remember the armed forces and their families, from Britain and the Commonwealth. We remember the vital role played by the emergency services and we remember those who have lost their lives as a result of conflict or terrorism.



All are invited to come along and join in with the following:

- 10.00am:** Community Remembrance Service, with youth organisations, in Kinross Parish Church.
 - 10.45am:** Parade from church to War Memorial
 - 10.55am:** Act of Remembrance at War Memorial, County Buildings
 - 11.15am:** Sunday Service in the church
- Refreshments in Masonic Hall after 11am: donations of baking much appreciated



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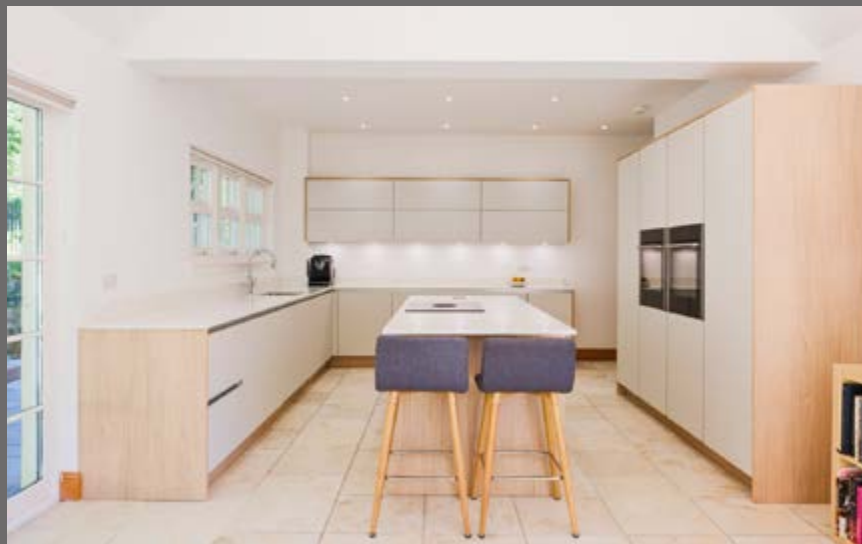
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SANTA CLAUS IS COMING!

He'll Be Here For The Big Light Switch On!

THIS YEAR'S CHRISTMAS LIGHTS switch-on in Kinross will take place on 30 November. Santa has confirmed his dates for visiting the shire – he will bring the sleigh that evening to enjoy the switching on of our Christmas lights by a special guest.

There will be a cash collection on the night: please give whatever you can afford. Light up Kinross are a small local charity who fundraise for and organise the switch on of the Christmas lights in Kinross. They will also be hosting their annual quiz in March.

A spokesperson from Light Up Kinross said: 'The Christmas Lights switch-on is on Saturday 30 November at 6pm at the car park by Greens. There will be lots of entertainment on the night, including a visit from Santa!'



Light up Kinross started in 1999 as a joint venture of Kinross Community Council and Kinross Traders Association. Each contributed 50% of the costs of 28 pole lights for the High St and Station Rd, along with tree lights on Avenue Road and Swansacre. In 2009 Light up Kinross set up as a charity to allow applications for charitable funding.

It costs £5200 per annum to create the Christmas display and maintain the lights up to PAT tested safety standards. You can help by donating to the crowdfunder at: www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/LightUpKinross

Rotary members will be helping Santa as he makes visits throughout December at weekends. Locations for these dates will be confirmed on Facebook and in the December edition of the Newsletter.

If any organisation would like to raise some of their own funds by helping the Rotary on any of these dates, please contact the Rotary secretary. A Rotary spokesperson said, 'Sleigh rides are a fabulous Christmas experience for everyone involved!'



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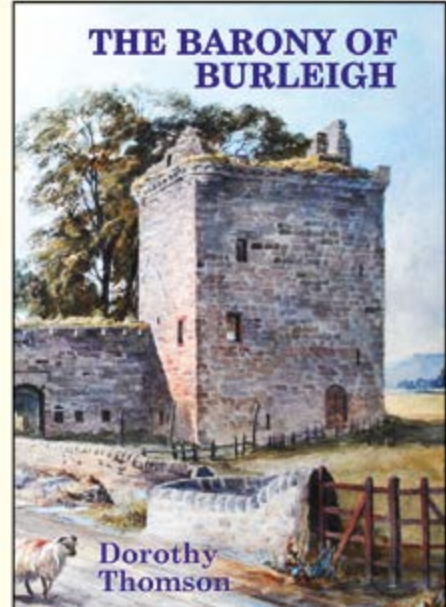
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ON 18 OCTOBER Martine Postma started the first repair café in Amsterdam. This year they celebrated a 15 year anniversary, with over 3000 repair cafes around the world!

The next repair café takes place on 16 November, 10am – 2pm at Kinross Church Centre on the High Street in Kinross.

The Kinross-shire Repair Café, which began last April, is part of the international movement and Scottish Sharing and Repair Network. So far, they have successfully repaired 47 items, saved nearly 40kg of waste (excluding bikes) and 113kg of CO2 emissions from landfills. And before you ask, yes, there is much more carbon saved because 80% of waste is incinerated and, for example, when you burn 1kg of plastic, 10kg of CO2 is emitted.

But it is not only about statistics. This achievement is only possible due to the amazing work of, currently, nine volunteers. They are involved in the repair café to benefit the local community and improve our environment. One of them reflected, 'Some people have a strong sentimental attachment to an item. This can sometimes be the last chance to save it. As a repairer I get huge satisfaction. We are not just helping save the environment, we are helping people re-



establish lost memories and restore a link to a past life.'

All repairs are registered to monitor impact and for insurance purposes. Repairs are first-come first-served and are free, but you need to pay for new parts. Tea/coffee and biscuits are provided, along with a chat.

Our next Swap Shop (the last one for a while) will be focused on Christmas and winter clothes. Come and take the opportunity to swap an outfit or a jumper. Lastly, please remember that repairers are unpaid volunteers. If there are any problems please fill in the feedback form or contact the coordinator so that they can improve

their service. Please do not complain directly to the volunteers, who are only trying their best.

If you would like to help, please get in touch. At the next café there will be repairs of:

- **Electronics and electric items** (with PAT testing) – make sure items can be opened
- **Textiles** (including soft toys)
- **Broken household objects** (smaller items you can carry)
- **Bikes** (please bring clean bikes)
- **NEW! Musical Instruments** – guitars, string, brass and keyboards.

Unfortunately, repairs of wooden items or jewellery are no longer provided.

Your donations are appreciated and will help the Repair Cafe continue in 2025.

For more information contact Co-ordinator Gosia Stanton at kinrossrepaircafe@gmail.com

what's on? november & december



gather & gab
friday 1st november QR 17 6-10
friday 6th december 6-10

our late night coffee shop - BYOB, small plates, good tunes & a good gab!

milnathort winter market
hosted by heaven scent
friday 29th november 6-9

join us for late night shopping in the town hall, guide hall, south street & new road!

support small, love local & shop sustainable with the added bonus of tasty food from heaven scent & milnathort golf club - AND more...

wreath making workshop
wednesday 27th november 6:30-9

a fully instructed wreath making workshop with the lovely mel from the natural stylist! use a mix of dried & fresh foliage to create your perfect festive wreath!

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OUTRAGE AT FATAL DOG ATTACK

HORRIFIED CONDEMNATION greeted the news that a dog was tragically killed in a savage attack by other dogs in the middle of Kinross Town Centre on Sunday 21 October. The community rallied round to show support for the injured parties and to express their shock, grief and sadness for those involved. Within hours, a crowdfunder had gone live to help raise money for the affected families and has raised £2800.

Two other dogs were injured and also needed veterinary attention after the incident. A woman also received minor injuries.

A Police Scotland spokesperson said: 'Around 2.30pm on Sunday we were called to a report of three dogs having been attacked by other dogs on High Street and Burns Begg Street, Kinross.

'One dog died and two others were injured and taken to the vet for treatment. A woman also suffered injuries when she fell and was treated at the scene for minor injuries. Officers are in attendance and enquiries are ongoing. There is no risk to the wider public.'

Anyone with any information is asked to contact 101 quoting reference 1865 of 20 October, 2024.

In a further update on the matter requested by the *Newsletter*, Police Scotland said, 'The four dogs have now been seized. To have them destroyed will be



a matter for the court. No one has been charged yet (this is a work in progress) however a report will be submitted to the Procurator Fiscal.'

Neighbours were quick to point out that they feel the attack could have been prevented as they first reported concerns six months ago.

Both Police Scotland and PKC were aware of issues relating to the three attacking dogs. The dogs involved in the weekend attack had also set upon another

dog just three days prior, on 17 October. Police made enquiries and PKC's dog warden was informed.

At a recent KCC meeting Cllr W Robertson said: "The many Kinross residents present were indeed very unhappy with the way the council has handled this situation.

'I was first contacted by a resident at the beginning of August about this issue and had a meeting on site with two local residents and the local housing officer and a representative from Community Green-space.

'I was assured that steps were being taken to deal with the problems caused by the council's tenant. Since that time things have gone from bad to worse. The events at the weekend were the final straw for the neighbours of the property.'

Both Cllr Robertson and Cllr Cuthbert were meeting with the council's head of Housing on Thursday afternoon to address residents' concerns.

Cllr Neil Freshwater said: 'The dog attacks were truly horrific, and my thoughts are with those affected.

'That there were two separate incidents that led to human injury and death of a pet dog is both very sad and extremely concerning.'

Kinross Community Carols

Come and Sing!

Singing led by

Ian White

and

THE INSPIRATION ORCHESTRA

Friday 20th December

At 7.00 pm

Free Entry - Refreshments

Kinross Parish Church, 10 Station Rd, Kinross KY13 8TG

KIRSTY'S A PIG SUCCESS!



LOCAL KINROSS RESIDENT, Kirsty McCloskey (25), was diagnosed with a brain tumour in early 2020 and an emergency life-saving operation left her with significant balance, co-ordination, eyesight and facial palsy issues. It also took away her chosen nursing career.

A long, gruelling and expensive rehabilitation battle commenced to try to make the best of what she had and to regain as much of what she had lost.

This fantastic community raised a large amount of money in various ways, not least with the amazing Loch Leven 24, which was a continuous circuit of Loch Leven for 24 hours, mostly by bicycle, but also by walking and running, by five different teams from Kinross Otters, Kinross Colts, Kinross Tennis Club and two teams of friends associated with the McCloskey family. There were about 150 participants.

There was also an incredible fashion show, two superb band nights and many other quieter behind-the-scenes acts of kindness that will never be forgotten.

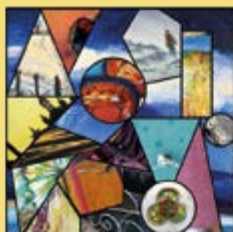
That rehabilitation battle continues to this day and will continue for a long time yet. Kirsty's family are so proud of how hard she has worked day in, day out and how she has retained her wonderful sense of humour. Still unable to work in the classic sense, Kirsty set about turning her love of all things pig into



a proper hobby. Floods of ideas flowed and PigsnThings was born.

She has many homemade and sourced pig-related products including wax melts, key-rings, pencil cases, body and lip scrubs, soaps, cards, toys and much more. Of particular note in her Christmas preparations are her very cute plushie 'pigs in blankets' with matching cards.

A proportion of all her sales go towards The Brain Tumour Charity and some of it towards her ongoing rehabilitation. Kirsty has been very busy promoting this new venture and can be found on Facebook (*PigsnThings*) and Instagram (*@Pigsnthingsco*) and at many of the local markets and fairs throughout Kinross-shire.



ARTS
@ St Paul's

November's featured artists & makers

9 & 10* November

Veronica Rankin - painting
Josephine Smith - painting
Anne Taylor - painting & drawing
The Wee Pixel - composite photography
Wooden Wonders - wood craft

**starts at 11.30 on Remembrance Sunday*

16 & 17 November

Greg Drumm - painting
Rhona Kirkpatrick - painting
Pure & Simple - hand made soaps
Gillian Skene Jewellery - unique handmade jewellery

23 & 24 November

Kathryn Kirkwood - painting
Richard Ibbotson - drawing & painting
Poppies - ceramics
Hamilton and Morris - handmade candles

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For more info visit: www.artsatstpauls.com

ORLAGH VAULTS TO THE TITLE



TWELVE-YEAR-OLD Orlagh Smith from Kinross has been awarded the title of British Number One for equestrian vaulting (Novice Individual Class) after she won the British Championship in October.

This daring sport, best described as gymnastics on horseback, has over 500 participating athletes throughout the UK.

Orlagh, who is a member of the Kinross Vaulting Group, won the

Scottish Championship last month and went on to win the British Championships at the Kelsall Hill Equestrian Centre near Chester.

Orlagh, who is thrilled to have become the British Champion, said: 'I have been vaulting for three years with the Kinross Group and would like to thank Liz and all the coaches for their support and guidance in helping me win the Scottish and British Championships.'



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BEEKEEPING'S A BUZZ FOR ROBERT!

READERS WILL RECALL 11 year-old Robert Tulloch, from Kinnesswood, who was featured in last month's *Newsletter* after Keep Scotland Beautiful gave him a Special Certificate for his beekeeping.

Now, since completing his introductory beekeepers course, he has achieved quite a level of success.

After gaining first place in the Scottish National Honey Show, Robert's handmade candles and local honey got him first place in the national awards held in Surrey, as well as a second place for his presentation about the Asian Hornet.

In the near future Robert will be presented with a trophy, something he is quite exited about as it's big and shiny!

Robert is supported locally by James Drysdale of Kinnesswood Farm who allows him access for keeping bees. Local businesses also support Robert by selling his multi-award winning 100% beeswax candles which he makes at home. Lochend Farm-shop stated 'We are happy to support Robert in his venture and enjoy talking to him when he visits us at weekend to check what is needed for the next week.' Robert always enjoys a cup of tea and a cake at the farm shop while doing his own invoicing!

Kinnesswood shop said 'it has been an immense pleasure to support Robert. I look for-

ward to working with him and following his progress.' The shop donates profits from all candles sold to Kinnesswood in Bloom, and Robert visits the shop regularly after school with his pocket money.

In future Robert also has plans for the occasional pop-up shop in locations such as Loch Leven's Larder, and is looking to have an outlet in or around Kinross.

When asked what plans he has for beekeeping, Robert is looking to do presentations at his local club over the winter, and to start taking module exams in 2025 with the aim of becoming a member of Team Scotland (junior).

'I'd really like to be part of Team Scotland, which is for juniors, and have the opportunity to visit junior beekeepers in other countries. It would be great to travel!'

'I am really happy with all the help and support I get including Kinnesswood in Bloom. I met a TV celebrity but can't say who just yet as it will be on TV. I signed a special paper that said I can't mention it!



Robert and his produce at Lochend Farm Shop.

I would also like to thank local shops, James the farmer and of course Enid Brown. Enid is my mentor and is a legend of beekeeping all over the world. Thanks to her I have spoken to beekeepers in South Africa and Kenya.'

'I enjoy what I do, and meeting people. I think If anyone is interested in something they can just do it, just like me.'

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THE LONG WAIT IS NEARLY OVER!

WORK ON THE PLAYPARK at Davies Park is progressing well! The rubber surfacing work is now complete and turf edging to the area is due to be finished as this *Newsletter* goes to print. Grass matting to the zip line and thermoplastic markings (for the hopscotch and railway track) are due to be installed very soon.

Additional benches, with paving underneath, will also be added. Once the area is complete, the swing seats and moving parts will be added to the equipment bases and the site will be inspected by a registered safety inspection company, who will confirm everything is installed to the correct safety standards.

The site will then be handed over to PKC and officially opened.

The recycled benches from the original site will be relocated on the old railway line footpath.

One of the picnic benches visible on the photo is in a temporary location; it will be sited on the grass near the boundary of the play area.

While it is hoped that the park will be completed early in November, no one can account for the weather which can affect some installation work (e.g. thermoplastic markings) so please be patient.



From left to right: Kirsty Andrews and Roy Auld – Proludic Ltd, Nick Riley, PKC Landscape Architect, Eileen Thomas – Local resident, Lynne McKay – Community Council, Cllr Dave Cuthbert, Julian Lees and Pete Chan – Local Residents, Chris Martin – PKC Greenspace Area Ranger



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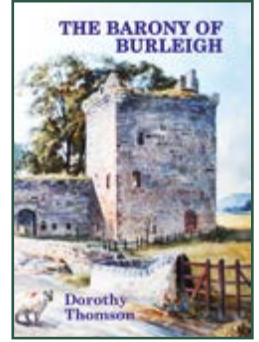
DOROTHY THOMSON OF Tillyrie is delighted to have finally published her book about the history of the area after many years of research and writing. Dorothy began to write *The Barony of Burleigh* during the 2020 lockdown and it has been a labour of love.

When her nine years of being Session Clerk at Orwell was ending, she told her lawyer that she now had the time to research the lands of Tillyrie and Burleigh, given to Sir Michael Balfour by King James II in 1456.

The lawyer said, 'Wait a moment' and returned with a

battered box, asking her if she would like the title deeds of Tillyrie 1700 to 1830. That was just the beginning.

Dorothy was born at Burleigh, played in the castle and has lived in Kinross-shire for more than 70 years. Look out for her book in local bookshops.



ARE YOU AN ADULT CARER?



PKAVS ARE HOSTING events for carers in Kinross in November at the Green Hotel. The first event, for parents who are carers is on Friday 8 November at 9.30am-11.30am and is a coffee and chat.

Male Carers are invited to a second event on Friday 15 November called the Kinross Get Th'gither from 2pm to 4pm. Everyone is welcome.

To book your place on the events above, you can contact the Carers Centre at carershubadmin@pkavs.org.uk or call 01738 567076, option 2.

NATIONAL CURLING DAY

MARKING THE ANNIVERSARY of the sport's first recorded mention in history, National Curling Day is celebrated on 15 November. This special day serves as a platform to raise awareness of curling, showcasing its rich heritage, vibrant community and inclusiveness.

Curling has taken place on and around Loch Leven for 350 years. Club records refer to curling on the loch and the surrounding waterlogged fields from as early as 1668!

Kinross Curling invites enthusiasts and newcomers alike to join them in celebrating the camaraderie, strategy, and skill that curling embodies both on and off the ice.

Eilidh McCall-Lawrie, Head of Sport &

Communities, Scottish Curling said, 'Together, let's inspire a new generation to embrace this great sport.'

Friday 15 November 2024 coincides with the Canadian Women's Curling Tour to Scotland 2024, comprising 22 Canadian women, visiting Kinross Curling to compete against 3 women's teams from Kinross Centre (10am-12noon) and 3 women's teams from Kirkcaldy Centre (2.30pm-4.30pm).

Please feel free to come along to Kinross Curling between 9am-5pm that day to enjoy the friendly and welcoming experience of both the ice rink and support this unique event. Kinross Curling is located directly behind The Green Hotel on, Green Road, Kinross, KY13 8TU.



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RECENT INCIDENTS

A CHARITY HONESTY box was stolen from Glenvale Car Park, Loch Leven between 11 September and 3 October 2024. The incident is currently under inquiry.

An 18-year-old male will be reported to the Procurator Fiscal after being found speeding at 93mph on the M90 at Crook of Devon on 17 September.

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WARM SLEEP FOR ALL



LOCAL CREATIVE WELLBEING organisation Generating Opportunity has launched a project to provide winter duvets to pensioners in Perth and Kinross and Fife, who are struggling financially to have a cosy night's sleep.

The Warm Sleep Project aims to help pensioners who may be worried about their heating bills and more likely to live and sleep in cold conditions – with negative impacts on their health and wellbeing.

Project Co-ordinator Linda Grant explains that local voluntary and community organisations, including older carers' groups, are



being invited to help identify seniors who would benefit, to ensure that winter duvets and blankets reach those most in need.

'We aim to provide brand new winter duvets (13.5 Tog) and also new blankets, where required, through financial support from local Trusts and Foundations,' says Linda.

'We are not asking people to gift us quilts or blankets, because the cost of collecting them would be prohibitive. But we are asking community and voluntary organisations, as well as local residents, to help us identify older people in need, especially in our more isolated rural areas.'

'As soon as we are made aware of the level of need, we will act to address that need as soon as we can and get warm duvets out to older members of our communities before the winter sets in. This is just a small gesture to let them know that their community cares about their comfort, health and wellbeing.'

Local organisations and individuals are invited to request

ON FRIDAY 15 NOVEMBER at 6pm in the Milnathort Town Hall there will be a very special screening of 'Why Not Scotland' in collaboration with the Kinross-shire Climate Café.

This feature-length documentary accompanies Flo, a young Scot from Glasgow, on an intensely personal journey, as she seeks out examples of nature recovery around Europe. Like many of her generation, Flo is concerned by the state of nature and fearful about an uncertain future.

However, during her travels, she discovers places where nature is making a spectacular comeback, breathing life back into the landscape and revitalising human communities. Encouraged by these stories of hope and renewal, she is prompted to wonder: *Why Not Scotland?* This is a free event but donations are welcome.

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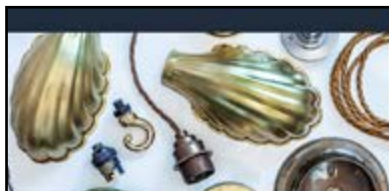
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JOSCELYNE'S JOURNEY: SIX MONTHS ON



YOU MAY HAVE READ about Joscelyne's Journey in previous Newsletters and how last year at 17 years of age Joscelyne was diagnosed with an extremely rare brain tumour, with the subsequent devastating news that her life expectancy was 12-18 months.

Ten months down the line from that diagnosis, it's a delight to share that she continues to be a beacon of positivity, despite the adversities thrown at her, her trial drugs having rather unpleasant side effects and the hardest aspect of living with constant uncertainty.

But as Joscelyne says, there is no point in wasting time worrying and she has instead spent the summer (in between some cheeky wee holidays) studying to sit her first year University exams, which she missed whilst in surgery and recovering. Edinburgh University have been amazing enabling her to take extra credits this year, so she can still progress to the second year of her Astrophysics course and have even chosen her for an exceptionally rare award for her commitment to studies.

Mum told us, 'It is aspects like this, as well as the amazing community of Kinross, that keep not just Joscelyne but us her family going, especially on the darker days.'



'In the six months since launching her Just Giving Page to fund private treatment, we are beyond belief that over £100,000 has been raised. It still astounds us how much love and support is out there, so we personally wanted to say thank you to every one of the Kinross community (and beyond) for caring and to everyone that has donated.'

'Over the last couple of months, fundraising has included Aine breaking the Woman's World Record for most Burpee's in 24 hours, Joscelyne's godmother's ER gym in Falkirk completing the equivalent of 12 marathons in three hours, and I cannot forget the love that emanates from our own community. A special shout out of thanks to Alison from Kinross



Colts Ladies Football Team, Kirsty and Gillian for organised an outstanding Line Dancing fundraiser as well as Zoe, Tracy and Ruby for their stall at the Kinross Craft Market.'

'On 29 September, we held a massive fundraiser (well more of a party really) where over 180 family and friends (old and new) brought tickets to a black-tie event hosted by Balbirnie House Hotel. It's hard to sum up the day, the atmosphere or how well it went, but as someone said to me 'the whole room was filled with so much love, kindness and positivity'. There were stalls, raffles with donations from many local businesses, a ceilidh, photo booth, the fabulous Francesca Gray singing, and a disco as well as auctions both online and live.

'I hope some of the photos have captured the atmosphere where everyone came together to have fun as well as raising a whopping £16,903.'

'Our heartfelt thanks to you all.'

If you would like to read Joscelyne's full story and follow how she is, you can find this on the Just Giving page or follow her on Facebook or Instagram under Joscelyne's Journey.



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IT'S A BUMPER AND BOUNTIFUL NOVEMBER



Don't Miss It!

COMING TO KINROSS in November are three weekend exhibitions stuffed full of creativity with a wide range of top-quality artists and makers showing their work.

On 9/10 November the focus is work inspired by the natural world. Arts@St Pauls are delighted to welcome the RSPB to the garden at St Paul's where they will have an interactive wildlife information display and be on hand to advise about their work and on how to keep nature nourished over the winter.

Four artists, Anne Taylor from Kinnesswood, Josephine Smith



and Veronica Rankin from Falkland (pictured) and Julie Close from Scotlandwell will exhibit a rich variety of their work ranging from drawings, prints and paintings to composite photography. They will be joined by new exhibitor, woodturner Colin McKenzie from Dalgety Bay, who will continue the theme with his exquisitely turned and unusually decorated Wooden Wonders.

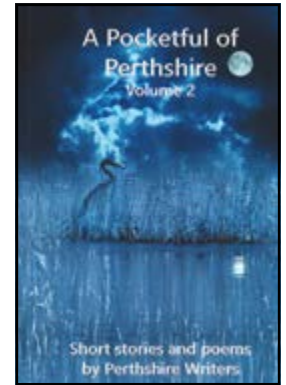


You shouldn't miss a second opportunity to see a very long thin piece of work created by Veronica

Rankin on her walks during Lockdown. Do you know the story of the "Talking Wall" on the Falkland Estate? A memorial to his late wife commissioned by Ninian Crichton-Stuart, hereditary Keeper of Falkland Palace, the wall was carved with Scots words by Glenfarg-based stone carver Gillian Forbes. Veronica began work in a concertina sketchbook and visited the wall each day to draw and make watercolour studies of it, to which she added creatures along the way. The result is a charming scroll of creative imagination.

Julie Close juxtaposes her photographs digitally to creating atmospheric pictures and will often create a story or a play on words that they illustrate. She is a member of The Perthshire Writers Group and will have available their latest publication *A*

Pocketful of Perthshire which is an anthology of short stories and poems with some of Julie's writings and one of her images which is used to create the cover. These books will be on sale at the exhibition. Sunday 10 November is Remembrance Sunday so the exhibition opens later at 10.30am.



On 16/17 November the painters are inspired by landscape. Milnathort-based artist and highly skilled KADAC member Greg Drumm (pictured below right) will lead you to the mountains with his dramatic paintings. Greg's work is highly impactful and inspired by his love of mountaineering and extreme weather. As a former member of a Mountain Rescue team, he holds this landscape in respect and it shows in his work which is often monumental and shows the vulnerability of humanity within it. He is joined by another new exhibitor, Rhona Kirkpatrick from Blairgowrie who is a seasoned exhibitor at the RSW in Edinburgh. She works in a range of media and is inspired by the flora, land and seascapes of Scotland.



If gifts are on your shopping list you won't be disappointed with the range of products available from Jill Ronaldson from Newton of Falkland with her Pure and Simple range of natural and sustainably produced soaps and skin care products which are kind to your skin and the environment. Jill is joined by ever popular jewellery maker Gillian Skene (pictured below) who never fails to produce irresistible pieces from semi-precious stones, freshwater pearls and knitted wire. You are sure to find something either for yourself or a gift for someone else.

On 23/24 November landscapes and weather feature in the work of both of our artists. Kathryn Kirkwood can transport you with her dramatic paintings inspired by the weather and terrain of our dramatic Scottish landscape. You could feel the wind in your hair and taste the salt on



your lips when you gaze on a piece of her work inspired by Arran. Richard Ibbotson from Glenfarg will not disappoint with the range of his carefully executed work in a variety of media which is inspired by nature and fired by his imagination. Since he last exhibited in June his new garden studio has been a hive of activity, so all are looking forward to seeing the results.

They are joined by two makers from Dunfermline, who have come to be known as 'the two Joans'! Completely unrelated, but sharing a first name, they both bring to Kinross a unique handmade



product. Joan Borland (Poppies) makes a range of delicate ceramics which are often inspired by nature. Sensitive crafted and meticulously decorated they may be functional or decorative. Joan Robertson (Hamilton and Morris Candlemakers) named her company after her grandparents. You will be stopped in your tracks by the aromas of her range of distinctive and beautifully presented hand made products.

Come and look at what is on offer and chat with people about

their work. There is no compulsion to buy, and entry is free. Arts@StPauls offer artists and makers a platform on which to show their work and an opportunity to meet and enjoy the work of other creatives. The doors open at 10am until 4pm each day and it's a lot warmer inside than outside at this time of year!

Dogs and children are all welcome and there is always something of interest to see. You might even catch a demonstration and can visit the church building as well to see its beautiful windows.

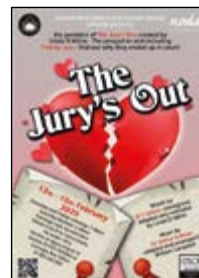
On occasion, you may also find Mairi-Jane with her catering horsebox parked up outside serving a nice hot drink. You can find out more about each artist and maker on the website at www.artsatstpauls.com. There will be just one more exhibition this year in December.

So, don't miss it! It changes everytime and all are welcome!

Linda's new Operetta!

COMGRATULATIONS TO LINDA MILNE from Kinross, who has written a new operetta which will be performed in the Carnegie Hall in Dunfermline from 13-15 February 2025 by the Dunfermline Gilbert and Sullivan Society.

On leaving school Linda joined the Dunfermline Gilbert and Sullivan Society and it was there that her love for Gilbert and Sullivan started. She says she has been 'very fortunate and blessed' to play many Principal Lead soprano roles with both Dunfermline and Kirkcaldy Gilbert and Sullivan societies. Linda has also sung with other societies and groups in Fife and Edinburgh.



Linda told the *Newsletter*, 'I got the idea for *The Jury's Out* a few years ago. Gilbert and Sullivan's short operetta *Trial by Jury* is about a court case and I had always wondered – how did the plaintiff and the defendant get to court? *The Jury's Out* tells the story using lyrics and music from several Gilbert and Sullivan operettas. This is my first opportunity to direct a show and I'm really enjoying the experience. I am delighted that Dunfermline Gilbert and Sullivan Society are performing the premiere of this new piece of writing next February. Rehearsals are well under way and I'm finding it all a bit humbling and emotional seeing an idea which was in my head come to fruition on the stage.'

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AS WE HEAD INTO the Christmas season Broke not Broken are very hopeful of securing some funding towards their on-going projects over this time. They have events planned to address isolation as well as the problems caused by low income.

Christmas Hamper packs are set to be made up on 1 December at The Green Hotel. A sign-up sheet to help pack will be shared closer to the time. Many schools and businesses collect items for these hampers and they are very well received. Last year Broke not Broken made up and delivered over 160 hampers to households across Kinross-shire. See opposite for a list of what to donate for the hampers.

Winter packs are being delivered this month. They include fresh vegetables, butchers' vouchers and slow cookers or air fryers. They bring a bit of warmth and an energy-efficient way of cooking at what can be a cold and dark time for many homes. A spokesperson told the *Newsletter*, 'We often hear of people making soup with the contents and sharing it with family and friends. The strong social power of food cannot be underestimated! Neither can the joy of harvesting our fresh vegetables from the garden, and sharing them with our clients. Leeks, onions and potatoes have been going out (when the King visited Kinross he was very jealous of Susan's leeks!) so many thanks to our volunteers for their support in keeping the garden productive and to Susan Mitchell the head Gardener and all round amazing volunteer and trustee.'

'Most of the Winter Coat vouchers have already gone out, through referrals, supporting families to be able to buy warm winter clothing for their children. Winter comes early in Kinross-shire, so it was important to get those out. Thanks is due for their amazing



Fiona at Milnathort Primary collecting donations. Thanks to all those who donated over the Harvest

work to Danielle, Hannah and Susan.'

The October holidays passed by in a flash with two Tuesday trips, to Glasgow Science Centre (always a hit), and to the Kelpies which included a ride on the Falkirk Wheel. Clients had amazing lunches purchased at Baynes the Bakers. Thanks are extended to the staff and volunteers for making those trips go smoothly.

Great news! Some funders, including The National Lottery have given year-long funding to enable really important projects to continue and expand including counselling support, the core food bank work and the Tuesday Trips. There has also been some additional funding from PKC to support the School Uniform bank next year.

Thanks also go to everyone who passed along Harvest festival donations. See the Facebook page for announcements. Contact admin@brokenotbroken.org by email for any support or with comments or questions.



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OCTOBER 2024 SAW TWO significant events at St Paul's Scottish Episcopal Church on Muirs in Kinross.

St Paul's celebrated their 150th Anniversary of the first service held here in 1874 on Sunday 6 October, 2024. They have also said a fond farewell to their Rector Rev David Mackenzie Mills who has served this church community for the past 11 years.

On 6 October at the morning Eucharist, which was conducted by the Rector, Bishop Ian Paton presided and preached. The church building had been beautifully dressed, with flowers by Maggie Strang Steel and Lizzie Montgomery. On this special occasion Bishop Ian thanked David for his ministry to the congregation of St Paul's and wished him well with his intended future contribution to the wider community of Kinross-shire.

In the evening, there was a celebratory Songs of Praise service organised by Rev Felicity Shaw. Welcomed by the sound of the bagpipes played by Nigel Kellett of Kinross and District Pipe Band, the church was filled to capacity for this uplifting celebration.

The interior of the building was atmospherically lit with fairy lights and the service was opened with music played by members of the Tullis Russell Community Band led by Denise Ward.

The Rector began with a prayer after which he played organ to accompany some of a series of hymns chosen and introduced by individual members of the church community. The band and the piper accompanied the rest and throughout the church was filled



with heartiest of singing which really did gladden the heart make the rafters ring.

An amusing part of the evening was contained in a short history of the church building given by Chair of Vestry Malcolm Strang Steel. This revealed that the congregation in 2024 were better behaved than some who attended the first church service at St Paul's in 1874! As reported in the *Kinross-shire Advertiser*, 'very unseemly conduct was displayed in the evening by a number of young persons rushing into the church some time before service and making a most indecent scramble for seats.'

All were delighted that so many who attended joined after the service in the meeting room to raise a celebratory glass and enjoy light refreshments and fellowship.

Organisers said, 'A huge thank you to everyone who came to join in the celebration and especially to Denise and the Tullis Russell musicians and to Nigel for the music which made this such an uplifting and memorable experience for all of us.'

'At the time of writing our Church community plan to say their personal farewells to Rev David Mackenzie Mills after his final Eucharist Service at St Paul's on Wednesday 30 October.

David has seen many changes in his life since he and his wife Anita arrived in Kinross. Their two children were born here, and it has been a pleasure to see them grow and develop over the years. David is a man of great compassion and many talents. He is particularly gifted musically so singing has firmly remained a focus of our worship at St Paul's.

We all wish him well in his future ministry and intended contributions to the local community as he continues to live in the area.



Musicians from Tullis Russell Community Band with Leader Denise Ward and Pipe Sergeant Nigel Kellett for Kinross and District Pipe Band

KINROSS PARISH CHURCH TO HOST PERTH PRESBYTERY FOR FIRST TIME

THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND'S Presbytery of Perth is holding its meeting on Saturday 2 November in Kinross Parish Church. It will be chaired by Kinross minister Rev Alan Reid, this year's Moderator of the Presbytery.

The Presbytery was set up in 2023, amalgamating five smaller presbyteries, and is the largest in Scotland representing 125 congregations. This will be the first time it has met for 'ordinary business' outwith Perth. Jaffrey Weir, Session Clerk at the church,

says: 'To have Presbytery meet at Kinross Parish Church, especially as Alan Reid is Moderator, will be a special event.'

Presbytery meetings are open to all to observe and local members of the Church of Scotland are encouraged to take the chance to see the Presbytery in operation. They might particularly like to attend the short opening worship, at 10.30am. (The Presbytery can rule that certain items of business need to be taken in private but this is unusual.)

Safari Afternoon Tea

THE CONGREGATION OF Kinross Parish Church's monthly 'Church Walk' started after Covid to increase companionship and community. The 17 November walk will be different: a Safari Afternoon Tea around Kinross, with a different course at four different houses. While the Afternoon Tea is free, there will be an opportunity to donate to Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF).

Please let the church's office know if you intend to take part, for catering purposes: (office@kinrossparishchurch.org). Meet at the church car park at 2.15pm and the event will finish around 5.30pm.



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FOR OVER 15 YEARS, Sarah Smith has been helping individuals and families uncover their Scottish ancestry, breathing life into long-forgotten stories. Unlock your Past is based in Kinross and Sarah is the go-to expert for anyone curious about their ancestry or eager to learn more about their origins.

Sarah's journey into genealogy began with a personal quest to learn more about her own family history after the death of her father in 2002. 'I knew nothing beyond my grandparents and didn't know how to begin. The internet is a great source but not everything is online'.

Sarah discovered after a few years' of research that her paternal great-grandfather had been in a hospital in England. She found the information from an indexed page on Ancestry. So, she travelled to Staffordshire and visited the archives. Once there, the case notes were waiting for her with a photo of her great-grandfather. 'There was an incredible sense of familiarity'.

That determination, combined with a knack for solving puzzles, led Sarah to immerse herself in genealogical research. "I knew that to become a professional genealogist, I needed formal qualifications. I enrolled in the University of Dundee's Master's programme in Family and Local History,

and after five years of study, I graduated with distinction. I then gained accreditation from the Association of Scottish Genealogists and Researchers in Archives (ASGRA)."

One of the most exciting parts of Sarah's work is sharing new information with her clients. 'I often receive requests from overseas clients wanting to trace their Scottish roots, which can be as challenging as asking, "How long is a piece of string?"'

One memorable case involved a client preparing for a trip to Scotland, hoping to discover the birthplace of his 4 x great-grandfather. He had some theories but lacked concrete evidence, so he turned to Sarah for help. Through a process of elimination, the birthplaces that the client had identified were ruled out. Sarah then turned to her attention to his ancestor's neighbours in America, also Scottish, which led to a breakthrough. Two neighbours came from neighbouring farms near Milnathort. With further investigation, she identified the exact location of his ancestor's birthplace, also outside Milnathort.

'It's incredibly rewarding to help people discover not only their ancestors but also the stories behind them,' Sarah explains. 'Genealogy is like detective work, but instead of solving crimes, I'm solving family mysteries. With each new family I research, there's always a unique puzzle to tackle.'



Sarah's great grandfather Bernard Sydney Smith (1875-1916)

Sarah's work is also about preservation. 'So many stories are lost over time,' she says. 'I feel a responsibility to help families preserve these stories for future generations.' Whether she's creating detailed family trees, writing biographies of each generation, researching ancestral social histories, or simply answering questions, Sarah is passionate about helping people unlock their past.

For those starting their genealogical journey, Sarah offers simple advice: 'Start with what you know and be open to surprises.'

Whether you're looking to trace your ancestry, uncover family stories or want to preserve your family's story for future generations, Sarah can help. For more information contact her at sarah@unlockyourpast.co.uk or visit www.unlockyourpast.co.uk.



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THE SCHELDT: THE FORGOTTEN BATTLE

The Battle of the Scheldt in October/ November 1944 is one of the greatest actions of the Second World War. Come with me now, to look at this often overlooked operation, and why it was so important for the final Allied Victory.

Background

THE CITY OF Antwerp and its vital port was captured by British 2nd Army in early September 1944. While 21st Army Group's priority was then Operation Market Garden (Bridge Too Far), no sense of urgency was placed in securing the approaches to the port facilities there- ie down the River Scheldt Estuary – a fatal error – maybe Monty's biggest of the war.

Walcheren Island, at the western end of the Beveland Peninsula, overlooked the Scheldt Estuary, and was strongly garrisoned by the German 15th Army. They had emplaced strong concrete fortifications and large calibre guns, which made it impossible to transit vital merchant shipping, with combat supplies, down the waterway into Antwerp. Because of this delay, the remnants of the German 15th Army had been given the time to escape, and reinforce the island of Walcheren and the South Beveland Peninsula.

The First Canadian Army was tasked to open the Antwerp area, but in the meantime had also been detailed by Field Marshal Montgomery to capture the Channel ports of Boulogne, Dunkirk and Calais, to ease the logistical concerns associated with drawing supplies from the Normandy beaches. The Ger-

man tenacity in the Channel ports meant that the Allied supply lines would continue to extend, the further away the front line advanced.

On 9 October 1944, (yes, as late as that) Montgomery issued a directive directing the Canadian Army, with support from many Scottish soldiers in 52 Lowland Division, to give absolute priority to the clearing of the Scheldt estuary over any other offensive operations. Ten days later, the Allies began their approach to Walcheren Island along the isthmus.



The First Canadian Army spearheaded the Battle of the Scheldt. Approximately



Alligator amphibious vehicles cross the Scheldt. (Wikimedia Commons)

135,000 Allied soldiers took part in the battle, the bulk of which were Canadians, with support from British (a lot of Scots), Polish, French, and American troops. Against them were arrayed nearly 90,000 battle-hardened German soldiers, well dug-in on Walcheren Island, and both shores of the Scheldt estuary. The waters were mined too. No Allied shipping could pass through.

The Battle of the Scheldt Begins

THIS WOULD BE a grim, bloody battle, reminiscent of the grinding warfare that characterised the First World War: wire, fire, mud, and blood. Driving rain, heavy defences and landmines made the advance very difficult, when the offensive began in October 1944.

Operation Infatuate was the code name given to this Anglo-Canadian battle. The operation was part of the wider Battle of the Scheldt, and involved two assault landings from the sea, by the 4th Special Service Brigade, and the 52nd (Lowland) Division. Meanwhile, the 2nd Canadian Infantry Division would force a crossing of the Walcheren Causeway.

Prelude

A THREE-PRONGED assault was planned with British Commandos and part of the 52nd (Lowland) Division landing at Westkapelle, in the west of the island, and at Flushing in the south. The 2nd Canadian Infantry Division was to cross by a water channel, close to the causeway in the east. However, it soon became clear that the tidal flats around the water channel were virtually impassable, leaving the Canadians with the hazardous option of a direct assault along the well-defended causeway — an exposed stretch 40 yards (37 m) wide and 1,500 yards (1,400 m) long. The Canadians established a bridgehead on the island, through which the British 52nd Lowland Division attempted to pass.



On the way to the front lines (Wikimedia Commons).



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The plan to flood the island by bombing breaches in the dykes was controversial from the start. The military advantages of flooding the interior of the island were questionable, as it hampered both attackers and defenders. The German defences were concentrated on the high-lying rim of the island; apart from the land-facing front in Flushing, there were no defensible positions inside the flooded area. The civilians living on the island were warned with leaflets dropped from planes to leave the area, but they had nowhere to go – shades of Gaza?



Wading ashore from landing craft near Flushing

Long-Term After-Effects For The Civilians

The Inundation Of Walcheren, with which Operation Infatuate started, had long-term after-effects for the civilian population. Twice a day, at high tide and ebb tide, the sea water streamed with force through the breaches in the sea dykes, widening and deepening them. As a consequence, areas that fell dry at low tide were inundated again at high tide. Only the areas that were normally above sea level, like the town and village centres, remained permanently dry. Other low-lying areas, on the other hand, remained permanently flooded. This played havoc with Walcheren agriculture, as valuable land was permanently spoiled by salination. Most of the livestock drowned.

The taking of the town of Flushing (Dutch: Vlissingen) was part of Operation Infatuate, with a main objective to clear the Dutch Island of Walcheren from the German invaders. The island was heavily fortified with a dense concentration of bunkers and strongpoints with heavy guns and artillery, manned by more than 10,000 soldiers of the German 15th Army.

Once No.4 Commando had successfully established a bridgehead, it was time for the 5th King's Own Scottish Borders (KOSB) to land on Uncle Beach in the afternoon,

The Allies had to place great reliance on Weasel and Buffalo amphibious landing craft.



together with the 7th and 9th Royal Scots.

Push Into Flushing

NOW THE AIM was to take Flushing itself. By the end of the afternoon of 30 October, No. 4 Commando had reached most of its objectives and held most of the old part of the city.

The following day, the 4th and 5th KOSB fought their way through the streets further up to the north part of Flushing, while No. 4 Commando and the 7th and 9th Royal Scots cleaned out the German resistance along the coastline to the West, heading in the direction of Hotel Britannia, the German Command Headquarters. In this area, the Germans put up a fierce resistance. Large parts of the area were flooded, making it hard for the Allies to navigate, and forcing them to fight the enemy in waist deep water. From the 5 KOSB war history:

After three days of heavy fighting, Flushing fell into Allied hands around noon of 3rd November 1944. By the end of November 1944 after a massive

Battle situations are frequently described as 'fluid'. Flushing literally was a fluid battle; it was aquatic in more senses than one. It began with an amphibious assault and, as it developed, the infantry often had to go into action waist deep in icy water. The waters of the Scheldt, pouring through the gaps in the sea wall, converted some of the roads into fast flowing rivers with treacherous currents at high tide and the men of the rifle companies had to hold on to each other in a human chain at some of the whirlpool spots.

minesweeping operation of the Scheldt, the first cargoes were being unloaded at Antwerp. The way was now clear for the much needed port of Antwerp to get going, and be used as a proper and large port for Allies' supplies.

What shall we look at next ...? How about the Battle of the Bulge- 80 years on- the Ardennes offensive- the surprise attack by the Germans in December 1944 – it was brutal. It is a sobering reality, and testament to the scale of the struggle, to realise that the Battle of the Bulge accounted for approximately 10 percent of all American combat casualties in World War II – over 80,000.

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BOOK WEEK SCOTLAND

MARION TODD



Tues 19 Nov, 7pm Library £6

MARION TODD worked in her native Dundee for many years as a college lecturer, a candle-maker and a hotel lounge pianist. She is the author of the DI Clare Mackay crime series, set in St Andrews. The first, *See Them Run* was shortlisted for the Bloody Scotland Scottish Crime Debut Novel of the year in 2020. *Bridges to Burn* was published this year and book 9, *Dead Man's Shoes*, will be published early in 2025. Marion now lives in North-east Fife.

FREYA NORTH



Thurs 21 Nov, 7pm Library £6

WITH A CAREER spanning 28 years, Freya North is one of the UK's best-loved authors of contemporary family drama. She has written 16 bestsellers including the award-winning *Pillow Talk* and the critically-acclaimed Sunday Times bestseller *Little Wing*, set in Harris. Her new novel, *The Unfinished Business of Eadie Browne* is out now. Freya holds degrees in Art History from the University of Manchester and the Courtauld Institute. She founded and ran the Hertford Children's Book Festival, has judged the Costa Book Awards and is a patron of the Society of Women Writers and Journalists. She is also an ambassador for Bowel Cancer UK.

ALEX GRAY



Sun 24 Nov, 1.30pm Library £6

ALEX GRAY IS the Sunday Times bestselling author of the Detective William Lorimer series. Born and raised in Glasgow, she has been awarded the Scottish Association of Writers' Constable and Pitlochry trophies for her crime writing and is the co-founder of the international Bloody Scotland Crime Writing Festival. To find exclusive material about Alex Gray and the DSI Lorimer series, visit www.alexgrayauthor.co.uk

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I think this is a disgraceful situation but to date I have been unable to get either the Scottish Government or SEPA to do anything about it. Neither Scottish Water or SEPA kept any records of the number of times untreated sewage was discharged into Loch Leven.

I have managed to get Scottish Water to agree to fit monitors to the discharge pipes so we can find out how big a problem this is and measure both the frequency and volume of the untreated sewage discharges.

These monitors should be fitted by December this year. Let us hope this is only the first step in increasing the protections of Loch Leven. We must stop the dumping of untreated sewage into our waterways.



Ballingall Bridge A91

I WAS ASKED earlier this year if the markings on the 'black and white' bridge could be repainted. This was an excellent suggestion given the number of accidents at this location. These works have now been completed and the bridge looks much better. The Council also repointed and repaired the masonry prior to the bridge being repainted.

Pavement Weeds

MANY OF OUR pavements were sprayed for weeds but this year it didn't happen until the beginning of October, which made it largely a waste of time and money. With cut backs in Council spending this situation will likely only get worse in years to come. I would encourage anyone who has a pavement outside their house to try and keep it weed free themselves. It would help to prevent our streets from looking neglected as many have been this year.

Councillor Willie Robertson

Councillor Neil Freshwater



Potholes & Speeding On Hatchbank Road

DUE TO THE five-week closure of the B9097 at Watergate near Cleish (now re-opened), for utility works, residents have been reporting increased traffic and speeding along Hatchbank Road. This is not the official diversion as it is a very narrow rural road and not suitable for high volumes of traffic, but is being used as a rat-run. Several constituents have been in touch about the amount of speeding vehicles associated with this. I have spoken to the local police officers who have agreed to monitor the situation where possible. Furthermore, I received reports about the potholes on the same stretch of road. I am glad to say that after I reported this to the roads department, the potholes have now been repaired. It's also a useful reminder of the online portal that on the PKC website that residents can report all manner of faults including potholes, overgrowing branches and roadkill needing uplifted.

Cleish & Blairadam CC Return To Tabernacle Hall


IT WAS GOOD to be back at the Tabernacle Hall in Keltybridge for the Cleish and Blairadam Community Council meeting last month. In recent years the meetings have only been held in Cleish due to the lack of an internet connection, as the CC allows people to join online via Zoom. The hall now has a fibre connection, so meetings have resumed at both venues. There was a good number of discussions and a strong presence from the community policing team. One item of note was a leaking septic tank on the Maryburgh Road. I agreed to chase this up as no commitment had been made to get this resolved, and residents are concerned. On driving home from the meeting, I could smell the sewage, even with the windows down, so I will keep on top of this to get it resolved.

As an aside, I always find the Tabernacle Hall a charming place with its history as, I understand, a meeting place for church worshippers. When they were too elderly to travel to local churches like Cleish, local kirk ministers would conduct services in the hall to ensure they didn't miss out. It's beautiful bell chime also adds to its special character.

Councillor Neil Freshwater



Cleish & Blairadam CC meetings have returned to the Tabernacle Hall



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I HAVE FOUND myself drawn into various aspects of Education and Learning within PKC. Not least because it takes the largest part of the budget for which we as Councillors have responsibility. I will take this opportunity to talk a little about it.

Parent Councils

I SPENT SEVERAL years on what was Kinross High School Board in the early 2000's working to prove the old Kinross High School building was not fit for purpose going into the 21st century.

Whether this pressure had an impact, or whether it coincided with a change in Council and Scottish Government policy, I do not know, however, we did get a new campus incorporating Kinross High School which opened in March 2010.

For this reason, amongst many others, I hold the job of School Parent Councils in high regard. They are the ones who know most intimately what is happening with their children day to day. The Kinross High School Parent Council (KHSPC) has had a bumpy ride over recent years with two of the last Parent Councils resigning before the end of their tenure and at the recent AGM, nobody was prepared to stand as an office bearer.

The primary issue seems to be in understanding what engagement with parents means to Perth and Kinross Council Officers with responsibility for Secondary Schools.

Whether it means just telling them what is going on or whether it means enlisting their help, listening to their ideas, and working with them to devise solutions to what can be very significant problems in which they have a significant locus. Issues with phone use, bullying, treatment of Additional Support Needs pupils are examples requiring significant attention.

I have been supporting KHSPC to enable an appropriate role for them in School Improvement Plans. I strongly value the intelligence and expertise parents can bring to the running of a school and the need for them as parents and partners to be involved in a better education for all young people.

I have asked officers to find a solution to this as a key priority going forward.

Additional Support Needs

I HAVE WHAT has been the harrowing privilege of more than a handful of parents outlining details of their experiences in trying to work with schools in obtaining an appropriate educational experience for their young people with additional support needs (ASN).

I would be counted as one of these children if I was at school today and my own dyslexia had been recognised. Sensitivity to lighting, noise levels and crowds of people are no joke for the neurodivergent.

The impact of this can be such that their nervous systems are overwhelmed which can result in a stress response that it is difficult for them and those around them to manage. If the reasons for them being overwhelmed are not recognised or managed properly then

these young people can be labelled as difficult and problematic which is a label they may live with for the rest of their lives. This does not even start to describe the impact on them receiving an appropriate education.

I have been working to highlight to officers the full impact of not adequately assessing and meeting this challenge. I have no doubt the solutions are expensive, but it is not good enough to make these young people suffer, just because some of us grown-ups do not rise to the challenge.

I was most interested in a podcast with Dr Johnny Graham, a child and adolescent consultant psychiatrist with NHS Tayside. He talks about where we are in understanding neurodivergence and diagnosis. You can find it on CAMHS Conversations podcasts. It is a complicated and fascinating subject, but the main thrust is that we may not all thrive in the same kinds of environment and that does not make us deficient or (in my view) disabled.

Realising that girls were not even being diagnosed with autism until 2008 and autism and ADHD were not viewed as potentially concurrent until 2014 might help in understanding why so much catch up is taking place. There is much that is positive that can be derived from a proper conversation about this, not least avoiding cohorts of young people being laid aside and possibly ending up in institutions like prisons, which has historically been the case. The neurodivergent have many gifts to offer but I will leave a longer treatise on that for another time.

One final point on this, is that if we get the environment right for neurodivergent children, then it will benefit all children. After all, trying to work or study in a frenetic, noisy environment does not work well for most of us.

Education Scotland And Evaluation Of Schools In P&K

A RECENT INSPECTION by Education Scotland at Perth Academy unveiled disappointing results and this followed disappointing results from three other secondary schools in the authority area.

As a member of the Council's education committee, I investigated the "Quality Indicator" scores awarded to secondary schools in Perth and Kinross, in their "self-evaluation" reports.

This indicated that most assessed their performance as "Satisfactory" in most of the categories.

Education Scotland's definition of "Satisfactory" is: "An evaluation of satisfactory means that the strengths within this aspect of the service's work just outweigh the weaknesses. It indicates that service users have access to a basic level of provision. It represents a standard where the strengths have a positive impact on service users' experiences. However, while the weaknesses are not important enough to have a substantially adverse impact, they do constrain the overall quality of service users' experiences. It implies the organisation needs to take action to address areas of weakness by building on its strengths", i.e. it is a scraped pass.

I have asked repeatedly for a report to come to committee, identifying the areas for each school where an assessment was "Satisfactory" or lower, with an explanation of how these were to be raised to a standard of "Good" or better.

To date, I have not been successful in getting this report, but I will continue to press on it.

Councillor Dave Cuthbert

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Jim Fairlie, MSP



I WAS DELIGHTED to visit a number of local businesses on a recent trip to Kinross with Councillor Richard Watters. Getting out and about is a vital part of the work that I do, and it gives me a chance to catch up with people and find out about their concerns and asks from their elected members. I popped into Mundell Music at The Green Hotel, where I heard from owner David, about the continuing challenges facing touring musicians but also about the many brilliant music events that Mundell Music bring to The Green Hotel in Kinross. It is wonderful to see such a vibrant music venue thriving outside Scotland's main cities and I wish David and the team all the best and I look forward to getting to a few gigs myself.

I also dropped in to see Thomas Moffat at Loch Leven Brewery. I am sure readers will be familiar with Thomas' fantastic range of locally produced beers, which are produced using locally sourced water and are small-batch and handcrafted. I look forward to sampling a few of Thomas' products over the cold winter evenings.

I also attended the Kinross Farmers' Market at the end of October, which was a fantastic opportunity to catch up with stall holders and locals. Attending farmers' markets reminds me of my time at the helm of Perth Farmers' Market, which I look back on fondly. It is a fantastic opportunity to speak directly to producers and find out more about the products you are buying. I would encourage folk to attend the Festive Market on 23 November at the Market Park, which is a great opportunity to fit in some Christmas shopping. There might even be an opportunity for a glass of mulled wine or two.

On a personal level, I have continued my progress with Couch to 5k. A combination of not getting any younger and going from a largely active lifestyle to a job which relied on me spending a lot more time at a desk, made me realise that it was important to carve out time to exercise and enjoy the beautiful natural environment we have here in abundance in Perth and Kinross. Whilst it is not always easy to find the time, I would encourage anyone who is looking for a bit of a boost in their mental and physical wellness, to check out the NHS Couch to 5k app.

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

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Liz Smith, MSP



IN MY LAST *Kinross Newsletter* column, I provided readers with an update to the Eljamel and NHS Tayside scandal, one year on from the momentous public inquiry announcement. Having now attended the first meeting of the Eljamel Public Inquiry at the Apex City Quay Hotel in Dundee at the beginning of October, I wish to inform readers of my initial reactions.

The meeting was the first opportunity to lay out the draft terms of reference and to hear from the inquiry board. The addresses from both Lord Weir and Jamie Dawson KC were very reassuring and compassionate, as they outlined their responsibilities in relation to the inquiry. We now know the inquiry will be undertaken in Edinburgh but will also be broadcast for those unable to make the journey.

It was also announced that the public inquiry would be provisionally named the 'The Eljamel Inquiry'. We were assured by the board that the short title does not mean the inquiry's scope will be any more limited, but rather that Eljamel is the common factor linking all the issues, and it is his name that this scandal has frequently been attributed to in the media. Neither the draft terms of reference nor the inquiry name is set in stone however, and I welcome the openness and willingness of the board to engage with patients and amend based on their feedback.

It is important to note that public inquiries are not common events and in my 17 years in Parliament I have never previously been involved in any. Governments are naturally hesitant to sanction them because they mean facing hard truths, asking difficult questions and holding those responsible for failings to account. All the while, shocking revelations are exposed to the watchful eye of the media and public. Likewise, they will almost certainly result in recommendations – sometimes costly – that forces change on the established order.

I am adamant in the case of the Eljamel inquiry that positive outcomes will be achieved; that proper safeguards will be introduced, ensuring a rogue surgeon can never again operate unchecked and that the wellbeing of patients always comes first.

Prior to the public meeting, I also held a pre-inquiry meeting, alongside Willie Rennie MSP, with many of the former patients, carers and family members. It was important to thank the efforts of all thus far, to answer any concerns that patients may have and stress that the political side of the campaign will be on their side all the way as we seek justice. It was a very emotional meeting at times with many patients sharing their harrowing accounts of Eljamel's butchery and the lack of support they received from NHS Tayside in the aftermath.

After many delays, I am glad that the wheels are now in motion for the one-to-one clinical reviews which are essential for gaining evidence required for the public inquiry. For some, including Pat Kelly and Jules Rose, this has been a decade-long campaign to get to this point; where they can finally get answers to the many questions that have haunted them for so many years.

Liz Smith, MSP



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Pete Wishart MP



TEMPERATURES HAVE certainly dropped since my last column, serving as a harsh reminder that winter is well on its way.

Readers will likely know by now that the UK Government has scrapped the Winter Fuel Payment for pensioners who are not on pension credit.

I have received countless emails from older constituents who are worried about their energy bills as a result of this, and I think it goes without saying that I voted against the measure in parliament.

But with an estimated 880,000 eligible households in the UK currently missing out on Pension Credit, I would like to take this opportunity to remind readers to check your eligibility if you think you may qualify.

As a rule of thumb:

- If you're single with total weekly income under £218 you're likely to get it. If you have a weekly income of under £235 then you may get it.
- If you're a couple, both of pension age, with total weekly income under £333 you're likely to get it. If you have a weekly income of under £350 then you may get it.

However, this isn't blanket criteria, so it's important to check. You can do so at: www.gov.uk/pension-credit/eligibility.

I have had several visits to Kinross and Kinross-shire since my last column, the first being to Sinclair Cycles, an e-bike and repair centre on the banks of Loch Leven. This is a dynamic small business with all sorts of affordable bikes for customers to choose from.

Cycling is just about the best mode of active and environmentally friendly travel, and with so much stunning scenery on your doorstep, Kinross-shire is a great place to do it.

I was really impressed by Mark's commitment to ensuring that cycling is made more accessible and affordable for all. For anyone looking to buy a bike or get one repaired, I would recommend paying them a visit.

Another visit was to Kinross Activity Centre. I was blown away by this facility and the range of activities on offer, from archery, to laser clay shooting, to axe throwing, to rifle shooting.

The staff there are brilliant at what they do, catering to all ages and skill levels. It is sure to be a fantastic day out for the whole family, and a great way to keep kids active and trying new things.

It has quickly become clear to me since becoming the MP for this area just what a hub it is for recreation, which I think speaks to the adventurous spirit of its residents and local communities.

Pete Wishart, MP

A MESSAGE FROM NATURESCOT

There is currently no water access on the loch until April. This means no kayaks, paddleboards, swimmers or any variation on those! This is to protect the massive population of wintering wildfowl. We must do everything we can to protect them from any disturbance. Thank you in advance for your co-operation.

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SARAH RANKIN COOKS

AUTUMN IS DEFINITELY here and I'm delighted. Cooler weather is the perfect opportunity to cosy up with hearty dinners and warming drinks.

This Heather Honey Old Fashioned is my favourite autumn/winter tippie. Warming and soothing, but still smooth, I use Benromach

Contrasts which is my current dram of choice, but you can use whatever you like.

Something with a bit of peat really will make all the difference. Even if you aren't into those medicinal flavours, the honey mellows it out and blends beautifully with the smoky, saltiness of the whisky.



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Strain the liquid equally into two heavy crystal whisky glass. Add a few drops of bitters and 50mls of whisky into each glass. Cut two fresh slices of orange and drop half into each glass. Carefully peel a

section of orange peel (a veg peeler is great for this), leaving as much pith behind as you can, and twist that over each glass so that the orange oil sprays over the drink. Enjoy by a roaring fire.

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Kinross Hub Oct Calendar

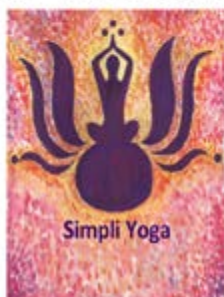


ADVICE HUB AT LOCH LEVEN HEALTH CENTRE The sessions are drop-in but if you prefer an appointment, please phone the number detailed for the agency you wish to connect with, or contact: Shona Fowler on 07896 280843 shona.fowler@nhs.scot.

IN CASE OF CHANGES IT IS BENEFICIAL TO PHONE THE AGENCY FIRST

Wed 6	10am–12noon	Drop-in for HomeStart Breast Buddies group 01738 638847
Thu 7	10am–12.30pm	Broke not Broken – to offer advice, connections for support and also for foodbank referrals. 07518 913107
	1pm–3pm	Mindspace – Info on supporting mental wellbeing. 07928 859628 or 01738 631657
Wed 13	10am–12noon	Drop-in for HomeStart Breast Buddies group 01738 638847
	1pm–3.30pm	CATH help with form filling – PIP, Universal Credit etc 07955 333163
Thu 14	10am–12noon	VOICEABILITY for free advocacy regarding benefits and supporting people to be heard in decisions about their health, care & wellbeing. For all benefits under social security Scotland ages up to 66 07974 460994
	1.30–3.30pm	PKC Employment Support Team – Job advice and help for those who have learning disability, acquired brain injury, mental health issues, autistic spectrum, sensory loss and physical disabilities 07788 389659
Wed 20	10am–12noon	Drop-in for HomeStart Breast Buddies group 01738 638847
	12.30pm–2.30pm	Broke not Broken – to offer advice, connections for support and also for foodbank referrals. 07518 913107
Thu 21	10am–12noon	Craig from the HEAT PROJECT will be here providing free energy advice to households, helping them become more energy efficient and reducing energy bills. 07868 864418
	2pm–4pm	Camille Vickers, Social Prescriber – Community Connecting / Signposting 07775 701630
Wed 27	10am–12noon	Drop-in for HomeStart Breast Buddies group 01738 638847
	1pm–3.30pm	CATH will support with form filling – PIP, Universal Credit etc 07955 333163 / 07339 858987
Thu 28	10am–12.30pm	PKC Skills & Employment – support & advice re CVs, job search, support after redundancy etc. 07867 351268
	2pm–4pm	PKC Housing Team – for housing advice and signposting to their service. 07917 552231

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

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

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

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

MY KIND OF TOWN



WINNING WAYS

by Jo Middlemiss

WHILE SITTING WAITING for relatives to arrive in Edinburgh airport from Canada, I noticed that there was a daily flight coming in from Chicago. In a moment of impulsiveness I messaged my niece who lives there, 'How about I come and see you for a few days?'

I got an instant and enthusiastic reply and set about planning. Got some dates in the diary, trickier than you can imagine. She is a busy, single mum doing an interesting difficult and complex job. She had things going on all the way through to summer. We landed on 10-14 October. Booked flights, (not cheap) got the American permission to arrive (complicated) and then got on with the summer.

'You are going where? Why? For a weekend? Are you crazy?' Lots of questions, from friends and family. No need for explanations. I love my niece and her little daughter. It was an adventure and adventures are fun.

Carry on baggage was the best plan for saving time and ticket money. A good plan which the airline managed to scupper. I had to put my bag in the hold as the flight was too busy, etc.

I begged, 'I only have a few precious days'. Computer and an uncompromising bod at the airport said 'No' and I had to accept the decision. I didn't have a good feeling! That feeling wasn't helped when I had to run to make my connecting flight in Amsterdam and the pilot announced a good luck message to all the marathon runners headed for Chicago. Yes, we had unknowingly picked the busiest weekend of the year in Chicago.

Arrival At Chicago O'Hare is another thing altogether. The passport queue was as big as a football pitch, snaking away in the manner of these things. It looked like 10 Jumbos had arrived at the same time. I was bemused but had to swing along with it. Ninety minutes later I was at the luggage carousel. The long lonely wait for the bag full of presents that doesn't arrive. The finding of the right person to tell about it. So predictable and unnecessary. A sad, frustrating, disappointing and maddening outcome. Leave the airport to make the best of it. A lovely Uber driver, the Chicago skyline beckoned, the sun was shining and let's hope it'll all be OK. I can't let this mishap spoil the plan.

Great welcome, lovely reunion, a good hour filling in the complex form and a promise of the delivery of the bag the next day. Borrowed sleep wear, underwear, socks and toothpaste, ready to roll.

Friday morning, my niece was working, she pointed me in the right direction.

Readers, Chicago is amazing and extraordinary. It is gorgeous, sitting right on the edge of the magnificent Lake Michigan. It is elegant and based on a grid system which even I managed to navigate. I walked and walked with my eyes out on organ stops. It felt young, vibrant and cosmopolitan. The Art Gallery is a thing of wonder. The most amazing works of art filled room after room. I could get up so close to paintings that it felt a privilege to be gazing at. People smiled, said 'Hi' for no particular reason. You can walk into town along the lakeside with the magnificent skyline in view.

Day two, still no bag. My niece was off work and her child was at a party. In town we went on a superb river trip explaining the wondrous architecture that makes up Chicago down town, old and new and all with a story. One huge building reaching for the sky had the famous letters TRUMP hugely and incongruously on its front. That made me think of the upcoming election which I had thought would be all over the place. But I was wrong. No posters, no loudhailers and I sensed absolutely no interest. I was so surprised and relieved. Apparently, Chicago had already made its mind up. My niece, who has just received her American citizenship, had a 'Madam President' placard in her front garden and that was the only sign I saw. Chicago was busy with Halloween and a Marathon. Sunday morning dawned sunny and crisp.

We headed out for a Chicago breakfast to a favourite restaurant. We cheered on thousands of runners for a while, sat for a hour with our lazy breakfast watching a never ending stream of runners. On and on they came, walking, running, limping, laughing and cheering. After that we wandered through the Botanic and the open plan zoo. Drifted through a few shops which did seem bigger and fuller of things we don't see here.

Now it's time to return from a magical weekend. Fingers crossed that the return will be less stressful. Certainly Edinburgh Airport won't be quite so full.

Chicago, Chicago, you lived up to and exceeded every expectation. Every good reason to be proud of yourself. Thanks for the memory, I'll be back.

Jo Middlemiss MBE

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Fossaway Community Council News from the October Meeting

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

Present on 1 October were CCLrs S Bruce-Jones, A Cheape, T Lamb, N Marchant, G Pye; Cllrs D Cuthbert and W Robertson; 9 of (MoP).

Apologies: CCLr A Carter and K Williamson; Assoc CCLr C Farquhar; PC B Samson; Cllrs N Freshwater and R Watters.

Community Police Report

25/09/2024 Vandalism at Seamab, Lendruick Muir, subject to live investigation.

26/09/2024 Take and drive away a vehicle, Main Street, Blairingone, 1 x charged and reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

26/09/2024 Theft of tools from motor vehicle (Powmill), subject to live investigation.

Between 27 August and 10 September around 50 fence posts were stolen from a farm in the Rumbling Bridge area – under investigation.

Traffic Statistics

The Kinross Community Policing Team have been carrying out speed checks in Powmill following complaints of speeding after track days at Knockhill. Roads Policing officers have been carrying out patrols in the area, mainly on the A977 at Crook of Devon and have charged drivers for driving whilst using a mobile phone and driving without a seatbelt.

Police Appeals for Information

An 85-year old man has died following a two vehicle collision, involving a car and a lorry, around 5pm on Thursday, 19 September 2024. His family have requested their privacy be respected. The driver of the lorry was not injured. Incident number 2752 on 19 September.

At some point between Monday, 8 July, and Wednesday, 31 July 2024, 20 ewes and 20 lambs worth an estimated £5,400, were taken from a farm in Fossaway near Kinross. Reference CR/0329442/24.

Anyone with information about either of the above incidents can contact Police Scotland on 101, quoting the incident number or reference, alternatively you can call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Seamab

MoPs reported several incidences of children from the school riding bicycles around the school and development site being nearly hit by contractor's and farm vehicles. The CC advised that these events should be reported to Roddy Ross at PKC's Safer Communities Team (RRoss@pkc.gov.uk or SCT@pkc.gov.uk).

Matters Arising

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

The CC's Draft response was discussed - the Fossaway and District CC objects to the planning application on the following grounds: Impact on the landscape (which must consider the cumulative effect with Brunthill); detrimental impact on our local economy especially businesses that rely on access to the Ochils (£150,000 per year on the Gliding Centre); mitigation measures described in the application do not satisfactorily answer objections we have made during the consultation with the developers – e.g. traffic plans, proposed site access, etc.

A vote was taken on the draft response:

CCLrs: four agree with the objection; one is neutral.

MoPs: seven agree with the objection; one supports wind farm in general; one is neutral with conditions.

Therefore, the draft response as presented to the meeting will be submitted.

Community Development Trust (CDT)

The Survey is now complete and there were over 250 responses. The results will be used to create the Community Action Plan and inform both LDP3 and our new Local Place Plan. The analysis of the responses will be shared at a Community Drop-in Event between 2pm and 5pm on 17 November in Crook of Devon Village Hall, where the community will vote on priority projects for consideration by the Trust.

Development of LDP3 The PKC Economy and Infrastructure Committee will review the timetable for LDP3 at their meeting on 21 Oct. Currently they are in the evidence gathering phase for submission to Scottish Government gateway review. LPPs will need to be registered with PKC by 31 Jan 2025 to be considered in LDP3. As part of the LDP3 process PKC will seek input from developers and landowners on sites for development and consider what sites in LDP2 have and haven't been developed.

Road Safety In FDCC Area Including A977 Mitigation Measures

Road Improvement Projects in Ward & Kinross-shire:

The CC has re-sent our prioritised list of road improvements to PKC as there appears to be a difference between their current list and our agreed priorities.

Potholes

Cllr Freshwater had received complaints about Waulkmill and the state of the road surface at the last meeting, so he did a walkabout. It is particularly bad, both the road and some of the roadside walls etc. He has raised this with both PKC's housing (walls) and roads departments regarding the condition and both have agreed to follow it up.

Roadworks

U221 Gelvan Moor Road in Carnbo: the end date for closure is now 12 October 2024.

Amey is undertaking surfacing improvements on the M90 northbound carriageway to the north of Milnathort from Friday 4 October to Tuesday 8 October: there will be overnight road closures between 7.30pm and 6.30am each night. Diversions

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will be in place leaving the M90 at J8 then following the A91 and A912 to re-join at J9.

Craigend Road (U223) in Powmill will be closed from its junction with the A977 for its entire length from the 21st October 2024 for a period of ten days for surface patching.

20mph Limits: Cllr Cuthbert reported that local Councillors will be briefed later this month and proposals will then be made public.

Pavement Parking Ban will start to be deployed in November.

Fossoway area transport – 23 bus service & Community Bus

The new 23 bus service, run by Glenfarg Community Transport Group, began on 2 September. The service is developing well and the drivers are reporting an uptake of people. There is a review meeting with PKC and Glenfarg on 9 October. Timetables can be accessed at <https://glenfargct.co.uk/timetable/> The "Transit: Live Bus & Tube Times" app can be used to view the location of the buses.

Cllr Bruce-Jones noted that the new service connected well for onward day trips to Edinburgh.

Seamab School Construction Work

MoP reports that no one will engage with them, emails are unanswered, planning conditions are ignored, etc. The CC reiterated that Safer Communities is the route for engagement and Planning Enforcement for breaches of planning conditions.

Crook Moss Travellers Site

Cllr Cheape spotted an abandoned vehicle near the site. This has been reported to the Police.

Warm Space Fund

PKC's Community Learning & Development Group has announced the return of the Warm Welcome Fund, aimed at supporting community groups and organisations with the provision of warm spaces during the winter period. Tracey Ramsay will be co-ordinating a workshop at the LLCC on 16 October to discuss applications. Any queries to TRamsay@pkc.gov.uk or CLD@pkc.gov.uk. Cllr Lamb is intending to attend the workshop to apply for funding for events at Moubray Hall, Powmill.

New Business

Kinross and Glenfarg Stronger Communities

The Perth and Kinross HSCP General Practice Premises Public Survey took place in September and October 2023. Based on the consultation findings, the Primary Care Team are implementing an action plan to improve primary care premises across Perth & Kinross. The report & infographic are available at: <https://consult.pkc.gov.uk/hscp/primary-care-gp-premises-patient-survey/>

Moubray Hall

Repairs are need to the Hall, which is a Category C listed building. The Hall is owned by the Community and SWI manage it on behalf of the Community. Cllr Marchant will arrange a discussion with the Powmill SWI and the CDT to understand how ownership/management of the Hall and upgrades can be progressed.

Seamab Defibrillators

Seamab School have advised the CC that they have had two defibrillators fitted: One mounted to the rear of the existing school building, at the side of the big courtyard gates; One fitted to the side of the first house on the right as you enter their Care Campus on Naemoor Road, near to Lendrick Muir. Access codes will be provided to a 999 call.

A MoP asked how to get one, Cllr Bruce-Jones advised that the best thing is to contact Kinross First Responders for information about what to purchase and to get training in their use: <https://www.facebook.com/KinrossFR>

Community Noticeboards

The CC has been advised that many of our community noticeboards are in a poor state of repair. The CC will see if the CDT can raise monies for repairs.

Consultations

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

Boundaries Scotland Consultation: The CC has been advised of proposed constituencies and provisional proposals changes. Cllr Pye said that he had briefly examined this document and didn't believe there is anything that affects our area. https://boundaries.scot/sites/default/files/SPReview2_Further/Booklet_Regions.pdf

CC Business – meetings attended

Cllr Marchant – 12 September Planning Users Forum

Cllr Williamson – OS webinar 24 September & 25 September Sustainability Group

Cllrs Bruce-Jones & Williamson – 25 September Sustainability Group

Councillors' reports

Cllr Cuthbert: PKC are starting to look at Budget as there is a £1M overspend this year. He advised that CC looks at spending the remaining A977 mitigation money in case it's impacted. He attended a briefing from the Health and Social Care Partnership which revealed that that there is no NHS Dentist anywhere in Kinross-shire which he's going to look into.

Cllr Robertson: Attended a meeting of the Scrutiny Committee that produced massive reports which must have cost a fortune to create – surely this could be reduced? A report about homeless people shows 165 families on the waiting list at the end of September. The average time to move people out of temporary accommodation across Scotland is 278 days, and although it's only 65 days in PKC this is still too long.

Cllr Robertson reminded landowners that hedges at pavement/road edges should be cut back. A MoP asked who was responsible for the Rumbling Bridge path? Cllr Robertson said that if he was sent a picture of the location, he would arrange for the hedges to be trimmed by PKC.

Planning Matters

Local Place Plan Cllr Williamson joined a webinar in Sept with the Ordnance Survey (OS) which was also attended by quite a few members of other CCs. Many sought more training on the software package we have been asked to use. OS were quick to recognise this need but it's not clear when they may be able to provide it. Meanwhile, Cllr Williamson will reach out to Planning Aid Scotland and see if they can possibly help.

Cllr Marchant received advice on preparation of the LPP

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at the Planning User's Forum: The LPP should be a series of settlement maps with future requirements plotted on them; The focus should be on affordable housing needs, active travel opportunities, tourism, protecting natural assets, responding to climate change, and improving or making better use of assets; The CC should take the opportunity to engage with landowners and developers.

Planning Applications

24/01094/IPL Renewal of permission 21/01025/IPL (residential development in principle) at Land 30 metres north-west of Sunnyside, Drum. No CC comment.

Planning Decisions

23/01660/FLL Erection of two dwelling houses at Land 800 metres north-east of Blairingone Parish Church, Main Street, Blairingone. Approved, no CC comment.

24/00948/FLL Erection of replacement garage, alterations to store, widening of vehicular access, formation of hardstanding, erection of gate and associated works at Clentry, Station Road, Crook of Devon. Approved, no CC comment.

24/01063/FLL Alterations and extension to dwelling house at 5 St Serf's Road, Crook of Devon. Approved, no CC comment.

23/01794/FLL Change of use, alterations and extension to sawmill to form dwelling house and formation of vehicular access at Land 40 metres south-east of 1 Nursery Cottages, Solsgirth, Dollar. Approved, no CC comment.

Local Review Board

23/01275/FLL – Erection of 5 holiday accommodation units, a managers accommodation unit and workshop/garage, formation of vehicular, parking areas, landscaping and associated works, land 150 metres north west of Barnhill Farm, Powmill, Dollar.

The CC has submitted the following additional comment: We strongly believe that additional holiday accommodation is not required in this locality following the approval of 124 holiday accommodation units at Whinstone Quarry, Devonshaw, Powmill (23/00491/FLM) which is in very close proximity to this application. In addition, access to this location is via rural single-track roads which are predominantly used by our farming community; without passing places access will be problematic.

23/01619/FLL – Formation of access track, erection of stables, siting of caravan, and associated works (temporary period) (in part retrospect), land 250 metres north of The Farmhouse, Easter Muirhead Farm, Blairingone, Dollar.

The CC had objected and our objection on the grounds of road access will be passed to the LRB. Insufficient information has been presented by the applicant to demonstrate the proposal accords with LDP2 Policy 53E Water Supply and the proposed development will not prejudice existing users of the private

water supplies serving the area. It should be noted that an alternative planning application for the same area minus the onsite caravan is awaiting a decision: 24/00974/FLL. The CC will not make any additional comment.

Planning and Placemaking Committee October 2024

There following applications from our area will be discussed: 23/01313/FLL Erection of 7 dwelling houses, formation of vehicular access, landscaping and associated works, land east of Honeysuckle Cottage, Cambo.

23/01224/FLL Erection of 29 dwelling houses and associated works (phase 1 - allocated site H53), land north west of Huize Baahock, Powmill, Dollar.

Kilbagie 250MW Battery Storage Scheme

The CC had received a copy of a Proposal of Application Notice, which was submitted to Clackmannanshire Council on 1st October 2024. There will be public consultation events on 6 November and 4 December.

Nettly Burn Solar Farm

This 78MW development on land adjoining the A823, opposite the Knockhill Motor Racing Circuit is expected to be submitted to the Scottish Government later this year. <https://www.nettlyburn.com/>

The next meeting of Fossoway and District CC will be held on Tuesday 5 November at 7.30pm in Carnbo Village Hall.

Kinross Community Council

News from the September Meeting

Present on 24 September were CCLrs W Freeman, L McKay, P Chan, S Wells and C Willsher, four MoP and minute-taker Mrs C Aird.

Apologies: CCLr E Leslie, Cllrs D Cuthbert, N Freshwater, W Robertson, R Watters and Police Scotland.

CCLr L McKay advised that CCLr K Spain had resigned from the CC and wished to record her thanks to CCLr Spain.

Police Scotland Report

Crimes of note (since last meeting)

23/09/2024 Assault (Burns-Begg Street, Kinross). MO - assault by attempting to stab with unknown bladed article. 1 x charged and reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

31/08/2024 Being concerned in the supply of class A drug. (Montgomery Street, Kinross). 1 x charged and reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

On Tuesday 27 August 2024, roads policing officers were on mobile patrol when they observed two vehicles going through a red light at the temporary 3-way traffic light system on The Muirs, Kinross. Both drivers were issued with a fixed penalty notice.

On Wednesday 18 September 2024, PCs Samson and Stitchell were on mobile patrol when they stopped a vehicle on Emslie Drive, Kinross. The vehicle was found to be uninsured. The driver was issued with a fixed penalty notice ticket.

Constables Samson and Duncan are holding a community drop-in session in their community van on Saturday 12th October 2024, at LLCC between 1000 hrs and 1400 hrs (to be confirmed).

We have had an increase in calls regarding youths causing anti-social behaviour and are aware of areas this has been occurring in for our patrols.

Matters Arising

Safety Concerns at La Casanova/The Tartan Kipper

CCLr McKay advised that the situation seemed to have been resolved, although it was noted that parking continues to be difficult at that end of the town.

Community Action Plan

CCLr Freeman confirmed he had contacted Laura Martin again but had still had no response. He will chase again.



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Double Yellow Lines at the Primary School

No update available due to Councillor E Leslie's absence.

Glenfarg-shire Stronger Community Meeting

No update was available due to Councillor K Spain's resignation. Another Councillor was required to join the group.

Boundary Map

Due to Councillor R Watters absence, no update was available with regard to the possibility of an up-to-date CC boundary map being available.

Old Cleish Road Development

A member of the public, who had attended the August meeting, advised that the residents affected by the proposed development had met to discuss their concerns, following the advice from the CC at the last meeting. Residents had mixed opinions with regard to submitting conditions to be placed on the applicant as this may be seen as accepting the work. The member of the public had, however, submitted an email to PKC outlining conditions that they would like to see imposed on the landowner. They had subsequently received a response from Mark Dunlop who advised that he (Mr Dunlop) did not think it appropriate for the CC to be recommending conditions be submitted as the proposed development was not their area.

Councillor McKay commented that there was no point in the CC being in existence if that was the case, and they are also concerned with the work currently being undertaken.

The member of the public also commented that the flood defence scheme also appeared to be confusing the situation.

The member of the public enquired as to how the meeting between Mr Dunlop and the landowner (on 12 August) had gone but there was no information available. The member of the public advised he had a list of approx. 11 concerns which he would leave with the CC. Councillor McKay requested Councillor Willsher to contact Mr Dunlop to request a site visit as soon as possible with members of the CC, Councillors and residents.

Refuse-Bin Straps

Councillor P Chan advised that although the library had few straps left in stock, they were unlikely to replace these and suggested residents should order similar straps from Amazon.

It was agreed to raise this at the next meeting with the Councillors.

CC Insurance

Councillor Freeman confirmed that this had been dealt with.

Stronger Together Meeting – 29 August

Councillor K Spain had been due to attend this meeting on behalf of CC but it was unclear as to whether she had done so, following her resignation. It was agreed that Councillor McKay would contact the group to get an update.

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Planning Matters

Planning Applications Received

24/01321/FLL alterations and extension to dwellinghouse at 20 Gallowhill Road, Kinross.

Other Planning Matters

23/00005/PAN mixed use development comprising the erection of retail units including garden centre (Class 1a), cafe/restaurant (Class 3) with drive-through, a petrol filling station and formation of landscaping, infrastructure and associated works at former British Car Auctions, Kinross.

This is the application for the retail units at the BCA site and while the majority of the town thought this was a good thing to have, there were some residents with concerns, particularly regarding how work can be carried out when planning permission had not been granted yet. Councillor Freeman made comment to an email received from a nearby resident who had raised this issue.

There was also concern regarding the flood defence work and both Councillor McKay and Councillor Freeman confirmed that while negotiations are ongoing, work will be completed when the building work commences.

Those present were advised that the agents would be attending the October meeting to give an update.

24/01193/FLM erection of 8 turbine windfarm and associated works at land 1.5km north east of Earnieside Farmhouse, Dunning Glen, Dollar (Craighead windfarm).

A member of the public advised that while this application had been submitted, they had raised concerns with PKC in March 2024 as the information in the application with regard to access to the site was incorrect. Councillor S Wells commented that an application could be submitted, even if the land were not owned by those submitting the application.

The members of the public had met with PKC planners advising that they would not be consenting to access to the land, which would be gained via the road to Brackety Farm and Earnieside Farm. It was noted that the owners of Earnieside Farm have given their consent as the proposed wind farm is on their land. It was noted that the owners of Brackety Farm had also not received a neighbour notification from PKC regarding this application, or the one at Brunt Hill.

Councillor Freeman enquired as to whether the proposed wind farm at Brunt Hill would affect the member of the public, but they were unsure.

Councillor Freeman thanked the members of the public for raising this matter with them and after discussion it was agreed that Councillor Willsher would submit an objection on behalf of the CC.

24/00716/ECU36 development comprising 18 turbines (of which 10 wind turbines have a ground to blade tip height up to 200 metres and 8 wind turbines have a ground to blade tip height up to 185m) and battery energy storage system (BESS) at Brunt Hill Farm. The CC had objected.

Reports from CC representatives

Councillor Freeman advised that £26,529.68 in grants had been awarded to approximately 16 organisations via the Community Investment Fund.

Licensing Applications

No applications had been received. It was also noted that there had been no application from the Premier Stores submitted.

Correspondence

Kinross Fun Fair – an email had been received from a resident who wished to raise their objection to any future decision to allow the fun fair to use Market Park. The resident lived adjacent to the park and wished to complain about the disruption to their day to day lives while the fun fair was in town, particularly the noise (screaming of those on the rides),

flashing lights and the disruption to the use of their TV and radio during the time the fair was in town.

The resident had raised this particular issue with the fun fair staff who advised that the Council had given permission and they did not believe the issue was down to a power surge as they used their own generators.

Cllr McKay advised that she had spoken with a number of people in the community. None had raised any concerns. In fact, the fair was a welcome distraction to the daily struggles faced by residents. She also advised that if the resident subscribed to Sky Glass, there had been a major outage which had been reported and this may have been the issue.

In discussing the email, it was agreed that the fair had been held on private land and with the appropriate permissions granted by PKC. As such, the issues raised were not in the jurisdiction of the CC and Cllr Willsher was asked to respond on behalf of the CC.

Proposed Pharmacy at 145 High Street – it was noted that the proposed pharmacy had been approved by the PKC planning department.

Remembrance Parade – an email had been received from Police Scotland (Tayside Operations and Events Planning) with regard to the Parade. Cllr Freeman confirmed he had responded.

Concerns – a resident living in the High Street has sent an email raising a number of concerns, for example, demolition work, no communications about the works being issued, noise levels, drilling test holes, house shaking, at the BCA site. The resident also advised that they had been trying to contact BCA with regard to overgrown vegetation which is encroaching into their garden without success. They also raised a concern about an apparent increase in HGVs and tractors using the High Street, travelling at excess speeds with no regard to pedestrians and residents. The resident states they have seen a number of near misses recently and feels that the High Street is not structurally sound to deal with this type of traffic. They suggest that the road becomes a one-way street as soon as possible with adequate crossings and paths being repaired as their current state is making it difficult for those with buggies and wheelchairs to use, with some having to use the road.

In discussing the email, members agreed that the resident should contact the land owners and not BCA with regard to the work which is being carried out at the moment.

With regard to the traffic issues in the High Street, it was agreed to discuss this at the next meeting when, hopefully, the Councillors would be in attendance.

Unauthorised Development At Old Cleish Road, Kinross – an email had been received with regard to the unauthorised development on open land and right of way at Old Cleish Road. The resident had contacted PKC with regard to the work currently being undertaken on the land as well as vehicles also using the roadway, particularly around HGVs using the road as

well as alleged unlicensed dealers working on cars and driving them around the town. The resident does not believe these cars are in a roadworthy condition or legally entitled to be on the road.

Police Scotland had been contacted with regard to the second point following some unsavoury incidents including damage to cars.

A member of the public commented that the landowner was not adhering to the conditions set out by PKC or those contained in the Local Development Plan.

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CC Vacancies

Cllr Freeman advised that there were a number of vacancies for the CC and invited interested parties to apply via the PKC website.

The next meeting of Kinross CC will be held on Tuesday 26 November 2024 at 7.30pm in the Masonic Hall.

Milnathort and Orwell Community Council

News from the September Meeting

Present at the meeting held on 12 September were N Bingham, K Heneghan, A Macrae, Cllrs R Watters & D Cuthbert, L Watson (MPS) and nine MoP.

Apologies: PC Ben Samson, Cllrs N Freshwater and W Robertson, A Wanless.

Police Matters

From 8 August 2024 (last report) there have been approximately 42 calls to police from the Milnathort area and 12 crimes recorded on police systems.

12/08/2024 Drink driving (Dalqueich Bridge, Dalqueich) 1 x charged and reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

26/08/2024 Fail to report accident to Police (unclassified road near Middleton) 1 x charged and reported to the Procurator Fiscal

28/08/2024 Theft of cement and fence posts (Websters, Milnathort). Subject to live investigation.

Road Traffic Matters

PCs Samson and Duncan have been carrying out regular checks at Milnathort Primary School at drop off and pick up times as a result of speeding and parking complaints, since the schools have returned. To date, it has been busy with cars however no illegal parking or vehicles speeding have been observed.

On 11 August 2024, local officers from Kinross were on mobile patrol on the A91 just outside of Milnathort when they had cause to stop a vehicle. After checks it was discovered the driver did not have insurance and they were reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

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Actions From Previous Meeting

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

Kevin raised that it had previously been agreed on what type of gate would be fitted, and Cllr Watters added that all parties i.e. Persimmon/PKC had agreed that providing a gate was part of the development. Kevin added that a number of residents have asked about the status of the gate due to safety concerns for children and dogs. He continued by asking the PKC councillors how we progress this as it seems to be in a stalemate.

Cllr Watters took an action to follow up with PKC on what can be done whether as an interim fix or something more permanent.

Milnathort / Kinross Boundary

It was raised at the previous CC meeting that the boundary line for Milnathort no longer includes parts of the Auld Mart estate. It was minuted that the MOCC request PKC to restore the original boundary and would be seeking agreement from KCC to do the same. Neill raised this with KCC who agreed and minuted it in their last meeting.

Cllr Watters will raise with PKC to make the necessary changes to the CC boundary.

Correspondences

NHS SHARE – The Scottish Health Research Register and Biobank – is a Register of people who are happy to be sent information about health projects.

We need healthy people and people with health conditions to join SHARE. Health research is necessary so new treatments can be discovered for conditions and disease such as cancer, diabetes, dementia, stroke and asthma.

People can register in a number of ways: www.registerforshare.org, Tel 01382 383471, Email: enquiries@registerforshare.org Hearing Children and Young People's Voice in the Community - Wednesday 2 October at 6pm. A webinar which explores ways to engage with children and young people through place and placemaking.

Roads

A922 SOUTH STREET – MILNATHORT (KY13 9XB)

Scottish Water Ironworks - temporary traffic regulation order effective from 9 December 2024 for a period of two days.

The order will temporarily prohibit all vehicles from parking and loading on both sides of the A922 South Street, Milnathort from its junction with the private access to the property 108, South Street (311835, 704294) to a point 60 metres South on the A922 South Street (311806, 704242), a distance of 60 metres or thereby.

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South Street Zebra Markings

Several members of the public have raised concerns regarding the lack of visibility afforded to vehicles approaching this particular crossing. The zig zag markings are a number of feet away from the kerb, allowing cars to legally park next to the pavement. This is making visibility difficult to pedestrians trying to see if there is any oncoming traffic and for oncoming traffic's ability to see whether there are pedestrians about to cross.

There are also two private dwellings access whose visibility can be minimised when vehicles are parked between the zig zag and the pavement.

It is requested that consideration be given to re-positioning the road markings so increasing the visibility of traffic approaching the crossing and making the crossing safer for pedestrians.

Cllr Watters took an action to raise with PKC roads department in this regard.

There has been a request on several occasions to place a crossing on Stirling Road. There is provision to implement one road crossing improvement in Milnathort, and the CC were asked to decide on whether the zebra crossing at South Street should be upgraded to a puffin crossing or a new crossing at Stirling Road be created. The CC were disappointed that both improvements couldn't be accommodated. Although the discussion leaned towards a new crossing at Stirling Road, the CC decided to wait until the next CC meeting in October to make a decision and invite all residents to get in touch or attend the October meeting to voice their opinions.

Milnathort Primary School

Laura will shortly be moving to Australia, with Tuesday 17 September, her last day at MPS. She expressed her thanks to the Cllrs for all their support both to her and to the school in her time in charge, and introduced the new temporary head teacher – Lyndsey Budge.

Road safety concerns – There has been some unsafe driving activity, and behaviour by drivers at school drop off and pick up. The local community police officers have been very responsive and have been at the school drop off and pick up on a number of days to help improve driving safety.

As part of the Safer Routes to school initiative the Chair of Kinross trishaws, visited and presented to the school children, and discussed a potential bike bus for pupils to travel safely to school.

MPS are working with our business partner Sainsbury's. They will be sponsoring the 'Wellbeing Wednesdays and the tuckshop'. The school has had a visit regarding the Fairtrade initiative, and Cllr Kevin Heneghan has been visiting the school to present on the local community. Laura thanked Kevin again for all his support in visiting the school.

The Nursery are planning an Intergenerational event, which will include a cake and craft event.

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The P4 and P7s will be attending the Dundee Discovery film festival to watch a French film.

MOCC wish to thank Laura for all her support and help in her time as MPS Head Teacher and we wish her all the best in Australia. We welcome, Lyndsey the new temporary head teacher and wish her the best of luck in her role and look forward to continuing our work and support of MPS.

Core Paths Update

Milnathort Core Paths Group have again been busy over the past weeks. We've again flailed the Core Paths at Burleigh Castle, the Paths through the woodlands at Burleigh, the Path at the side of Milnathort golf course leading up to the A911 including the short section to The Stackyard and the link Path between Arlary rail track and the start of the Core Path leading to Burleigh Castle. The Paths at Hattonburn and Tillywhally Woods will be cut over the next week or so. We've also cut back branches that were dangerously overhanging the Paths.

This was the last big cut of this year, although we'll be going to the Stirling Road and Bacon Factory fields after they've been harvested to re-establish the Core Paths there. The landowner and farmer have already agreed to this, they were previously unaware these were Core Paths.

Although growth will slow down or cease during the winter, there are still plenty jobs to do to keep the Core Path Group busy.

Cllr Cuthbert – added his thanks to Kevin and Core Path Group for all the work they do.

Planning Decisions

24/00688/FLL Erection of a meteorological mast (for a temporary period) land 2800 metres north west of Upper Warroch Cottage Milnathort, approve the application

24/00923/FLL Installation of ground-mounted solar array and associated works, land 70 metres south west of Craigow, Milnathort, approve the application

Large Planning Applications

Windfarms

A lively discussion was held not only on the Craighead application to PKC that was recently submitted but also on the previous Brunthill Farm submission to the Energy Consensus Unit. A number of residents were negative in their approach towards the CC, for not objecting to the Brunthill windfarm as a number of the other Kinross-shire CCs had done. A question was raised regarding a perceived potential conflict of interest with one member of the CC, with regards to the involvement with the Sustainability Group and also whether any CClrs had been employed by an energy supplier.

It was clarified that none of the CClrs are or have been employed by any companies involved in either of the recent windfarm developments and hence did not feel the need to raise any potential conflict of interest.

With regards the Sustainability Group involvement, MOCC have only one CClr as a representative in this group. The group is made up of CC representatives from all other Kinross-shire CCs, even those that objected to the Brunthill windfarm. There are also a couple of CCs from outwith the Kinross-shire area represented. The purpose of the Sustainability Group is not to be involved in any planning discussions or to pressure any CC either way. The purpose is to think about the future, if any of these windfarms or other large developments or other forms of renewable energy go ahead, how do we manage any community funds as a group. To help lessen the pain across each CC by sharing the burden and to speak with one collective voice. It is early days, and nothing is guaranteed, however it is better to be prepared and to have a plan and not use it, than to have no plan when we need one.

Following a healthy debate and discussion the points raised

by those present for and against the proposed Craighead windfarm development were summarised as:

- **Access route:** One of the access routes is across land they do not own, and the owner made a point to say they would never sell it to them and were not happy it was listed in the planning application. Cllr Cuthbert confirmed that planning applications do not need to own property/building/land that is detailed in their application
- **Noise and vibration** from the turning blades
- **Visual impact** of the proposed development given the height of the turbines.
- **Flickering lights:** During sunlight and in the night the turning blades will cause a light flickering effect that can be problematic for some people
- **Cumulative effect:** All the above will be magnified if both windfarms are progressed.
- **Energy production:** We need these to help with energy production, to help with high energy prices and to ensure we can produce the energy we need onsite.

All of the above points and those suggested mitigations will form the basis of the response from MOCC to the planning application and all present were thanked for their input to allow a planning response to be made.

It was acknowledged by all that the CC have a duty to represent the views of both sides of any proposed developments and planning application whether it be by attendance at meetings or via other contact with the CC.

Speedwatch

Meeting with Portmoak CC, and volunteers to be held, we're awaiting a date and time to be finalised.

Comments And Questions From The Floor

A member of the audience asked what was happening with the new green shed, that was delivered to Donaldson Park for the Colts. If it is for the lawn mower, can it be placed near to the pavilion? Allan will contact the Colts to ask for confirmation.

Councillors' Reports

Cllr Cuthbert: I have now been appointed the vice-convenor of Tayside contracts, it is a lot of commitment as requires me to be in Dundee 3 times a week, however I hope this will allow Kinross-shire to be better represented and supported.

Cllr Watters: Active travel master plan – Kinross-shire has its own plan due to missing out on the national plan. It was present to and approved at the recent Kinross-shire Local Committee. It will now sit alongside the national Tactran Active Travel route plan to help to join ourselves with other areas and settlements, in a safe way and to encourage safe and behavioural change in our local travel.

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shops, work, etc and includes all types of active travel including cycling, walking etc. Now that the plan is available, we should see more progress.

Any Other Matters

Glenfarg community bus has started running a service to Tillicoultry, well done to the GCT for organising this.

Also, a thank you to DM Sheet Metal, and Caledonia Play for funding a new defibrillator, which is now in place on the fence at entrance to Caledonia play, off South Street.

Next month is the AGM. The CC has several vacancies, we sit every second Thursday of the month and would welcome new volunteers. Get in touch if you want to find out more.

The next meeting of Milnathort and Orwell CC will be on 14 November at 7.30pm at Milnathort Town Hall

Portmoak Community Council

The October Portmoak CC meeting was cancelled.

The next meeting of PCC will incorporate the AGM, followed by the normal November PCC meeting. Both will be held on Tuesday 12 November 2024, with the following running order and approximate times:

7.30pm - 8pm Portmoak CC AGM

8pm - 9pm Portmoak CC Monthly meeting

Glenfarg Community Council

The next meeting of Glenfarg CC will take place on Monday 4 November.

Cleish & Blairadam Community Council

Present at the meeting on 16 September were F Principe-Gillespie, C MacLaren, F Whalley, S Gordon
Cllr N Freshwater, PC Samson, PC Duncan, Sgt. Craig

Apologies: M Traylor, Cllrs W Robertson, D Cuthbert, R Watters

Crime Prevention & Police Report

Since the last CC meeting there have been 30 calls to the Police, with 8 crimes recorded – majority of which were traffic incidents.
18 Sept – Person charged and reported to the Procurator Fiscal for failing to provide a specimen after a traffic stop on the M90 at Junction 5.

18 Sept – Assault at Benarty Road where one person was reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

Speed checks were carried out in the area, particularly at Gairney Bank. Roads Policing officers have been carrying out speed checks on the M90 at junction 5 which has resulted in drivers being stopped and reported for a variety of offences.

B9097 Junction – 5 vehicle collision resulting in one minor injury and 2 people being issued with fixed penalty notices.

Speed Watch is being coordinated locally by the Milnathort CC, with multiple people trained to use the equipment.

Local resident supplied speeding statistics which had been gathered at the speed warning sign at the 40mph limit at start of Gairneybridge. These showed a common disregard for the speed limit, and the details were passed to the police.

Co-opting a New Councillor

As agreed at the previous CC meeting a new Cllr (Jes Bunce from Keltybridge) was formally co-opted on to the CC.

Broadband Update

Blairadam Area

Keltybridge now has 100% coverage for Full Fibre Broadband with every house able to order a Fibre to the Premise (FTTP) service. This includes The Tabernacle Hall which had a fibre service installed during September.

There are three properties in the wider Blairadam area which are still not fibre enabled. These properties are on the Western side of the M90 motorway and are covered by the Scottish Government R100 Programme which is due to be completed by June 2026.

These properties are notionally covered by Voneus which took over from Broadway in the area, this means that these properties are considered to have a 'superfast' broadband connection available even though the Voneus website states that the company is not able to actually deliver that service.

Drainage

Keltybridge

On-going problem with sewage leaking onto the main road near to the entrance to Middleton Park, and directly adjacent to the place where the school buses pick-up and drop-off. We had an update from PKC Environmental Health that they had attended the site and needed to engage a drainage contractor to identify the source of the leak, but did not expect that work to happen in the near future. Cllr Freshwater took an action to escalate this issue with the PKC Environmental Health department, as little visible progress has been made in resolving this issue since it was originally reported to PKC Environmental Health.

Financial Update

The accounts are being prepared for the end of year audit.

Planning

The following planning applications have been added or updated since the previous CC meeting.

Applications Pending

24/00703/IPL Residential development (in principle) land 140 metres north-east of The Bungalow, Benarty Road, Kelty. This is the second application for this site, after the first application was refused.

24/00938/FLL Formation of seven residential caravan pitches each with ancillary facilities building, septic tank, ancillary touring pitches, vehicle parking and access, erection of one stable building and associated works, land 180 metres north of Hawthorn Wood, Benarty Road, Kelty. The CC has objected.

24/01233/FLL Erection of a dwellinghouse, land 20 metres south of Hillview, Kinnaird, Blairadam, Kelty. This is the second application for this site, after the first application was refused. The CC has objected.

Applications Approved

24/00734/FLL Change of use of land to form extension to garden ground, 8 Abbot's Wynd Keltybridge, Kelty. Approved, but permitted development rights have been removed from the section of land that lies out with the village boundary.

Applications Withdrawn

24/00941/FLL Erection of 5 dwellinghouses formation of vehicular access and associated works land 90 metres north of Nivingston House, Cleish.

Prior Notification

24/00917/PNA Erection of agricultural storage building, land 300 metres east of Grianan, Blairforge, Kelty.

24/00946/PNA Erection of agricultural storage building, Mawmill Farm, Cleish.

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24/01089/PNF Formation of forestry track and upgrading of existing track, land 780 metres south of 1 West Mains, Cleish.

Planning Enforcements

Site North of 31 Keltybridge. Referred to Planning Enforcement due the lack of compliance with conditions specified in the planning approval for 29 & 31 Keltybridge

24/00123/LAND Land adversely affecting amenity, Blairfordel Farm, Kelty. Enforcement Notice Issued.

Tree Preservation Orders

No progress so far from PKC in relation to tree preservation orders in relation to the woodland at Nivingston House.

Blairforge Planning Enforcement

Attendees again expressed concern that the multiple planning violations at Blairfordel Farm are not being enforced despite subject to a Planning Enforcement Notice (24/00123/LAND).

Concerns were again raised in relation to the enforcement of planning decisions by PKC, and in particular the lack of progress on enforcement of the planning violations at Blairfordel Farm which appears to be leading to the unconstrained growth of a settlement where there are increasing numbers of structures without planning consent.

Concerns were again raised about the perceived lack of equal treatment of residents by Perth & Kinross Planning Enforcement. The commonly held view still being that Planning Enforcement discriminate against lawful settlements by aggressively pursuing 'soft' targets for planning violations while allowing more 'difficult' cases like Blairfordel Farm to go unchallenged. Such an approach makes a mockery of the planning process in Perth and Kinross where individuals are apparently able to ignore planning regulations with impunity.

Residents of Blairforge who attended the meeting raised serious concerns about the lack of support from PKC during the planning mediation process with some Blairforge residents reporting being intimidated and no longer feeling safe in their own homes.

It was again highlighted that PKC Planning had been aware of these planning violations from very early on in the illegal development of this site, and the lack of early effective enforcement by PKC Planning Enforcement has directly resulted in the sprawling illegal development that we now see.

There seems to be little that the residents Blairforge can do in this situation to ensure that PKC Planning Enforcement is applied in an unbiased manner.

Wind Turbines

Two applications have been submitted in the local area, with one going to the Scottish Government because it is over 50MW in size, and the other going to PKC because it is below the 50MW threshold.

Sustainability Group – Representatives from the CC will attend the next Sustainability Group meeting at Glenfarg.

Local Place Plan

The CC is seeking funding to help with the development of a Local Place Plan to cover Cleish and Blairadam.

The Local Place Plan needs to be completed by the end of 2024, and given the importance of this plan in making known the wishes of the residents of Cleish and Blairadam as part of the wider PKC Local Area Plan.

Village Updates

Blairadam

Roads: Concerns about visibility at the Junction at Blairforge due to growth on the verges – previous work did not clear the vegetation far enough back to ensure a safe level of visibility at this junction.

Notice Boards: The CC has requested the assistance of the Kinross Men’s Shed to help refurbish the noticeboards in Keltybridge and Blairforge, both of which are in need of repair.

Pavement Parking: There is an on-going problem with vehicles parking on the pavements in Keltybridge and forcing pedestrians to walk on the roads.

PKC is currently reviewing how the Scotland-wide ban on pavement parking will be enforced in our area.

Speeding: There have been multiple reports by residents of vehicles speeding through the 20mph zone in Maryburgh.

Cleish

Cleish School: Still outstanding work regarding the agreed replacement of the sign at the school with one more in keeping with the local area.

It is not clear what the timescale is for this work as a Listed Building Consent application to cover this work has still not been received.

Junction of the B9097 & B996

The road markings at this junction are in a very poor state of repair meaning that traffic at the junction cannot easily see where the edge of the junction is – particularly in the dark.

The overgrown verges are impeding visibility in both directions at this junction, particularly overgrown broom bushes which are blocking sightlines.

The next meeting of Cleish and Blairadam CC will take place on Monday 2 December at the Cleish Village Hall.



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Broke not Broken

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

Greyhound Rescue Fife

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

KLEO

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

RSPB Loch Leven

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

Kinross (Marshall) Museum

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Swansacre Playgroup

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Kinross Heart Start

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

Light Up Kinross

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

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Duke of Edinburgh

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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.



Fungus walk led by Cameron Diekonigen (left)

Portmoak Community Woodland Group

www.portmoakcw.org.uk



On 29 September the crowds came out and the sun shone for Apple Day. A big thank you to everyone who joined us and helped to pick and press apples to turn them into juice. Thanks also to the wasps who left us alone, unlike last year. We only saw one all day (which may be of concern if you are a wasp) which was one thing less for us to worry about.

Another big thank you to people who brought bags of apples from their own gardens. We had a smaller crop than usual in the community orchard but the additional contributions kept the press busy all afternoon and everyone went away with fresh apple juice.



The home-baking stall was also busy, with plenty of apple-themed cakes, crumbles and flapjacks to go round.

We are so blessed to have a lovely, enclosed space in the orchard, where everyone can hang out and watch, as their children

gather apples from the trees up the slopes. It is always good to see the youngsters doing the work! We are also lucky to have good friends of the woodland group who mucked in all weekend, to get the marquee up and help out, wherever we needed extra hands.

Andrew Lear, aka 'appletreeman', wasn't able to join us this year but we managed to put on a good display of apples including everything from the enormous cooker-cum-eater, Howgate Wonder, to the bright red Discoveries.

We also had a new, special guest. Cameron Diekonigen, a mycologist from Scotlandwell, had the great idea of running a guided fungal walk in the morning in Kilmagad Wood. This group of 20 people were invited to stay on for apple day. It was a great success. The group came back with a huge collection of fungi which they identified and displayed on another table.

The children also had plenty to do. When they weren't clambering amongst the trees, they had quizzes and games to keep them occupied, including the ever-popular task of creating all sorts of weird and wonderful constructions out of apple cubes and cocktail sticks!

In all, around 150 people joined us and we received donations of £377, which included £60 kindly donated by Cameron from

his fungal walk. This all helps to pay for the costs of running the event and looking after the orchard during the rest of the year, so we are very grateful for everyone's generosity.

Kinross & District Men's Shed

www.kinrossmensshed.org

Down at Swansacre this month the 'in phrase' is probably 'relocation of machinery'! Perhaps we should explain that the building we currently occupy has two main workshops; a recreational area as well as a full kitchen and office space.

This past year has seen KDMS equipping itself with several large pieces of new machinery including a large air filtration unit, a powerful bandsaw and a lathe. Introducing such equipment compromised the available working area of the main workshop, so the decision was made to 'rationalise' available space; which in reality has meant a total reorganisation of workshops and the recreational area. This project is still ongoing but, when finished, will maximise the space available and create a more efficient and safer working environment.

The recreational area has also been relocated, redesigned and decorated. This will give members a more comfortable area to relax in and enjoy each other's company whilst drinking tea, coffee and maybe consuming one of George's legendary bacon rolls!

Currently all ongoing projects have been suspended while the heavy lifting, rewiring, painting and decoration takes place. Of course, what we do have at KDMS is plenty of members with the various skill sets required to undertake what is a considerable reorganisation of our premises.

We expect to be up and running again by the end of the month, not withstanding dodgy backs, aching limbs, cuts and bruises. One suspects that the new recreation space might just take on an air of a temporary 'recovery unit'!





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Tuesday Short Walks

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

Tuesday 5 November, Three reservoirs walk

A pleasant walk starting high up at Holl reservoir and returning via Ballo and Harperlea reservoirs. Note; there is parking at Holl reservoir but there are no toilet facilities.

Tuesday 19 November, Burleigh Estate circular

This walk is along level paths and tracks circumnavigating Burleigh Estate. It is likely that, in November, the walk may be muddy in places.

Tuesday 3 December, Limekilns to Pattiesmuir circular

Starting from Limekilns Pier we will be walking inland to the small village of Pattiesmuir. From there roads and tracks through farmland will take us to the Bell Hills, returning from there back to the coast.

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

Weekend Longer Walks

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

Sunday 10 November, Seamab Hill, Moderate Grade, 8 miles

Starting from Castlehill Reservoir car park, we proceed up hill paths and tracks to the top of Seamab Hill, taking in great views before returning to the car park.

Saturday 23 November, Ecclesiamagirdle near Bridge of Earn, Moderate Grade, 6.5 miles, Ascent 1050 feet

This is initially a low level walk along farm tracks to Forgandenny. After walking through Garblie Wood, we then proceed up towards Westhall Hill, travelling over open farmland; this leads towards the



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

Kinross-shire Climate Café

This autumn we are exploring nature. In September we participated in a RSPB-led Nature and Wellbeing session at the beautiful forest-garden of Pond Cottage, created by Fay and Ray. This was followed in October with a biodiversity talk by Clara Schade-Poulsen of the Forth Rivers Trust, who engage Kinross-shire community groups and charities, landowners and farmers in a positive collaboration to enhance the Loch Leven Catchment.



Our next meeting will be a film night hosted by Milnathort Filmhouse on 15 November at 6pm in Milnathort Town Hall. We will have an opportunity to enjoy a widely acclaimed and inspirational feature length documentary by Mat Larkin, 'Why Not Scotland'. The film is produced by Scotland: The Big Picture in collaboration with the Scottish Rewilding Alliance, to inspire Scottish society to become the first Rewilding Nation with nature flourishing across 30% of all our land and seas.

So if you love David Attenborough programmes, this is a film for you. The documentary follows the travel of young Flo Blackburn, who is concerned with great depletion of nature in Scotland and goes on a journey through Europe to visit places where nature made an astonishing recovery.

Why Not Scotland? Why Not Kinross? The film will be followed by conversations and sharing ideas about what we could do locally for nature. There are options currently opening up with Forth Rivers Trust work and biodiversity mapping opportunity, which would help with some great volunteering. If you are interested in making Kinross-shire a better place for nature and people, come along and join us for an evening of inspiration and conversations.

Thank you to Milnathort Filmhouse, our host and collaborator in November. Contact climatecafe@kleo.org.uk or see www.facebook.com/kleo.org.uk

Kinross Radio Model Flying Club (KRMFC)

www.krmfc.com



There has been a great deal happening with the club in the last month. The latest newsletter for members (it is available every two months) has been produced and a great amount was covered in it, from the latest crashes (oh dear...), through technical articles covering the latest radio technology and how the glow plugs on our engines can be kept illuminated. The newsletter also covered unique planes that have been at the club, including the ornithopter (a plane that flies by flapping its wings), and foam board planes that are made from the craft material that is cheap to buy and can be built in a relatively short period of time.

By far the biggest section of the newsletter is concerned with activity at the field and what the members have been doing there. This edition in particular was packed full with stories of attempted flights and (most of the time) successful flights!

Hawk



The ornithopter

One of our new members flies a DJI drone commercially and treated us to a 360 degree panoramic of the field (and the surrounding countryside) and a few of the members got a chance to fly it; this was not as difficult as it looked!

Since the last newsletter, the club also held a second 'fly-in' where members of other clubs can come to our club and fly. The first fly-in was held in July. Even though the event was arranged at short notice, the turnout was very good and the car park was full. The members at the fly-in included three of our junior members so a wide range of age and experience was represented. There were so many planes flying that the helicopter bench had to be used as well (...what is the world coming to?).

Facilities were up to a high standard as well with tea, coffee and biscuits also provided. There was a great selection of planes from foamies (think polystyrene roof tiles, if you are old enough to remember them, but a bit more aerodynamic), balsa (the real ale drinkers choice) and Electric Ducted Fans (EDF) (the oh, this is a lot faster than I was expecting choice).

One aircraft in particular caught the crowds eyes, an FMS BAE Hawk in Red Arrows livery. If you want to see one in action (not the fly-in one though) have a look at <https://bit.ly/rc-hawk>.

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

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28 November

Members are invited to a joint meeting with Cupar Camera Club at their venue in Cupar. Details of this evening will follow so please keep checking our website and Facebook page for updates.

If you have an interest in photography and would like to join us, or if you would like to learn more about Kinross Camera Club and the planned activities and events, please contact us at secretary@kinrosscameraclub.org.uk.

All abilities of photographer will be made very welcome. You can even come along to a few meetings before deciding if you would like to become a paid-up member.

Our featured photograph (left) this month is 'Faro de Maspalomas' by John Davie.

Friends Group

For people aged 50 and over.

On **Thursday 7 November** at 2-2.30pm we will be hosting tea, coffee and chat and a book table.

On **Sunday 17 November** at 10am-3pm we will take a coach to MacKinnon Mills. The cost is £20 to be paid in advance please. Places must be booked.

For more information contact Helen Duncan on 01577 863248.

Inner Wheel Club of Kinross and District



www.innerwheel.co.uk

On Monday 14 October at the Kirklands Hotel we welcomed our speaker Nicola Fletcher MBE. Nicola is a designer and goldsmith. She graduated in silversmithing at Glasgow University and subsequently gained further qualifications in Edinburgh. She is also skilled in cookery.

There was an excellent turnout for the meeting and Nicola shared her experience and skill in jewellery. We saw beautiful examples of her work including necklaces and brooches, incorporating gold and silver, together with ebony, wood and ivory (in the past), and currently the fascinating use of meteorite. The gold and precious stones in Nicola's work are often from items which have sentimental meanings for her clients, such as family and wedding rings. Everyone enjoyed the talk.

A full and varied programme of speakers and meetings for the coming year has been arranged. Anyone interested in joining us is invited to contact Tricia, our current president, by email at triciacciw@btinternet.com.

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Bookbug sessions are held on Wednesday afternoons at 2-2.30pm

Kinross Camera Club

www.kinrosscameraclub.wordpress.com



7 November

We begin November with a Zoom presentation by Keith Thorburn. Keith is an award-winning photographer who enjoys capturing those special moments when the light changes everything. Living in Kinlochleven, Keith moved to the Highlands to be amongst nature and have a wide variety of wildlife and landscapes to photograph. Keith will join us on Zoom to share his nature photography. He will talk to us about techniques and particularly his use of camera traps with which he has taken wonderful images of Pine Martens. The second part of his talk will showcase his favourite and award-winning wildlife photography.

14 November

The first of our league competitions will be held in the hall at Kinross Church Centre. We look forward to welcoming judge Gordon Scott once again. He will give critiques on the submitted colour prints, black and white prints and also PDIs.

21 November

Photographer Alistair How, based in North Yorkshire, will join us via Zoom to present his talk on 'Urban Night Photography'.

As well as photographing landscapes, cityscapes, architecture, sport and travel Alistair especially enjoys photographing cities during the blue hour or darkness from which he creates spectacular images. The contrast between dark and light, combined with the lines of buildings, provide rich material for his photography.

In addition to cityscapes Alistair will discuss techniques used to capture moving light from cars, trains and people. Composition, equipment and lighting will be covered.

Clubs & Community Groups

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

Are you struggling to make sense of the digital world? Would you like to learn more about your tablet, phone, laptop or any digital device? Why not pop into our **IT support sessions** for one-to-one support? You could learn how to send emails, download apps, and surf the internet - topics covered would be specific to your needs. By taking the first step and booking a 45-minute, face-to-face session it might just make a huge difference to your life. The sessions are monthly at the library. Anyone who is interested in attending a session can book their time slot by phoning the library.

Our next friendly Café Book Club is on Saturday 23 November at 1.30-2.30pm (after library opening hours). Everyone is welcome to attend, but please contact the library by phone to let staff know if you intend to join.

Are you interested in reading and sharing your thoughts with like-minded people? Then why not join a book group? Our friendly Friday Book Group meets monthly on Fridays. Contact the library for further information.

Book Week Scotland

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

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

Tuesday 19 November, 7pm, £6. Marion Todd, author of the DI Clare Mackay crime series, including the shortlisted 'See Them Run' (Bloody Scotland Scottish Crime Debut, 2020), will discuss her gripping St Andrews-set novels, known for their compelling plots and complex characters. Tickets are available online at <https://buff.ly/3XHw924>.



Thursday 21 November, 7pm, £6. Join Freya North, author of 16 bestselling novels and one of the UK's best-loved authors, for an illustrated talk on an insider's view on the publishing process and the ins and outs of an author's life. Tickets are available online at <https://bit.ly/freyanorth>.



Sunday 23 November, 1.30 pm, £6. Join Alex



Gray, author of the William Lorimer Series, for an evening of crime.

Family Christmas Fun Day. Join us at the library on Saturday 14 December for a festive family morning filled with fun activities, crafts, and a storytelling session at 11 am. No need to book, just come along from 10am and join in.

Kinross Probus Club

We enjoyed a presentation by Roy Johnstone on Women Pilots of the Air Transport Auxiliary (ATA) in The Second World War.



The ATA was a British civilian organisation set up at the start of The Second World War with headquarters at White Waltham Airfield in Berkshire. It was set up in recognition that fighter planes had to be in the right place at the right time and

vital combat pilots could not be spared to do this crucial job. The ATA ferried new, repaired and damaged military aircraft between factories, assembly plants, transatlantic delivery points, maintenance units (MUs), scrapyards, and active service squadrons and airfields. It also flew service personnel on urgent duty from one place to another.

Many would think it was a job for men only but, in fact, the ATA had around 168 female pilots. Although these women were not actually allowed to fight, they still had an important role to play.

With new aircraft constantly being built and damaged ones being repaired, pilots were needed to ferry them between the factories and various UK airfields. Along with their male colleagues, these women transported some 309,000 aircraft throughout the course of the war.

The women were often thrown in at the deep end. They could be asked to fly any one of over 147 different types of aircraft, without seeing it beforehand and with minimal written instructions. To qualify they had to be experienced and qualified pilots, although a training programme was developed with pilots qualifying in stages for the different types of aircraft.

During the Battle of Britain, women were restricted to flying training and communication aircraft such as the Airspeed Oxford. That would change later on in the war, when female pilots were allowed to fly the iconic Spitfires and Hurricanes. In 1943, the women were awarded equal pay with their male colleagues, one of the first instances in the UK.

At the time the female pilots had to overcome all sorts of prejudices, they even had to get special permission to wear flying suits rather than skirts.

This is a Second World War story that few people know about, but it's true to say Britain could not have fought and won the Battle in the Air without the ATA.

Kinross Twinning

After a successful twinning visit from our Norman friends from Gacé in the summer, we are looking forward to making travel arrangements for the 50th anniversary of Kinross visiting Gacé.



We plan to travel by coach and cross channel ferry with cost quotations being sent out to coach companies and cross channel ferry operators. It is a great pity that the Rosyth ferry option is no longer available.

Although no dates have been confirmed it is probable that we will depart from Kinross during the last full week of July, returning around the middle of the first week of August.

Those interested in joining us for this very special visit should contact secretary David Munro by email at d_g_munro@hotmail.com.





Kinnesswood in Bloom



After the excitement of the awards season it has been back to the routine of autumn gardening tasks. There is much to sweep up, cut back and let's not forget the endless weeding. There has been some good weather allowing us to get on with things.

At the school we had the last session just before the October holidays. All classes received a harvest goodie bag during September and October. Hopefully they enjoyed the produce in a meal at home. The teachers have been busy making soup and sauces with some of the produce, either fresh from the grounds or collected and frozen over the summer. Lavender was collected from Benarty View and given to Mrs Mossom. She hopes the children will make good use of it by sewing lavender bags.

The primary 5/6 group had fun cleaning the polytunnel at the end of season. There was lots of foam and vigorous sponging and brushing to remove any coating both inside and out.

Norma (with additional help from Mrs Baird, eco coordinator of Portmoak Primary School) has produced a leaflet to help other groups, particularly schools, to set up their own growing projects. This will be available, along with the recorded footage made earlier this year.

Our plans for the Michael Bruce Cottage garden took a step forward with a consultation to look at the plans and take note of suggestions. Around a dozen people turned up to meet Charlie Hardman, the Take a Pride in Perthshire project adviser. The responses were very positive and there was useful feedback from the attendees. We now have costings and fundraising can start in earnest. We have passed the first stage of being considered for CIF funding and should hear if we have been successful soon.

John has been in contact with someone about pollinator funding. It is too late to take this forward this year, but they will keep us in mind for future projects.

Our accounts are very healthy with the end of year accounts up on last year. Thank you to all friends of Kinnesswood in Bloom for your generous donations.

Our figures and displays have been taken in for the year. Some have been washed and stored carefully.

We have heard that the theme of Beautiful Scotland for next year is 'biodiversity'. They are celebrating a 25 year anniversary so we

Portmoak Hall 100 Club

September Draw

- 1st No 25 Stuart Arbuckle, Scotlandwell
- 2nd No 27 Anne Gillis, Kinnesswood
- 3rd No 75 Linda Johnstone, Leslie

want a silver thread to run through the village. We will now put our thin king caps on for some creative displays. Given that we have focused on wildflowers and birds in recent years, we thought that minibeasts might be next!

Portmoak Film Society



Anatomy Of A Fall

A select number braved unpleasant weather conditions to view the Netflix hit, Tick, tick...boom! in October. It turned out that not everyone liked a musical, but agreed it was a very well-made film with incredible acting and singing from star Andrew Garfield...Portmoak Film Society likes to show a variety of different genres and there's always an opportunity afterwards to air controversial views over a cuppa!

In a change to the advertised programme, we have decided to switch the November film (Copa 71) to International Women's Day on 8 March 2025 which falls on a film night, as it's the story of the Women's World Cup in 1971. Save the date now!

Instead, we're showing the multi-award-winning, French language thriller 'Anatomy of a Fall' on Saturday 9 November. It's an electrifying court-room drama starring Sandra Hueller as the wife accused of murdering her husband, but is also a psychological deep-dive into their marriage. It won the Palme d'Or at Cannes in 2023.

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

Kinross-shire u3a



u3asites.org.uk/Kinross/home

Find us on Facebook

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

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

On Tuesday 5 November there will be a presentation by one of our members, Dave Dykes, on the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. Doors to the Parish Church will open shortly after 2pm with the presentation at scheduled to start at 2.30pm. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be served afterwards.

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

Kinross Garden Group



Unfortunately, we didn't get the winter season started last month as our speaker was taken ill and could not make it. Hopefully she will be able to present her talk at a later date.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday 14 November at 2pm in the Parish Church, Kinross. We look forward to welcoming Chelsea Lowe who is the Head Gardener for Horatio's Garden at the Queen Elizabeth National Spinal Injuries Unit in Glasgow. Her talk is called 'Planting the seeds of hope'.

Membership fees are £20 for the year and £5 for visitors. If you are new to Kinross-shire (or even if you are a long time resident) and are 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 or by email at acaroline1000@gmail.com.

Clubs & Community Groups

Kinross in Bloom

The hanging baskets are down. Many thanks to Kinross Rugby Club members for their valued help. By the end of October the planters around the town should have been emptied ready for the pansies and spring bulbs to be positioned.

Kinross in Bloom recently hosted a meeting to bring together some of the groups who work on green issues around the town. It is important to identify areas of common interest while recognising that every group has its own individual identity. This meeting was also an opportunity to hear from Clara Schade-Poulson about her work with the Forth Rivers Trust. Currently the Trust is consulting with local farmers but, as its remit develops, it is hoped that contact with the various Kinross 'green groups' can be developed by providing advice and support, as well as possible help with funding for joint projects. A follow up meeting has been arranged for November.

A thank you event for our watering team was held in St Paul's church hall. The Kinross in Bloom Committee are very grateful for the time and effort given by friends and supporters over the summer period to ensure that the planters and hanging baskets are kept in tip top condition. Without this help, the displays would not be possible. New volunteers are always welcome.

Finally the plants for next summer's displays are already on order. The year rolls on!

Kinross Centre

October was a very eventful month packed with activities and special events.

We were invited by Alex Rowley MSP to tour the Scottish Parliament building in Edinburgh (pictured) on Tuesday 8 October. Our group had a wonderful time seeing the beautiful building and learning all about its architecture, meeting MSPs, having photographs taken in the debating room and famous stairway, and learning about current topics being discussed in parliament. Thank you, Alex, for an unforgettable experience.

We also had live entertainment on Wednesday 16 October when Linton Osborne graced us with his presence and incredible talent. He had us singing and dancing along to a repertoire of classic music, creating an unforgettable afternoon of fun and entertainment. What a fantastic performer!

Upcoming events



Halloween party on 1 November.

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

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At the end of September we held a very successful Harvest Thanksgiving coffee morning thanks to Elspeth and all her helpers. A table with bring and buy produce, homemade treats plus donations for coffees meant we made just shy of £200. Thank you to all who supported this event.

Our chosen charity this month is Tayside and Strathearn Help for Ukraine. A group of Polish and British volunteers formed in 2022 with an aim to provide practical support to Ukrainians affected by the war with Russia. Using the car auction site in Errol they planned how local individuals and businesses could pool resources to offer this support.

They joined with the Siobhan Trust and Polish volunteers near the Medyka border, which enabled them to listen to the needs of the people. There are no overheads other than £3000 to send lorries packed with goods and medicines worth £60,000 so it is a good investment. Volunteers have already delivered vital aid and goods over £600,000 and are continuing with this commitment.

We are holding a stall at the craft fair in the Guide Hall on Friday 29 November at 6-9pm. Many volunteers have been working hard and we look forward to welcoming everyone to what we hope will be a successful evening. There will also be a stall at our coffee morning on Saturday 30 November from 10am. Our usual coffee mornings held every Tuesday and Saturday continue to be well supported and everyone is very welcome indeed.

The Rotary Club of Kinross and District

www.ribi.org



Winter Warmer

Our sale on Saturday 28 September was a success in so many ways! We received many generous donations of winter clothing. Lots of happy customers were delighted with their purchases and we raised over £450 for Broke Not Broken's Christmas Hampers. Remaining stock was either donated to CHAS for their shops, or was boxed up to be transported to Ukraine by a reliable contact. It was so good to meet so many people who support our ventures! An excellent community partnership event!

Recent Speakers

On 23 September we enjoyed a meeting at the Kirklands Hotel with an excellent dinner and a fascinating talk from Brian Harkins from the Eco Park at Binn Farm. He spoke of the continual drive to extend the scope of operations in an effort to collect, treat and repurpose waste. It was a very interesting topic which affects us all and which inspired a lot of discussion and questions.

On 14 October the club was pleased to welcome Sid Grant to tell us about his work in the area with his charity, The Society of St Vincent de Paul. This is an international organisation of Catholic lay people who practise Christianity by helping those in need on a person-to-person basis. Its members show love, compassion and understanding by giving of themselves – their concern, their friendship, their time, their talents – to help people regardless of creed, colour, lifestyle or political belief. Like Rotary, help is provided both in the community and internationally. Help may be in the form of counselling, moral support, relief from loneliness, or in referring people to other agencies or specialist organisations. It will vary according to the resources of the members and should be adapted to local requirements and changing conditions.

Sid has a good team of volunteers. Last year they helped over 25 families and made well over 80 visits in this area. Visit www.ribi.org.

ssvpscotland.com/youth-development for more information.

Fun and Fellowship

We enjoy the fellowship of club members and their families alongside our business and activities.

Club members and partners enjoyed a visit to Scone Palace on 30 September. It was an opportunity to visit the palace and gardens. This fellowship continues throughout the autumn as we share 'hosting dinners' with Rotarian colleagues and partners. It is a most enjoyable fund raiser.

Curry and Comedy Night

In conjunction with Kinross JAC we are holding a 'Curry and Comedy Night' on Friday 22 November at 7pm at Milnathort Town Hall. We have three comedians lined up for an excellent evening of entertainment. Tickets are £20 and includes a curry meal. A full bar will be available and all funds raised will go to Broke Not Broken's Christmas Hampers. Further details from our secretary (contact details below). Meanwhile, Christmas is not so far away and we are preparing for our customary busy Rotary activities.

Shoebox Appeal

The annual shoebox appeal is under way. Our local schools are all busy collecting and filling boxes which will be sent by reliable means to disadvantaged recipients in Eastern Europe. If you would like a box, please contact our secretary. The deadline for returning the boxes is Friday 8 November.

For advice on contents visit <https://www.rotaryshoebox.org/suggested-box-contents/>

Santa is Coming to Kinross-shire!

Santa has confirmed his dates for visiting Kinross-shire! He will be bringing the sleigh on 30 November to enjoy the switching on of our Christmas lights.



Rotary members will be helping Santa as he makes visits throughout December at weekends. Locations for these dates will be confirmed in the December edition of the *Newsletter* and on Facebook.

If any organisation would like to raise some of their own funds by helping us on any of these dates, please contact our secretary.

We can absolutely guarantee that these sleigh rides are a fabulous Christmas experience for everyone involved!

For further information about these events and activities, or any enquiries about Rotary in Kinross and District, please contact secretary. kdrcc@gmail.com or scan the QR code.

KADAC

On Thursday 3 October, eight members enjoyed a 90-minute session at Kinross Primary School as 'Artists in Residence'. Setting up in the school hall, they painted and drew, whilst four classes of children visited them; some children experimented drawing or painting with the artists while others enjoyed chatting and finding out about the creative techniques. All the children were so interested and engaged. This was a joyous, intergenerational activity for all participants. Our members look forward to another trip to Kinross Primary School in February 2025.

A few days later, members were treated to a demonstration followed by a workshop, led by local artist and club member, Greg Drumm. Greg is known for his wonderful mountainous landscape paintings and, most recently, for the largest painting ever sold at the club annual exhibition.

In the first half of the demonstration session, Greg revealed some hints on how to achieve effects of colour and of light and shadow by applying pastels to a textured surface and varying the effect by rubbing in the colour with a finger, as opposed to a brush. It was a fascinating process, and the chair commented that she had never known the club members to be so quiet for so long!



Muriel Bell



Cathie Clark

In the second half of the afternoon everyone had an opportunity to try this process, with amazingly impressive results. So, although many people find it a messy business, it was agreed that pastels are a medium with great potential for vivid, or muted, works of art. However, October was also a deeply poignant month.

On the first of the month, members paid their respects at Perth Crematorium to the club's oldest member, Muriel Bell, who passed away at the end of August. Muriel was a beautiful artist, who enjoyed painting professionally throughout her long and fascinating life. We are delighted that she was, in her later years, a member of Kinross and District Art Club.

A few days later, the club was shocked and saddened to learn that life member Cathie Clark had passed away at the age of 96. Cathie had been a member of the art club for 55 years, since 1969. After 50 years as a dedicated member, Cathie was made KADAC's first life member. She attended the club for many years along with her late husband, Victor. Both were key members of the club, and their enthusiasm helped to shape and develop it in its early days. Latterly, Cathie continued to attend every Tuesday afternoon right up to a few weeks before her death. Her passion was painting in watercolour, creating light and free and beautiful little artworks (usually flowers and birds) which she would often make into greetings cards for family and friends. Cathie also delighted in being an integral part of the wider life of the club. Her age did not hold her back; enjoying KADAC trips to Pittenweem Art Festival, attending outdoor painting days, and of course, the Christmas lunch at the Kirklands.

KADAC is honoured to have had both these inspirational, beautiful ladies as members.

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

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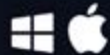
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Kinross-shire Trishaws & Community Cycling

November brings the last month of our timetabled regular rides. We have enjoyed a lovely autumn with plenty warm sunny days where we have pedalled along paths laden with beautiful coloured leaves, with red squirrels scampering around. Our passengers have enjoyed seeing the bright berries on the trees and we have had everyone well wrapped up in cosy blankets.

Our passengers enjoyed a wonderful autumnal ride around Lethangie Estate. Owner, Mrs Paton treated our passengers to a talk about the history of the house and gardens and showed us some old photographs – one from the 1860s!

We would like to thank Milnathort Ladies Golf for donating £140 to us from their annual charity match. We really appreciate all the support from the community. Thank you!

We would like to extend an invitation to anyone that wishes to take part in the annual Remembrance Parade but is unable to take part due to disability, age or health limiting condition. Our trishaws are available for veterans or members of the armed forces and their families and we would be delighted to enable you to participate in the parade and service at the war memorial. Please get in touch.

We look forward to seeing you at the festive market on 23 November where we will have the Trishaws available to help you transport your shopping back home (in Kinross) or if you just fancy a shot on on the trishaws. Ride are open to everyone – have a go and enjoy some fun.

Free rides can continue to be booked on an ad hoc basis over the winter by emailing KinrossTrishaws@gmail.com

Milnathort Bridge Club

Oh! What a night we had to end our summer sessions of bridge with coffee, cake and cards in the Kirk as part of the SBU Charity event. Eleven tables participated which included three in a student section – 24 hands of bridge together with a special slide show quiz based on famous 'bridges' throughout the world and a scrumptious supper provided by our members.

Milnathort Bridge Club certainly fulfilled the objectives of the SBU



promoted event to raise funds for cancer research and encourage the game of bridge as a worthwhile pastime. A grand total of £550 was raised for the charity and Willie Young's students experienced their first competitive game. Congratulations to Rachel and Colin McRae on their win. Winners of the 'Bridges' quiz were Detlef Lorenz and Gary Taylor.

MBC AGM was held on the return to Orwell Bowling Club in October. The following were elected to office for the following year:

President: Willie Young; Vice-President: Liz Pottie; Secretary: Gloria Wilson; Treasurer: Jim Marshall; Committee Members: Linda Bayne, Janet Laird and Detlef Lorenz.

We are delighted to welcome John Boyd as a new member to the Club. On Monday 14 October the club took part in the SBU Lord Thomson Trophy SIMS event when out of 175 pairs playing that night from 12 different clubs MBC had 3 pairs placed in the top 15 places.

Willie Young & Jane Smith 6th; Jim Marshall & Beryl Harley 14th; Sandy Greenhill & Diane Parameter 15th – a pretty good result!!

Results:

	North / South	East / West
30 Sept	Pat & Ian Cook	Peter & Kathryn Edgerton
7 Oct	Pat & Ian Cook	Sandy Scholes & Jean Bennet & Jim Marshall & Beryl Harley
14 Oct	Wille Young & Jane Smith	Bob Robertson & Helen Todd
21 Oct	Helen Todd / Bob Robertson	Sandy Scholes / Jean Bennett

If you need a partner any evening, or for further information on playing bridge with the club, contact our secretary, Gloria Wilson, on 07961 795812 or by email at Gairneyview@gmail.com

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Clubs & Community Groups

Kinross Squirrels

On 13 September the squirrels were working on their brilliant builder badge. They were tasked with designing and building a bridge before putting it to the test with toy cars, coins and small weights. The squirrels had a great time and produced some brilliant bridges.

At the end of the meeting Rory was awarded the Chief Scout's Acorn Award, which is the highest award in the squirrel section. Bravo! We said goodbye to Chrissy, Eoin, Finlay and Rory who are all moving on to beavers. Good luck for the next stage of your scouting journey.

Gardeners world was the theme for our meeting on 20 September and the squirrels were getting green-fingered. They were planting daffodil and tulip bulbs to take home as well as weeding the garden at the hall. The squirrels did a brilliant job as they helped to keep the garden at the hall tidy.

The following week the squirrels took part in a nest natter, discussing the activities they have enjoyed at meetings and activities they would like to do in the future. There were lots of great ideas which we will try to incorporate into future programmes. There was time for lots of games as well.

For our final meeting of the term the squirrels were working on their navigation stage 1 badge. They were learning about the different compass points and how to identify different features on a map. The squirrels then practiced their compass points by heading outside to walk to the fountain using a compass.

At the end of the meeting we invested ten new squirrels. Congratulations to James, Isla, Jude, Callan, Carter, Theo, Emory, Otis, Alistair and Brodie who were invested into the drey.

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

Kinross Beavers

On 13 September the beavers were busy building tents in the garden and learning about, and practicing, tying different knots. They all did really well and we had an enjoyable evening. We also said goodbye to Duncan, Leo and Gregor who were moving to cubs. We hope you enjoy the next stage of your scouting journey.

We also said goodbye to Assistant Beaver Scout Leader Angela who is moving on to take up a similar role at cubs. Angela has been with the beavers section since 2018 and has been a valued member of the beavers leadership team. Thank-you for everything you have done for beavers, you will be missed! Enjoy cubs!

The following Friday, the beavers had a great night making bug hotels, took part in a log chew (basically talked about ideas for next term) and played games.

At the end of September the beavers enjoyed a spooky graveyard quiz in the cemetery just off Kirkgate park. Everyone had a great





time as they learned some history about Kinross.

For the last night of term the beavers built campfires and then roasted marshmallows and starbursts to within an inch of their lives! They also sang campfire songs. Well done everyone!

Huge congratulations to Cammy, Felix, Finlay, Chrissy, Rory and Eoin who were invested into the colony.

Congratulations also went out to Clarissa and Jude who were awarded the Chief Scout's Bronze Award, the highest award in beavers. We said goodbye to Clarissa who is moving on after spending the last couple of years with the colony. Good luck for the future Clarissa!

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

Kinross Cubs

In the middle of September the cubs learned about road safety before watching some YouTube videos. They put their learning to

the test on a short walk round Kinross. Back at the hall there was also time for some games.

At the end of the meeting we said goodbye to Edward and Carys who are both moving on to scouts. Good luck for the next stage of your scouting journey.

The following week the cubs were back out around Kinross taking part in a photo treasure hunt for their photographer badge. They had to find a variety of items including a defibrillator, a house for sale, the war memorial, a yellow bike and a golden chicken. They did a great job and all groups just about found everything on their list, well done!

Our penultimate meeting of the term saw the cubs head up Bishop Hill (pictured on next page) for a walk. It was an enjoyable walk and the cubs were treated to views across Loch Leven as well as seeing the surrounding area lit up as it started to get dark. Views included the Queensferry Crossing which could be seen in the distance.

For the final meeting of the term the cubs were working on the disability awareness badge. They were learning their names in British Sign Language, converting words into Braille, and discussing different disabilities. Then they completed an activity assessing the hall to see how disabled friendly it is. Thank you to our parent helpers throughout the term for your support with our weekly meetings.





Our final meeting of the term featured some special presentations. Congratulations to Alistair, Owen, Gregor, Leo and Jude who were invested into the pack. We were delighted to appoint some new sixers and seconders. Congratulations to Emma, Sinclair, Tom W, Tom B and Struan. Bravo!

Finally, congratulations to our leader Daryl who was awarded the Award for Merit at the Perth and Kinross Scouts District AGM in Bankfoot on 22 September. The award is given for outstanding service to scouting. At the AGM Daryl was also presented with his wood badge after completing training for his District Commissioner role for Perth and Kinross District Scouts. Bravo!

Volunteering can make a huge difference to young people's lives, as well as your own. From having something to look forward to every week to learning in the great outdoors, being a volunteer is good for you. It support your own confidence and skills, health, happiness and community.

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

Boys Brigade and Girls Association



The Kinross Company started a new session at the end of August. This is earlier than usual as we have so much to fit in before the year is out!

A new Monopoly competition for the battalion was held in Perth. This involved teams going round the city taking 'selfies' at landmarks and racing to get back within the two and a half hour time limit. Each team was issued with a list of 22 properties ranging from the Ice Factory to Pitheavlis Castle and were told to find and take photos of themselves at each location making sure they returned to their base at the North Church Hall by noon. The Kinross all girls team finished a close second.

The popular Perth battalion quiz was held at the end of September at Scone Church Hall. Five teams competed for this session's championship trophy. Everyone answered well in the

Kinross Cubs at Bishop Hill





The Kinross biodiversity mapping event

early stages with only four points separating the teams at the mid-way stage.

Refreshments were served which gave everyone's brains a rest before starting the final rounds of questions. In the end the Kinross girls team finished in third place overall.

At the time of writing, our anchors are due to take part in the new battalion softball and short tennis tournament at Kinnoull Parish Hall. Juniors and company section are due to take part in the battalion badminton competition at Strathallan at the end of October.

The popular Halloween activity party featuring the usual fancy dress and pumpkin competitions will be supplemented with other games and refreshments. By the time this edition of the Newsletter is published the company enrolment service at the end of October will also have taken place.

The annual Kinross Armistice parade and swimming gala is due to take place in November as well as an adventure activity day at Seton Sands.

The company section are looking forward to going to Fordell Firs for activities including archery and tomahawk throwing! If this sounds like something you would like to get involved in (either as an adult or as a young person) please get in touch through our Facebook page or by visiting our website.

Kinross (Marshall) Museum



The Museum's new exhibition, 'Women of Kinross-shire' is now on display at the community campus and can be viewed during library opening hours. Friends of the Museum should have received their invitation to the official launch, including a talk by Rhoderick Moncreiff, which will be held in early November. In addition to invitations to exhibition launches and other events, Friends of the Museum have free access to the museum archives and discount on purchases, such as a 20% discount on the newly available Kinross Marshall Museum enamel badges! The annual subscription is £10. If you would like to find out more, please visit the Museum when the study room is open; Thursdays 10am to 7pm and Saturdays 10am to 1pm.



Kinross-shire Civic Trust



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

www.kinross-shirecivictrust.org

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Biodiversity Mapping Event

Many thanks to all those who came to the biodiversity mapping event that we hosted on 5 October for Tayside Biodiversity Partnership.

Attendees marked on maps where they had observed species of wildlife such as hedgehogs, red squirrels and swifts. Ideas for greenspace, such as where to plant new orchards or plant native trees, were put forward. There was also an opportunity to share and discuss existing biodiversity activities and express an interest in future projects.

Thanks to Catherine Lloyd and Nick McKinlay from Tayside Biodiversity Partnership as well as staff from Perth & Kinross Council who came along to discuss greenspace management.

The next stage is for Tayside Biodiversity Partnership to create an online StoryMap that everyone can comment on.

Thanks also to Dr Rachael Cooper-Bohannon who gave a fascinating talk in the morning on identifying amphibians and the work of Saving Scotland's Amphibians.

Fairtrade in Kinross-shire



Choose Fairtrade #Be The Change

If you are trying to reduce the amount of 'things' that you are acquiring, please consider buying useful Fairtrade products which your friends and family can enjoy.

You could buy tea, coffee and chocolate or unusual marmalades or jams or go for the savoury option of rice, sauces and chutneys. Please come and see us at the festive Farmers' Market and we can arrange to package your gifts in a basket at no extra cost.



Clubs & Community Groups



Explorer Scouts

We held our very first Jamboree Tea and Jumble Sale at the end of September, hoping to encourage Kinross marketgoers and stallholders to pop in for a cuppa, cake and a rummage. We were not disappointed! We welcomed lots of locals as they spent time browsing our stalls, playing games, entering the two tombolas and scooping plenty prizes.

Finn's homemade ciabatta sandwiches were so popular with lunchtime visitors that he sold out and Andrew's 'linguini crepes' (particularly his choco-banana bonanza) put a smile (and chocolate!) on a lot of lips!

It was a terrific event for the whole family which not only allowed us to do something in the heart of the community but also raise funds for our forthcoming adventures in Kandersteg, Switzerland. In total, we raised well over £500 which will go a long way towards the cost of the trip.

We would like to say a huge thank you to our stallholders and everyone who set up the hall, provided service with a smile and donated prizes. Also, huge hanks to Millbridge Hall for letting us



have the run of the hall again and to KLEO for lending us their trestle tables. We couldn't do it without you!

We are also so grateful to Tesco (Fire Station) in Dunfermline for donating a very generous bundle of tombola prizes, Greens who provided all the teas, coffee, paper cups and plates and more, and, of course, our local community who jumbled for our Jamboree! Thanks to you all for your support!

For more information, please contact us by email at lochlevenexplorers@hotmail.com

259 Days to Kandersteg!

Kinross Guide Dogs

Guide dogs are always looking for support from businesses, whether donations, Donating a Name through the Name A Puppy, (NAP) Scheme or indeed making Guide Dogs their Charity of the Year for their company.

During Covid, Dhoom Indian restaurant came very close to closing, but for the support of regular customers keeping in touch and calling to give orders when it was allowed. Surviving the worst of the covid effect, Prasad said the time was right to commit to giving back to the community. <https://dhoomuk.co.uk/> He has regular customers from Kinross hence why he is keen to donate to charities here.

Inspiring restaurant owner donates £750 per month to local charities

The Guide Dogs West Fife Fundraising team were delighted to be chosen by Dhoom Streatory and Bar, Dunfermline, a family run business, to receive a donation of £750 this month. Running an award winning, authentic indian restaurant Chef Director Prasad takes great pride in being an integral part of his local community and is fully committed to giving back. Each month throughout the year Prasad donates £750 to a local charity. Always eager to make a positive impact Prasad is happy to consider applications from charities across Fife and Edinburgh. For Guide Dogs this donation is the equivalent cost of 30 hours of training for a guide dog, a wonderful gift. Great thanks go out to Prasad, his family and his team at Dhoom. I'm sure you agree this is heart warming and so pleased they have again retained their AA Award this year. They deserve it.

If you work with a local charity, perhaps an email to them may be fruitful too.





Our Kinross Guide dog support group has had several members stepping down from the organising side of the fundraising group. We desperately need more volunteers now. The event at Loch Leven's Larder in October was very successful and has hopefully encouraged a few more to join the ranks to help our fundraising continue. Also several people enquired about Puppy Raising and indeed how their pet dogs could become Ambassador dogs for Guide dogs. If you have a loveable dog that you think would be suitable, we would love to hear from you. Everyone loves to come and say Hi to our amazing Ambassador dogs when we're fundraising.

West Fife is our main group which we are a branch of and they will assist us at the Festive Market at the end of November. We hope to see you all there.

As usual please contact me for a chat on all things Guide dogs.

Kinross-shire Local Events Organisation



www.kleo.org.uk

The Kinross-shire's Winter Festival is happening over the next winter months with fabulous community events on your doorstep.

The Festive Market is on Saturday 23 November from 10am to 3pm at the Market Park (opposite the Green Hotel).

For more events and details about the Kinross-shire Winter Festival see page 32-33 in this *Newsletter*.

For the full programme go to <https://issuu.com/kleoscotland/docs/winter-fest-24-web>

Above: Kacophony Orchestra. Below: Leven Voices

Kinross Kacophony Orchestra

The Kacophony Orchestra led by Dougie Flower will do a joint concert with the Tullis Russell Community Band led by Denise Ward on Wednesday 27 November, 8pm at the Campus.

Tickets £6 at door or www.kleo.org.uk.

After this concert the orchestra will have a break until Wednesday 8 January (rehearsals are from 7.15pm to 9.15pm at the campus).

Leven Voices

Choirs Together concert on Tuesday 12 November, 7pm at Loch Leven Community Campus, showcases local choirs and singing groups Cantie Choir, Leven Voices, Kinross Parish Church Choir, Perthshire Ukuleles and two choirs from slightly further afield, Village Voices (Limekilns) and Earnsong in Comrie. They will provide a great programme covering a wide range of musical genres and singing styles. Tickets £5 at door or www.kleo.org.uk. After the concert Leven Voices will have a break until Tuesday 7 January (sessions are from 7.30pm to 9.30pm at Kinross Parish Church).

If you like to join the Kacophony orchestra or Leven Voices in the new year please send an email to info@kleo.org.uk

Events in the New Year...

Big Burns Bash

A fun informal event with a lovely 2 course meal, highland dancing and a wee bit of light hearted poetry. Saturday 25 January, 7pm at Kinross Golf Club. Tickets £30. For more information and tickets go to www.kleo.org.uk or e-mail info@kleo.org.uk



Kinross Historical Society



The first talk of the winter season was given by Fife Provost Jim Leishman MBE and entitled "From Ball to Chain". It was both very entertaining and informative.

He was born and grew up in Lochgelly where his father was a miner. Although Jim was keen to become a footballer from an early age, his father persuaded him to stay on at school to sit his highers.

Jim started to play football at seventeen but had a bad leg break at twenty and had to give up playing. At twenty-four he was managing Kelty Hearts, at twenty-five managing Cowdenbeath and at twenty-seven the Dunfermline Youth team. He took over the Dunfermline team whilst still in his twenties. Over the years he was also at Livingstone, Inverness and Montrose, before returning to Dunfermline. He managed the teams so successfully that had there were six promotions up through the leagues, four to the top and his teams played in three cup finals.

He met his wife whilst they were both taking part in Kelty Musical Society productions. Later on he went back on stage playing in pantomimes at various different Scottish theatres.

His wife, Mary, died on their 30th wedding anniversary and afterwards he became involved in fundraising in her memory. The first achievement was an ambulance, but amongst other things, the trust has also built a school in Nigeria, provided a temperature control suite for babies born in hospital in Kirkcaldy and young people from Fife have been funded to go to America for sporting involvement.

Jim Leishman was approached by former Prime Minister Gordon Brown, asking him to consider becoming a Fife Councillor. He refused to begin with but came round to the idea and was elected to a seat in Dunfermline. Days after being elected a councillor he was chosen as Provost of Fife which he has been ever since, the longest serving Provost in Scotland. The Provost role takes him all over the world representing and promoting Fife.

After questions from the members, Ian Russel gave the vote of thanks for a talk much enjoyed by the members..

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

18 November, Scotland Beneath The Surface

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

If you aren't already a member, you would be very welcome to join (£10 for the season) or come as a visitor (£5 per evening), 18 and under are free.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back for another season.

Gini pictured with president Sharon at Powmill SWI



Scottish Women's Institute

Cleish SWI

President Anne Douglas welcomed 26 members to Cleish Village Hall. After business we had a very interesting talk from Yvonne Boles, Senior Site Manager for Tayside Reserves, on the subject of Loch Leven Nature Reserve. Agnes Thomson gave the vote of thanks.

Our next meeting is on Monday 11 November in Cleish Village Hall at 7.30pm and will feature a talk by the Blood Bikes. New members are most welcome.

COMPETITIONS

Bird Photo; 1st Fiona Hipwell, 2nd Judith MacLaren, 3rd Lorna Gourlay.

Flapjack; 1st Anne Bayne, 2nd Faye Gibb, 3rd Agnes Thomson.

Flower Of The Month; 1st Pauline Cobbold, 2nd Janette Craig, 3rd Margot Moran.

Milnathort SWI

We met on Thursday 17 October in the town hall. Members were welcomed by president Jean Paterson who introduced our speaker for the afternoon, councillor Willie Robertson. He began by explaining that his childhood was spent in the local area and explained that he is very aware of the need to care for the health and wellbeing of the local ageing population, as well as the number of families living in a poverty situation. As a keen walker and cyclist Mr Robertson is keen to see that our environment is kept as tidy as possible and endeavours to take steps to see that things are kept that way. He answered many questions from members and Jean thanked him for coming to our meeting.

After refreshments, a raffle was drawn and competitions were judged:

Three Halloween Cupcakes; 1st Denise Stephenson, 2nd Aileen Hunter.

Flower Of The Month; 1st Grace Drysdale, 2nd Elsbeth King, 3rd Denise Stephenson.

Jean thanked everyone for attending and hoped to welcome everyone again next month.

Powmill SWI

On Wednesday 16 October, president Sharon welcomed Gini Currie to share her 'long lost family' journey with us, which was the amazing story of tracing her birth family. It was absolutely fascinating with lots of twists, turns and unbelievable coincidences. We were all in awe of the fabulous detective work that Gini had carried out. Gini also kindly judged the evenings competitions with the following results:-

Plate Apple Tart; 1st Mary Wilson, 2nd Tricia Greer, 3rd Donna McBain.

Item With A Family Connection; 1st Maz Thorn, 2nd Janice Young, 3rd Mary Wilson.

Green Fingers; Mary Wilson.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 17 November in Moubray Hall when our own Powmill member Anne will talk about her recent trip to Japan.

Carnbo SWI

Mhairi Lavender welcomed members and our Guest speaker Amanda James to our October meeting.

Amanda gave us a talk on the progress of the Crook & Drum Growing Together Project and how far it has come in eight years.

Mhairi gave a vote of thanks.

COMPETITIONS

Flower Of The Month: 1st Linda Band, 2nd Sheila Hutchison

Flowering Pot Plant: 1st Linda Band, 2nd Molly White

Our next meeting is on the 18th of November in Carnbo Hall at 7.00 for 7.15pm. All welcome. The speaker is Cloverlea Apiaries, 'The Friendly Bee Company'.

Sports News



Kinross Volleyball

The first competitive matches have taken place in the Perth & Kinross District League. The Kinross team reached the semi-finals of the recreational league cup at Perth College UHI. The Kinross High School team also competed in this competition but failed to qualify for the final stages.

Both premier and recreational leagues will have now started. However, with Bell's Sports Centre now closed, it has been difficult to book sufficient hall hire time at Perth College to complete the 21 premier league fixtures and the 66 recreational league fixtures. Therefore, some matches will now take place at Bertha Park on Sunday afternoons as secondary campuses do not open on Sunday evenings.

Two senior boys have completed Active Schools Friday after school sessions at Kinross Primary School and, after the October break, will commence sessions at Fossoway Primary School.

The Active Schools secondary volleyball sessions at Kinross High School resume after the October break with the usual Wednesday lunchtime and after school sessions.

Scottish Volleyball's festivals for S3/4 and S5/6 take place in Edinburgh on the first two Mondays of November with Kinross High School having teams entered in both festival competitions. Kinross High School has also entered a boys a girls team in this session's Scottish Cup competitions. The draw will be made in November. Monday evening training/coaching sessions have attracted a number of new members. With three teams from Kinross competing in the local Perth District Leagues, there is plenty opportunity for newcomers to play district league volleyball on Sundays. Sessions take place in the large games hall on Mondays from 8-9.45pm and it only costs £3 per session. Come along and join in the fun.

Kinross Road Runners

<https://kinrossroadrunners.weebly.com>

As the days grow colder and the nights darker our KRR members haven't been put off donning their running gear. With a few medals and trophies to report on its certainly been another packed month.



First up was the Gateside Gallop, making its first return since Covid, and there were a fantastic 18 KRR in attendance for this off-road championship counter. Matt Newton was 1st male KRR back in 25:55 followed by Alex Reilly 27:02, Andy Johns 31:48, Tony Wallen 32:00, Frazer Munro 32:57, Mike Atkinson 33:38 and Gordon Clark 35:46. For the women Gill Lopez was 1st back in 37:07 followed by Brigid Wallen 37:48, Wendy Grieve 39:14, Kirsty Higgins 39:53, Hannah Lopez 42:20, Lynn Beveridge 42:28, Karen Birnie 45:23, Wendy Turnbull 46:13, Simone Young 46:14, Michelle Murray 49:42 and Sarah Eaton 49:43

Stephen Jones clocked up over 40 miles at the River Ayr Way Ultra on the Saturday, finishing in 9 hours 14 mins 48 secs. While Janice Webster was flying the KRR flag at the Glencoe half marathon on Sunday, completing the route from Kinlochleven to Glencoe in 3 hours 43 mins 27 secs.

The following weekend we had another off-road championship counter, the Last Duel trail race, where there were 14 KRR in the results. For the men Matt Newton finished 3rd overall (1st M50) in 40:49 followed by Dave Mudie 7th overall (3rd M40) in

Team photo at Linlithgow





Ladies bronze medal winners from East District XC championships in Livingston

43:46, Frazer (3rd M55) was 50:05, Tony Wallen 50:56 and Mike Atkinson 54:07. For the women Gill 6L (1st F60) led them back in 59:47 followed by Lucy Fraser 60:24, Anne MacIntyre (2nd F65) 64:59, Wendy Turnbull 66:06, Alison Houston (1st F70) 69:30, Hannah Lopez 73:15 with Jane McGee, Michelle Murray & Sarah Eaton finishing together in 84:38

Laura Reily appeared in the Edinburgh Women's 10K race results, posting 55:09. While Judith Dobson was 2nd FV60 at the Kelpies half marathon on the Sunday, finishing in 1:48:43

Linlithgow 10K was the venue for the 9th Club championship road race counter of the year and there were 11 KRR in the results. Top result went to Brigid Wallen with a time of 48:08 (47:51 had her chip worked) to place as 2nd F60 in the field. First KRR back was Dave Mudie breaking 40mins to post 39:52 followed in by Connor Finlay 45:53, Kirsty Gray 48:51 (F55 Gold), Karen Ritchie 49:03, Duncan Gray 49:48, Lucy 6F 54:00 (after stopping to help a fallen runner), Christina Atkinson 59:31, Linda MacEachen 64:04, Hannah Lopez 66:11 & Simone Young 68:19.

Also in 10K action were the Jones' popping up at the front of the results in the Ormsary 10K near Lochgilphead. Described by Caroline as the 'Path of Condie of 10Ks' (640ft ascent) she took the win and 3rd overall in 44:33 with Stephen finishing 7th overall in 49:57.

There were 2 KRR pitting their endurance against the Loch Ness marathon course on Sunday with Barry Smith finishing in 3:14:15 and Andrew Bruce closing in 3:39:13. Well done boys!

The cross country season was officially underway as 13 KRR turned out for the East District XC championships in Livingston. The KRR masters women trio of Christine Myerscough (19:40), Angela Scott (18:37) & Caroline Jones (16:36) scooped the Master team bronze medal. Congratulations ladies!

KRR had the best part of 4 teams taking part with Wendy Turnbull 23:22, Michelle Murray 24:47 & Elisabeth Z 23:50, Matt Newton 15:03, Zhivko Veskov Zhelyazkov 17:45, Scott Strachan 16:44 & Euan Boyle 15:47, Billy Webster 18:12, Gavin Orr 18:45 & Mike Atkinson 19:26.

At the Great Scottish Run events Mike Atkinson posted 1:52:44 and Graham Allison clocked 1:58:40 over the half marathon distance whilst Rachael Shields recorded 47:49 over the 10K.

Over at Loch Rannoch marathon the following Saturday 2 KRR had exceptional results - Stephanie Johnson won the women's race in her debut over the marathon distance in 3:20:39 whilst Matt Newton was 1st M50 & 11th overall in a new marathon PB

of 2:56:36 to post the fastest KRR male marathon time of the year to date.

At the Manchester half marathon on the Sunday George Hughes posted a time of 1:26:49 whilst opting for the trail surface was Gill Lopez who recorded 2:18:38 at the Aberfoyle trail half marathon. Our training sessions continue throughout the winter months with interval training on Tuesdays and torchlit social runs on a Thursday.

If you'd like to join us send a message via Facebook or find more details on our website at <https://kinrossroadrunners.weebly.com/>

Kinross Tennis Club

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/KinrossTennisClub>

Email: kinrosstennis@gmail.com/kinrosstenniscoaching@gmail.com

It has been a busy few weeks at Kinross Tennis Club as the summer season drew to a close during September and October.

Our club championships continued throughout September with the weather delaying only the men's singles final which is still to be played at time of writing. As in preceding years, our doubles tournaments continue to double-up as social events which bring members of the club together. Thank-you to everyone who got involved and congratulations to those whose names will be engraved on the trophies!

Men's doubles, Andy Adam and Ciaran MacLeod; Ladies doubles, Debbie Allan and Ann Hill; Mixed doubles, Debbie Allan and Ciaran MacLeod; Ladies' singles, Jennifer Jackson; Men's singles – still to be confirmed!

Clubhouse Facelift

Off the courts, our members have been very busy working on the clubhouse to complement the work that was done in September to re-clad the ends of the building. It was great to see so many members of the club there to sand, paint, clean and provide cups of tea and nourishment to the workers. The club would like to say thank-you to the mystery woodworkers who provided a new lease of life to the club benches by replacing broken and rotten timbers!

The building is looking great after the work, with a new grey look replacing the previous brown exterior which had started

Men's doubles winners from Tennis club championships



showing its age. Thank-you to everyone who contributed to the effort to bring the clubhouse up-to-date and ensure its continued resistance to the elements

Annual General Meeting

Our next significant event will be the Annual General Meeting on Thursday 28 November at 7pm at the KGV Rugby Club Pavilion. We hope that many of our members will be able to join us there to discuss our activities this year and plans for 2025.

Coaching

The autumn term of coaching for all age groups began in late October and will run through November. As usual, the coaching at Kinross continues to be very popular, but ad hoc spaces may be available, so please get in touch with coach Siobhan Macleod if you are interested in individual or group coaching sessions at the club. Siobhan can be contacted by text/What's App on 07443223408 or by email at kinrosstenniscoaching@gmail.com.

Thanks to Siobhan for supporting the club through the coaching provision. Thanks also to all our members who have supported the club this season, whether that's through playing in any of our league teams, picking-up a paint brush to help with our renovation projects, helping us keep the clubhouse tidy, utilising the coaching, buying a burger at our barbecue or simply joining the club and playing tennis on the courts.

Kinross-shire Cricket Club

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The annual awards presentation took place at the Pavilion on Monday 7 October followed by a club diner at the Raj Mahal restaurant.

Season Awards

50th Cap awards

Ivan Groenewald & Joe Jennings

250th Cap & 300 Wickets

John Ross

Debut Award

Derek Cooper 48 against Doune & Dunblane

"2 in 2" Award

Richard Smith – two wickets in two balls against Clydesdale CC

The David Roe Spirit of Cricket Award

Ivan Groenewald

Mid-week Challenge Series

Best Batting average 1st (32.3) Fraser Laing, 2nd (27.5) Ivan, 3rd (20.3) David Campbell

Best Bowling 1st (8/63) Ivan Groenewald, 2nd (5/19) Robert Cooper (U15), 3rd (5/58) Joe Jennings

Best Fielding 1st (4 catches) Fraser Laing, Joint 2nd (3 catches) Fraser Darrach (U15) & David Campbell

Weekend Matches

Oliver Middlemas Cup	Robert Cooper
The Downie Quaich	Oliver Everington
Catch of the Year	Rueban Parsad (U15) against Clydesdale CC
Fielder of the Year	David Campbell with 9 dismissals
Richard Oldham	David Campbell 4wkts for 13 runs
Memorial Quaich	
Bowler of the year	Ivan Groenewald 13wkts for 176 runs
Best Batting Performance	Fraser Laing 61 not out
Batsman of the year	Fraser Laing 195 runs at 65 average
Player of the Year	Ivan Groenewald



Ivan Groenewald who took home several awards

Winter Cricket

As with many clubs finding indoor training facilities is a continual struggle. Having secured three sessions at the Campus the club was severely disappointed to have two sessions cancelled due to the industrial action taken during late October which shut down access to the Campus. The proposed Perth & Kinross indoor league season may also be cancelled as the only facility available is Perth Grammar school, which is also impacted by the strikes.

2025 Season

The exciting news for next year is the proposed tour to Vienna Cricket Club in September. KCC travelled to Vienna back in 2018 and had a fabulous time playing against Vienna CC, Budapest CC and an Austrian select XI. Vienna returned the tour visiting Kinross in 2019 and this will be the clubs first Post Covid tour.

The club is open to all players over the age of 12. The 2025 outdoor season will start next April and the club expects a varied and exciting fixtures schedule.

Kinross Golf Club

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Social Section

The annual prize giving evening is scheduled for 9 November.

Elspeth and Mairi

Ladies Section

Handicap League final

Kinross Ladies played Perth Ladies over the Lansdowne course at Blairgowrie on 15 September. After tying on 2.5 points each it went to a play off and, unfortunately, Kinross lost on the second extra hole. Congratulations to Perth Ladies on reaching and winning the final in their first year playing in the league. It was great team effort





Elspeth and Mairi

by our ladies, Christine Kinloch, Lenore Kyle, Karen Stephen, Jean Alcock and Lorna Arthur.

Finals Day Results

The Ladies Handicap Championship was won by Elspeth Caldwell playing against Mairi Milne.

The Ladies Scratch Championship was won by Gwen Tate playing against Lyn Murray.

Many thanks to Andrew Jackson, club match and handicap secretary, for organising the finals day across sections. Thanks also to the club for providing a meal to all finalists afterwards.



James and Dave

Men's Section



Finals Day Results

The Piper Cup was won by James D Marshall playing against Dave Whitley.

Other Results

There were four other men's finals results which, unfortunately, could not be played on the finals day due to holidays, although some contestants came along later for the meal in the clubhouse.

Centenary Cup – Brian Henderson beat Richie Maule; Seniors Cup – Guy Henderson beat David Marsh; Beeches Park – Scott and Ronnie Sinclair beat Andrew

Finlay and Keira



Joe and Ollie



Robbie and Andrew

Morrison and Gordon Jackson; Summer Fourball – Ronnie J McHale & Graham Bennett beat Scott & Ronnie Sinclair.

Men's Team Results

Annodata. After a great run to the fifth round and the last two teams in Scotland, we lost to Williamwood away in the fifth round. Good luck to Williamwood in the rest of the competition Caledonian League. Kinross finished the season with two strong home wins beating Kirriemuir 5-1 and Canmore 4.5-1.5. Those results ensured that Kinross finished third in the league this year and will remain in the same division for 2025.

Junior Section

Finals Day Results

The finals day went well. A big thanks to Andrew for his excellent organisation and starting of the event which was very professional. Thanks also to Lucy Moran, Tom Graham and Derek Lawrence for carrying out their refereeing duties in the three finals.

The 9-hole competition was won by Keira Mcburnie playing against Finlay Thorpe.

The Junior Handicap competition was won by Joe Ponton playing against Ollie Jackson.

The Junior Scratch competition was won by Andrew Steele playing against Robbie Hepburn.

The Junior season is now complete and we hope to hold our junior prize giving and buffet on an evening before to the main prize giving.

We reached the semi-final of the County Bell Salver for the second year in a row. It would be good to go one better next

year. Although there is a good standard of golf on show at county level, our team certainly proved that we can compete with the best of them, and all our participating team members thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

We are struggling for numbers in our Junior Sixes squad and, unfortunately, could not field a full team for any of our round robin matches. This is a weak point and something we will try to address over the winter months.

Seniors Section

The October medal was won by Charlie Taylor with a net 64. The runner-up was Graham Hall with a net 72.

The Senior Section AGM will be held on 20 November 2024.

Orwell Bowling Club

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The sum of £160 was raised at the closing game on Saturday 26 September. This money will be added to the monies raised on the opening day and will be split equally between the RLNI and the Blind Bowlers. The 2024 Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday 1 December at 2pm sharp. All members are requested to attend.

The competition results for 2024:

Competition	Winners	Runner Up
Gents Champion	David Winton	Bobby Brian
Ladies Champion	Maz Thorn	Lauren Winton
Senior Champion	Gordon Clark	Tom Reid
Presidents	Kieran Wilson	David Winton
Keir Cup	Gordon Clark	David Winton
Scott Trophy	Bobby Brian	
Millar Cup	Sandra Fullerton	Maz Thorn
Centenary Trophy	Gordon Clark	Kieran Wilson
Hamilton Salver	Maz Thorn	Sandra Fullerton
Sommerville Trophy	Bobby Brian	Tom Reid
	Gordon Clark	Jim Whittet
Kinloch Trophy	Gordon Clark	David Winton
Taylor Club Pairs	Jean Menzies	Maz Thorn
	Lauren Winton	Joan Mcfarlane
Cunningham Cup	Kieran Wilson	Graeme Duncan
	David Winton	Gordon Clark
Nan Crockett Pairs	Sandra Fullerton	Joan Mcfarlane

Meldrum Cup	Jean Menzies	Maz Thorn
	Maz Thorn	Nicol Tomney
	Bobby Brian	Jim Whittet
Reekie Trophy	Bobby Brian & Lauren Winton	
Willie Dewar Quaich	Sandra Fullerton & Linda Reid	
Roy Dougray Trophy	Maz Thorn	
Frank Adamson	Jim Whittet	Jeannie Jackson
Mixed Triples	Linda Reid	Nicol Tomney
	Tom Reid	Sandy Greenhill
Ladies Triples	Lauren Winton	Gayle Spencer
	Sandra Fullerton	Lorraine Shultz
	Jean Menzies	Maz Thorn
Watt Triples	Bobby Brian	Marc Ncneill
	Graeme Duncan	Bob Bruce
	Gordon Clark	Keiran Wilson
	Bobby Brian	
Haig Cup Gents	Linda Reid	
Haig Cup Ladies		
Ann Wilson	Sandra Fullerton	Jeannie Jackson
Nom 4 Bowl Pairs	Jean Menzies	Linda Reid
Ladies Nom 2 Bowl Pairs	Sandra Fullerton	Jeannie Jackson
	Jean Menzies	Linda Reid
Maclay Trophy	Jean Menzies	Linda Reid
	Graeme Duncan	Tom Reid
Tuesday Night Points	- Jim Whittet - Bob Bruce - Jean Menzies	

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Milnathort Golf Club Junior Lucy Moran is certainly having a great 2024. Lucy started on 1 April with the Perth & Kinross Ladies County Girls spring meeting with a 1st Scratch placing and Ladies Quarter Finalist.

In May Lucy won the Milnathort Ladies Scratch Champion and the Milnathort Junior Scratch Champion.

June was busy with:

12th 2nd Scratch overall in the Morrisons Acadamey Championship (Crieff).

29th Perth & Kinross Ladies County Girls Summer Championship 2nd Scratch.



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Sports News

30th Murrayshall Junior Open 1st Scratch Girls.
July was again a very busy month for Lucy.
9/10/11 Scottish Under 16 Open Championship 54 holes 25th /77.
15th Blairgowrie Junior Open 4th Scratch overall.
17 /18th Scottish Girls under 18 Championships Quarter Finals Matchplay.
22/24th North of Scotland Ladies County Championships.
Junior Scratch Champion
Ladies Semi-Finalist.
26th Milnathort Junior Open 1st Scratch.
31st Walton Heath Junior Open 2nd Scratch Girl.
August included playing on memorable courses..
5-8th St Andrews Junior Ladies Open under 23's Handicap Champion.
24th Milnathort Ladies Open 2nd Scratch.
28th Gleneagles (Dunbracken) Ladies Championship Runner Up.

Lucy has had a great 2024 golf season and has played in golf events from as far afield as Muir of Ord in the Highlands to Walton Heath in London.

A major highlight was sinking the winning putt on the 18th hole on the Old Course to win the St Andrews Junior Ladies (under 23) Open (handicap) in August. The competition started with a practice day; a qualifying stroke play round then three days of Matchplay with the final being on the Old Course accompanied by an official R&A Referee. What a wonderful experience.

Lucy's great year has culminated in an invite to play in the Scottish Golf end of season event at Kingsbarns in November.

Reminder that the Our Breakfast Club's have been a hit with our members this year.

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Like a lot of sports and clubs the pandemic of 2020/21 affected attendance and the Kinross Table Tennis club was no exception. It had plenty of members pre-2020 and managed to survive and recover. If you are a past member, please consider digging out your bat and coming along again. Or indeed, if you have just retired then please check out our club. We play at a time that may suit you. Sessions are at 5-6pm every Tuesday in the sports hall in Kinross High School. We look forward to seeing some new faces.

Kinross Otters

Our senior swimmers attended the DCA Autumn Meet in Dundee on Saturday 19th and Sunday 20th October. It was a successful weekend for our dedicated bunch of swimmers. The work put in at training was showcased and everyone should be incredibly proud of how they performed.



The medal tally for the meet was 12 gold medals, 9 silver medals and 6 bronze. There was also lots of PBs from the squad!

As always, it was amazing to see how supportive the team are of one another!

Dates for your Diary:

Sunday 3rd November – Club Championships at Loch Leven Leisure. We welcome all parents and carers along to cheer on your swimmer.

Friday 6th December – Club Christmas Get Together and Prize Giving. We welcome all swimmers, parents and carers along to the Community Campus. Tickets will be on sale at the Club Champs.

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IT'S BEEN WONDERFUL to see the autumn wildlife here at Loch Leven, it really is a wonderful place at this time of year. The reserve is full of the sounds of pink-footed geese (on our goose count at the start of October the team counted 11,537 on the loch!) and whooper swans. We've also had great views of great white egrets, barnacle geese and lots of ducks including teal, goldeneye and wigeon.

The red squirrels have been very active in October too, and have provided a good source of entertainment on our live camera. If you're planning a visit to us and would like to see Red Squirrels, the Leafy Loop is the best place to spot them.

And speaking of the Leafy Loop, we're delighted to say that we have a new Sky Bench on this trail. It's a great place to take a moment to relax and see nature from a different perspective, whether that's watching the trees move in the breeze or watching the clouds drift by.

If you're thinking about your Christmas shopping, make sure to pop by for some stress-free shopping. We have a great range of gifts, Christmas cards, tree decorations, eco-friendly wrapping paper, crackers and more! Money from your purchases goes to supporting the work that we do here at RSPB Loch Leven.

Our café as always has on offer a great range of delicious food and drink options and is open every day 10am- 4pm (last orders at 3pm!). Our menu includes soup, hot filled rolls, toasties, baked potatoes and sweet treats. We have a kids' menu, lots of vegan

options, and we're dog friendly too. The café has a brilliant view out over the loch, making it a good spot to do some bird watching- the Great White Egrets have been seen from the café!

We have some wonderful events planned for November, to find out more and book please visit our website <https://events.rspb.org.uk/lochleven> or give us a call on 01577 862355. On the mornings of 5 and 6 November our warden team will be leading guided walks around the reserve, with a focus on wetland birds. November is the peak time for us for ducks, and our team can give you helpful tips on how to identify different species.

Then, on 16 November and 6 December we'll be running our first ever Illuminate: biofluorescence in nature events. We'll use UV torches to explore the reserve to see what glows in the dark- this could include mushrooms, lichens and plants. We're really excited to see what we can find!

We hope to see you at the reserve soon, to find out more about us and our events visit our website. Or follow us on Facebook or Instagram (@rspblochleven), give us a call on 01577 862355 or email lochleven@rspb.org.uk.

Sarah Allen

Weather

Recent Weather Reports From Kinross

September 2024

Total Rainfall	34.6mm/1.38in	
Heaviest Fall	10.8mm	(3 Sept)
Total Sunshine	141 hrs	
Sunniest Day	10.2 hrs	(1 Sept)
Max Temp Average	15.62°C	
Highest Temp	21.90°C	(17 Sept)
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MAN'S BEST FRIEND



Fiona and Maid, 1994

I FOLLOW A FARMER on YouTube from Ayrshire, his name is Cammy Wilson. His channel is called The Sheep Game and it has 392,000 followers. Cammy has a young family who feature in the films about working with sheep alongside a lot of shearing videos that people love. In the way that is common online nowadays it seems nothing in his life is sacred. Last month he cheerfully delivered an update from a hospital bed after his hernia operation. He discloses prices, costs and lots of other things many farmers keep to themselves. He's happy to share it all, including his mistakes. Even an accidental bash of his pick up on a strainer post makes good content and keeps his audience amused and interested.

Last week however a post popped up on my Facebook page that sent a shiver down my spine. This time, it wasn't a funny accident. It was a huge error that he made which impacted his sheepdog. He decided to share the story but it did come with a warning so be warned. Unfortunately, he tied Spot, the sheepdog to the back of the pick-up and after walking round some land he returned to the vehicle and drove away. Are you feeling like I did? Goosebumps bumped up through my arms and shoulders and then spread inwards, tightening up my chest and landing hard in the pit of my stomach. Despite quickly confirming he had travelled only a few hundred yards I was still feeling Spot's terror and pain and Cammy's shame as he spoke. He drove straight to the vet, Spot was sedated, his paws bandaged and kept in overnight, he was both unlucky and lucky in the way that it could have been much worse.

I've had a few of my own experiences with farm dogs over the years, the first being when I was only six or seven in the byre at Torr Farm. Dad gave me a bowl of food for the new sheepdog. Whin ate it fast then slipped off the lead and out of the byre. He disappeared on my watch and I had that sinking feeling in my stomach for three days until he was found many miles away in Glen Fruin.

During my middle year studying agriculture, I applied for a job on a livestock farm near Keith. By this time, I had a wee bit of

experience and my new boss said I would be allowed to work with the 800 Shetland ewes on my own if I had a working Collie to bring with me. Of course, I didn't have a dog of my own but I said I did as I was so desperate to get the job that came with its own cottage. A friend of a friend loaned me Maid, she came from a farm in the Fintry hills and was so clever that I hardly had to give her a command. Maid made me look really good, gathering up Shetlands from all corners of the farm and bringing them along the road. One snowy day we had someone else helping so instead of walking with the sheep I was in the Landrover. Maid got confused and whilst looking for me ran under the wheel. It was pretty much an instant death for her that left me distraught as well as annoyed and ashamed. All day I insisted on keeping going with my jobs and in the evening, I took a spade up to the woods to bury her. I was 19 when that happened and until now, I have only shared this with a few people. Sadly, there have been other accidents over the years. Kim broke her leg on the tractor step before lambing one year and in 2017 Tib got her hind quarters and tail crushed whilst working in the fields. It was tough losing her but this time I had my family around me and the vet explained it happens a lot as the dogs are just so eager to work and farms are such dangerous places.

But back to Cammy and his decision to share it all. As he said himself, he couldn't try to hide it as that would feel like he wasn't being honest with his online community. So, he owned up to his mistake and told the story which as you can imagine resulted in hundreds of comments. Some people unfollowed him immediately but it looks like many of his followers were very understanding and displayed great empathy for the situation. They just wanted to know if Spot was okay and gave Cammy their support, by telling him mistakes happen. I admire Cammy's approach and his honesty encouraged me to share my stories of the tougher parts of my farming life with you all. Here's a picture of me and Maid in 1994.

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GEESE GALORE



Photo: Lorne Gill

AS WE ARE WELL into autumn now, we hope everyone has been enjoying the spectacle that the pink-footed geese provide, especially at dawn and dusk as they leave the roost. We conduct goose counts throughout autumn and winter to get an idea of how many are on the loch, and numbers can peak to between 15 and 20,000. This time of year we can also see plenty of thrushes such as blackbirds, redwing and fieldfare enjoying berries on rowan and gelder rose trees. Although the berries seemed to have arrived earlier this year so we hope there's still plenty for them.

Like last year we will be hosting our free wreath making event in our workshop, on 5 December. We use natural resources from around the reserve, and have expert help come along, as well as providing a lovely warm cup of mulled wine (non-alcoholic) and a mince pie, and playing Christmas tunes to get ourselves in the festive spirit. Last year we were fully booked, so if you want to reserve a spot, please email lochleven_nnr@nature.scot. We have slots from 5pm-6.30pm, 6:30pm-8pm and 8pm-9:30pm.

Into November we will still have one of our seasonal reserve officers Stuart working on the reserve, so please say hi if you see him about, and keep an eye on our socials to check for any events we might be hosting.

We will also be reinstating our festive character trail that we had up last year at Burleigh which was a big hit! And this year we will be incorporating a quiz into the trail.

Along with our fabulous team of volunteers, we have recently been busy keeping the trail tidy, so there has been lots of grass cutting and lopping back thorny foliage. We've also been cutting and lifting the vegetation on our meadows. This is an essential task to ensure we continue to get lots of lovely wildflowers and a wider diversity of species growing. If we allow more rank vegetation to grow and die, when they decompose, they release

too many nutrients into the soil, making it a less desirable for certain species. Our new hide along the trail towards Cavelstone also has a new meadow. So far it is mainly grass with a few other species dotted around in it, but with a continued management, we hope that in a few years' time we have another lovely wildflower meadow.

As the nights get darker and colder, we've been seeing the aurora borealis more often! A great way to get a better look at it is to get to a place with little light pollution, and to get an even better look, look through your phone camera!

To keep updated with what's going on in the reserve, feel free to get in touch. And check our socials (Facebook, Instagram and Wordpress – @LochLevenNNR).

Sally Reay

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Sun 10

5.30pm: Youth Dungeons & Dragons

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

10am: Community Remembrance Service, with youth organisations, in the church.

10.45am: Parade from church to War Memorial

10.55am: Act of Remembrance at War Memorial

11.15am: Sunday Service in the church

7pm: Sunday@7 – contemporary informal worship

Mon 11

Sat 16

7.30pm: Adult Dungeons & Dragons

11am: All Friends Together

for adults with learning disabilities

Sun 17

10.30am: Morning Worship including vote on union of Kinross-shire churches.

2.15pm: Church Family Walk. Meet at church lane for Travelling Afternoon Tea.

Thurs 21

Fri 22

Sun 24

Mon 25

9pm: Evening service of Compline

5.30pm: Youth Dungeons & Dragons

7pm: Sunday@7, contemporary informal worship.

7.30pm: Adult Dungeons & Dragons

REGULAR SERVICES AND EVENTS

Sundays

9.15am

Choir Practice

10.30am:

Morning Service: There is often a gathering song about 10.25.

For Young People: Junior Church (age 4 -11) meets in the Upper Room from 10.30 then joins in at the end of the service. Within the church there is a corner for parents with babies and toddlers.

Refreshments and Fairtrade Stall after most services.

Sunday morning services are also available online:

live on YouTube and Facebook, thereafter on YouTube, Facebook and the church website. Listen by phone on 01577 528270, or request a CD.

6.00pm:

Sunday Evening Prayer, on Zoom

6.00pm:

Crossfire, church centre. Age P7 & up.

Mondays

10-12.00pm:

Church Office open to visitors.

2-4.00pm:

Bridge and Board Games Afternoon

7.30pm:

House Group – Bible study and fellowship

Tuesdays

10-11.30am:

Stepping Stones for babies, toddlers and carers.

2.30pm:

House Group

7.00pm:

Guild fortnightly

Wednesdays

11.15am

Midweek Service, at the church centre.

1.30pm:

Craft Group

7.45pm:

Men's House Group

8.00pm:

Women's House Group

Thursdays

10.30am:

House Group

11am-12pm:

Table Talk – chat on Zoom.

8.00pm:

Young Mum's House Group

Fridays

10am-12pm:

Church Office open to visitors.

Boys' Brigade and Girls' Association, (Church Centre)

6pm-7.15pm Anchor Section (P1-P3)

7pm-9.00pm Junior Section (P4-P6)

7pm-9.30pm Company Section (P7-S3)

7pm-9.30pm Senior Section (S4-S6)

5.30pm:

Dungeons and Dragons (Youth) certain Fridays

OTHER SERVICES AND EVENTS

NOVEMBER

Sat 2

10.30am: Presbytery of Perth meets in Kinross Parish Church

10-12pm: Coffee and Crafts, at Church Centre

Sun 3

10.30am: Morning Worship followed by Informal Communion around 11.45am.

Mon 4

8am: Guided Silent Meditation

Fossoway, St Serf's & Devonside Church

Church of Scotland

(Charity number SC013157)

Church Road, Crook of Devon, Kinross-shire, KY13 0UY

www.cleishandfossowaychurches.org.uk

Interim Moderator: Rev Beverley Stevenson

Telephone: 07584 902508

Email: BStevenson@churchofscotland.org.uk

Our church is a very warm and welcoming place situated in the Crook of Devon, a small village about 6 miles from Kinross. Come and join us – we would love to meet you. All are welcome at any of our meetings and services.

If you would like any more information, please contact our Session Clerk, Anne McKay.

Telephone: 07766 418016, Email: annemckay90@gmail.com

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



NOVEMBER

3 Nov: 9.45am Sunday Morning Worship

Refreshments and Fairtrade Stall after the service

10 Nov: 9.30am REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Sunday Morning Worship at Crook of Devon Village Hall

Refreshments will be available afterwards

17 Nov: 9.45am Sunday Morning Worship

A meeting will follow the service to allow current members to view the detail and to vote on the union of the Kinross-shire churches

Refreshments will be available afterwards

24 Nov: 9.45am Celebration of Holy Communion

Refreshments will be available afterwards

REFRESH THURSDAY

Thursdays 2.00pm - 4.00pm in the Church Hall

Join us for a friendly bletcher with delicious home baking, tea and coffee. All are welcome.

FILM NIGHT

Fri 1 Nov 7.30pm in the Church Hall: **GEORDIE (U)**

Do you like an old Film? Could this be for you? Geordie was made in 1955 and set in the Scottish Highlands. It stars Alastair Sim, Norah Gorsen and Bill Travers. Geordie was a puny gamekeeper's son who becomes one of the strongest men in Scotland and an expert in hammer throwing. He goes on to represent Britain in the Olympics in Melbourne, but will the new man that he is, be able to charm Jean, his lifelong sweetheart?

Donations of £5 appreciated, including tea/coffee and biscuits.

Please join us for the film, some refreshments and a bletcher.

All are welcome.

Churches

FOSSOWAY CHURCH CHOIR

Our church choir meets every Sunday before morning worship and our wonderful organists run through the hymns that we will sing during worship. There is no need to read music as the organist helps us to learn what we need to know. We also meet from time to time to practice for special projects e.g. Easter, Christmas. We are a friendly group and welcome new members with open arms.

FOSSOWAY BABIES AND TODDLERS

The group meets every Friday 9.30-11.30am, in Fossoway Church Hall. Join us for snacks, play and blether.

FOSSOWAY HOUSE GROUP

Our House Group usually meets every Thursday evening at 7.30pm. For more details please contact Debbie Hill 01577 842268.

CROOK YOUTH CLUB

Term-Time Weekly Drop In: Every Thursday 6pm-8pm
Come along – it's a space to be, play games, pool table, football table, snacks and good chats!
For all young people aged 11-19yrs old.

Completely Free!

Check the KYTHE Facebook page and Instagram account for more details and up to date information.

HALL BOOKINGS

If you wish to book our hall or meeting rooms, please contact **Mrs E Black 01259 742046**

Cleish Parish Church

Church of Scotland (Charity No: SC003168)

Interim Moderator and Locum Minister:

Rev Beverley Stevenson OLM

Tel: 07584 902508

Email: BStevenson@churchofscotland.org.uk

Session Clerk: Christine Maclure

Email: maclure19@gmail.com Tel: 07704 884584

Updates and changes to the dates below can be found on our church website : www.cleishandfossowaychurches.org.uk

We look forward to welcoming you to worship with us in Cleish Church, located in the village of Cleish, KY13 0LR.

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

NOVEMBER

3 Nov 11.15am Morning Worship. Traidcraft Stall.

10 Nov 11.15am REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY
Morning Worship, followed by
Congregational Lunch

17 Nov 11.15am Morning Worship, followed by
Congregational Meeting

24 Nov 9.45am Morning Worship with
Sacrament of Communion.

We meet every Sunday at 9:45 am @ Crook of Devon (Fossoway Church) & Cleish Church @ 11:15 am for worship and to be among friends.

In a world that has its fair share of ups and downs, from bereavement, loneliness, health, sadness etc (and the happy times too – we are no different to anyone else) we seek to get through it all by relying on a simple faith, by being guided by the love of Jesus Christ and the friendship of others.

We don't have all the answers and are at different stages in understanding our faith. Faith is simply a journey of trust that God holds true and His love will stay with us through everything that life can throw at us. All are welcome without exception: God's love is unconditional.

You don't need to be a Christian to join us, you may be sceptical, no previous knowledge, or, simply have a desire to have something in your life that you feel is missing. So, take a deep breath and don't be put off by the big brown doors. You will be assured a warm welcome, come in and take a seat anywhere you please. And find out the other things we get up to!

Orwell and Portmoak Parish Church

Church of Scotland (Charity number SC015523)

Interim Moderator – Rev Alan Reid



Telephone 01577 862952 Email: areid@churchofscotland.org.uk

Locum – Rev Dr Robert Calvert

Sunday Worship, and Junior Church: All children welcome.

10am Portmoak Church; 11.30am Orwell Church

Joint family services with the Praise Band will be held in

Orwell Church, at 10:30am on the first Sunday of each month.

Messy Church will meet on **Sat 26 Oct** from 4-6pm at Orwell Church. All the usual crafts, fun, and food - see Facebook for details.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: NOVEMBER

3 Nov Joint family service in Orwell Church at 10:30am

No morning service at Portmoak Church

5 Nov Guild Friendship Group, Orwell Hall 2-3:30pm

7 Nov Ashley House Service at 2pm.

17 Nov Tea and a Blether in Orwell 2 – 3:30pm.

7 Nov Joint family service in Orwell Church at 10:30am

at which votes will be taken on the various aspects

of the Union with Kinross, Cleish and Fossoway

No morning service at Portmoak Church

29 Nov Oasis Ladies Group, Portmoak New Room 10:15-12pm

Weaving With Norma

An exhibition on the history of Portmoak Church through the ages, including its place on the Pilgrimage Route, will be held in Portmoak Church on 29 Nov, 30 Nov and 1 Dec from 2-4pm. Tea/coffee will be served.

The Church Office and Shop is open 10am-12pm, Mon-Fri.

Office email: orwellandportmoakchurch@gmail.com

Website: orwellportmoakchurch.org.uk

St Paul's Scottish Episcopal Church

(Part of the Worldwide Anglican Communion)

Muir, Kinross, KY13 8AY

Rector: We are currently without a Rector

Interim Pastor: The Rev'd Elaine Ryder

Email: revelaine212@gmail.com

Church email for matters including Weddings and Baptisms:

stpaulskinross@gmail.com

Our Sunday morning services begin at 10am, unless otherwise advertised. These are usually Sung Eucharists (worship with Communion). Our church bell rings from 9.45am.

We will provide regular updates on the website concerning our schedule of worship. Please do refer to it regularly.

Although we don't insist that people wear face coverings, you are very welcome to do so if that helps you feel safer in public spaces. We look forward to seeing you in person or online!

Our Meeting Room is available for hire at competitive rates.

Services are broadcast from the church as livestreams via Zoom (please email us for links). The Liturgy can be followed on the website via the seasonal Sung Eucharist e-booklets and the weekly pewsheets.

NOVEMBER

NB: There will be no midweek Communion services for the present time.

Sun 3 All Saints Sunday

10am: Sung Eucharist

Sun 10 REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

8.30am: Sung Eucharist

10am: Remembrance Service and Parade
at Kinross Parish Church

(Sat 9 & Sun 10: Arts@St Paul's (Meeting Room))

Sun 17 Pentecost 26

10am: Sung Eucharist.

(Sat 16 & Sun 17: Arts@St Paul's (Meeting Room))

Sun 24 Last Sunday after Pentecost – Christ the King

10am: Sung Eucharist

(Sat 23 & Sun 24: Arts@St Paul's (Meeting Room))

DECEMBER

Sun 1 1st Sunday of Advent

10am: Sung Eucharist

Weekly Programme For November

Monday	Hearing Aid Clinic (4 Nov ONLY)	10am-12pm
	Exercise Class	11.30am
	Games: Indoor curling, quizzes, Scrabble, dominoes	1.30pm
	'Stride for Life' Walking Group	2.00pm
Tuesday	Vision PK (5 & 19 Nov ONLY)	10-11.45am
	Exercise Class	11.30am
	Trishaws	1.30-2.30pm
	Singing Group (12 Nov ONLY)	1.30pm
	Games: Curling, quizzes etc	1.30pm
Wednesday	Church Service	11.15am
	Reminiscence Group Garden Room (6 Nov ONLY)	1.30pm
	Covid & Flu vaccines (13 Nov ONLY)	1.30pm
	Craft Group (13 & 27 Nov ONLY)	1.30pm
	Games: Indoor curling, quizzes, Scrabble, dominoes	1.30pm
Thursday	Covid & Flu vaccines (14 Nov ONLY)	10am-2pm
	Chiropody Service (28 Nov ONLY - appts only)	10am-2pm
	Interactive Games	11.30am
	Games: Indoor curling, quizzes, Scrabble	1.15pm
	Art Group	1.30pm
	Exercise Class with Kenny from Live Active	2.00pm
Friday	Halloween Party with Afternoon Entertainment	ALL DAY
	Exercise Group	11.30am
	Trishaws	1.30-2.30pm
	Bingo (NOT 1 Nov)	1.30pm
	Life Story Books	1.30pm
	Board Games	1.30pm



Film shows • Cards
Dominoes • Art Class
Exercises • Chiropody
Trips • Daily Papers

All Activities Subject To Change. Activities May Be Added.

KINROSS CENTRE

64 HIGH STREET KINROSS KY13 8AJ

TEL/FAX: 01577 863869; Email: kinrossdaycentre@outlook.com

COFFEE BAR OPEN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC from 8.30am - 3.30pm

Dominoes; Exercises; Lunches Daily

DATE FOR THE DIARY – DECEMBER

Sun 1 Annual Church Meeting, 11.30am in the Hall
See www.stpauls-kinross.co.uk for further details.

Loch Leven Church

(Charity No: SC049050)
info@lochlevenchurch.com

Loch Leven Church meets at Loch Leven Community Campus, each Sunday at 10.30am. Our sermon series from September to December is *We Believe* and we'll host the following services in November:

- 3 Nov: The Church (David McCaig, Peterhead Baptist Church – meeting in Orwell Church at 1.30pm)
10 Nov: Remembrance Sunday (no service, meet at Cenotaph)
17 Nov: Baptism (Gordon Crawford, Tayside Christian Fellowship)
24 Nov: The Lord's Supper (Stephen Jones and LLC Youth)



Everyone, of all ages, is very welcome to join any of these. To know more about us, please visit our Facebook page 'We Love Loch Leven', our website www.lochlevenchurch.com, or email us at info@lochlevenchurch.com

Kinross Gospel Hall

8 Montgomery Street, Kinross
www.kinrossgospelhall.info
Tel 07818 050785

- Gospel Meeting: Sundays 4pm
Toddlers' Group: Thurs 9.30-11am
Explorers (Primary School): Thurs 6-7pm

We look forward to seeing old friends and welcoming new ones. All are welcome.





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Christmas Fair

Saturday 16th November

10am - noon in Orwell Church

Tombolas **REFRESHMENTS** Baking & Jam

TROPICS Bulbs & Plants Halogen

CARDS & WRAP Woolly Wonders

Creative Corner

Also supporting Broke Not Broke

KINROSS PARISH CHURCH

CRAFT GROUP

COFFEE & CRAFTS

WHEN: SATURDAY 2 November 2024

TIME: 10.00am until noon

WHERE: CHURCH CENTRE, High Street, KINROSS

ALL WELCOME

Lots of handmade gifts for sale.

Tea/coffee & home baking £3.00pp

FAIRTRADE STALL

Kinross Parish Church of Scotland
Registered Charity No. SC 020555

Kinross-shire Volunteer Group and Rural Outreach Scheme

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED

(KVG-RoS) aims to bridge the gap in transport by providing a voluntary car driver/befriender to enable the residents of Kinross-shire and Glenfarg of any age to have an opportunity to use services they would otherwise not have access to. If you have some time to spare during the week and would be interested in becoming one of our volunteer drivers we would be delighted to hear from you.

Driver mileage expenses are reimbursed

BRIDGING THE GAP

Please contact our Administrator on 01577 840196 or email: administrator@kvgandros.org.uk

DOLLAR MUSEUM BOOK SALE

Saturday 9th November, 10am to 6pm
and
Sunday 10th November, 10am to 5pm

We are happy to accept donations of books. Please bring books to the Museum during normal opening times:

Saturdays 11 to 1, and 2 to 4.30
and Sundays 2 to 4.30

or contact Cecilia Condal on 07712 841963
or email: dollarmuseum@btconnect.com

Gaelic Society of Perth

The next cèilidh of the season will be on 8 November at 7.30pm at St Matthew's Church, Tay St, Perth. We will have a stunning line up of singers and performers including Mòd Gold Medal winners Carol MacLean, Wilma Kennedy, and D.I. Brown. Music will be provided by Stella Wilkie on the fiddle.

Come along and practice your Gaelic and enjoy the brilliant refreshments at half time – and a raffle! Admission on the door is £10 for non-members and £6 for members for a great evening's entertainment. Contact acaroline1000@gmail.com for further information.

AGM NOTICE: KINROSS KGV PLAYING FIELDS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The AGM of the Kinross KGV Playing Fields Management Committee will be held in the KGV Muirs Pavilion on Tuesday 3 December 2024 at 7pm.

An ordinary meeting will immediately follow.
All are welcome to attend.

The KGV Playing Fields Management Committee looks after the facilities used by many of the sporting and community groups in Kinross-shire and is run by volunteers. Anyone who may wish to contribute something to the local community is welcome.

Kinross Vaulting Group Fundraising Event

Save the Date

Come and join your local equestrian vaulting club as we host a Christmas Fayre and Santa's Grotto. Money raised will go towards the club purchasing a mechanical training barrel.

Sunday 1st December. Hillside House, Carnbo



MUSIC IN DOLLAR

Our concert for November is the super duo of **Dick Lee and Brian Kellock** – who are amongst the foremost contemporary Jazz musicians in Scotland. They will perform a history of Jazz programme for us on Sunday, 17 November 2024 at 3pm in the Gibson Hall, Dollar Academy, FK14 7DU. There is a Pre-concert performance from 2.45pm.

We also have two other Community events in November. On Sunday 3 November at 3pm at the Gibson hall, Dollar Academy, we have our *We Play Piano* event for young pianists. This is a free event which showcases young pianists at a variety of levels. Come and join us for what will be an inspirational afternoon of young talent.

On 10 November at 2pm – again at the Gibson Hall – we have our community singing afternoon *Come and Sing*, which is free to attend. This is a workshop event led by the brilliant Brian MacBride, where we will learn a few popular songs while learning how to improve how we sing. Bring along friends and family!

You can register your interest at www.musicindollar.org.uk or email info@musicindollar.org.uk

KINROSS GARDEN GROUP

Thursday 14 November, 2pm
Kinross Parish Church

Chelsea Lowe: Head Gardener,
Horatio's Garden, Glasgow

PLANTING THE SEEDS OF HOPE

All welcome to join us

CROOK OF DEVON VILLAGE HALL

Annual General Meeting 2024

SUNDAY 24th NOVEMBER | 6.30PM

AGENDA - financial review, fundraising events & upgrade projects

The hall is run by a small group of volunteers and we're always keen to have new members
If you fancy getting involved or joining the committee, please come along and join us for a drink



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31 March and 30 September

More information is available on the kinrosscommunitycouncil.com website. Applications may be downloaded at www.kinrosscommunitycouncil.com/contact-us

STEPPING STONES

Weekly in
Kinross Parish Church
Tuesdays, 10-11.30am.

Stepping Stones is
for parents, carers,
babies and toddlers.
ALL WELCOME



NEWSLETTER DEADLINES

In very rare circumstances it may be necessary to change a deadline at short notice. Check the *Newsletter* Facebook Page for the latest information.

Issue	Deadline	Publication Date
December	Friday 15 November	Saturday 30 November
January	Monday 9 December	Saturday 28 December

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?

Online forms for presentation requests are via the Lieutenancy website

<https://perthandkinrosslieutenancy.org.uk/birthday-message/>

<https://perthandkinrosslieutenancy.org.uk/anniversary-message/>

PKC can arrange for delivery of a basket of flowers, or for a local Councillor to present the flowers.

For more information: Please contact the Clerk to the Perth and Kinross Lieutenancy at lordlieutenancy@pkc.gov.uk, or call 01738 475009.

Perth Citizens Advice Bureau

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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

MOBILE LIBRARY 6 & 27 November

www.culturepk.org.uk/library/mobile-library

Kinnesswood (Opposite Shop)	09.30 – 10:00
Portmoak Hall	10:05 – 10:20
Scotlandwell (Leslie Road)	10:25 – 10:50
Levenmouth Farm	11:00 – 11:20
Causeway Court	11:40 – 12:00
Powmill (Mill Gardens)	13:20 – 13:40
Crook of Devon (Village Inn)	13:45 – 14:30
Carnbo (Pitcairnie Lane)	14:45 – 15:15
Whyte Court (Kinross)	15:30 – 16:00

Contact us by phone on 01577 867205
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Carnbo & District Community Hall

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday Night Hall Talks: 7.30pm

These informal and friendly evenings commence with an illustrated presentation. Refreshments afterwards. Open to all, bring a friend.

Mon 4 Nov: Dr Anne-Marie Weijmans, St Andrews School of Physics and Astronomy: **Stars & Constellations**

Mon 2 Dec: Keven Kelly, Loch Leven Brewery: **Craft Beer, An Insight Into Brewing And Drinking Beer**

Mon 3 Feb: Cameron Brown: **Fossoway Memories; Places, Stories & Folk**

Mon 3 Mar: Scottish Squirrels/SWT: **Saving Scotland's Red Squirrels**

Wednesday Carnbo Coffee & Chat Mornings:
10-12 noon, 13 Nov, 11 Dec, 8 Jan, 12 Feb, 12 Mar

Great opportunity to come together, make new friends. Open to all ages.

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TUESDAY	8-10am
WEDNESDAY	8-10am
THURSDAY	8-10am
FRIDAY	8-10am
SATURDAY	8am-12pm
SUNDAY	CLOSED

Baby & Toddler Groups

MONDAY

Milnathort Babies and Toddlers
Orwell Church Hall 9.30 -11am

TUESDAY

Portmoak Babies and Toddlers
Portmoak Church Hall
9.45-11.30am

Stepping Stones

Kinross Parish Church 10-11.30am

WEDNESDAY

Breast Buddies
Health Centre 10-12pm

Glenfarg Babies and Toddlers
Village Hall 9.30am

Muckhart Babies and Toddlers
Church Hall 9.30-11am

THURSDAY

Montgomery Toddlers
Kinross Gospel Hall 9.30 -11am

FRIDAY

Portmoak Babies and Toddlers
Portmoak Church Hall 9.45-11.30am

Fossoway Babies and Toddlers
Crook of Devon Church Hall
9.30-11.30am

*Please let us know
if you have any
info to add to this list.*



EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS

Medical

Loch Leven Health Centre	01577 862112
Loch Leven Health Centre Out of Hours	01577 865252
NHS 24	111
Perth Royal Infirmary main switchboard	01382 660111
Perth Royal Infirmary (Admissions and Enquiries Desk)	01738 473734
Ninewells Hospital, Dundee	01382 660111
Victoria Hospital, Kirkcaldy	01592 643355
Queen Margaret Hospital, Dunfermline	01383 623623
Rowlands Pharmacy, Kinross	01577 862422
Davidson's Chemist, Milnathort	01577 862219

Police, non-emergency 101

Police, Fire, Ambulance & Coastguard Emergencies 999

Gas (worried about gas safety) 0800 111 999

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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
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Child protection	01738 476768
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Homelessness	0800 917 0708
Mental health services	0345 301 11 20
Roads (e.g. reporting blockage)	01738 476476

Traveline Scotland 0871 200 22 33

Loch Leven Community Campus 01577 867200

Kinross High School 01577 867100

Community Councils

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Kinross Community Councillors

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Have a look at our website www.kinrosscommunitycouncil.com

Portmoak Community Councillors

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Sue McGregor Secretary E: secretary@portmoak.org
Dave Patterson Member
Kenneth Donaldson Associated Member

Have a look at our website www.portmoak.org

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KINROSS RECYCLING CENTRE

Bridgend Industrial Estate

Monday, Thursday and Friday 9am-4pm
(last entry 3.45pm)

Saturday & Sunday 9am - 4pm
(last entry 3.45pm)

THE RECYCLING CENTRE WILL ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING MATERIALS

Bicycles	Engine Oil	Rigid Plastic Packaging
Books	Fluorescent, LED & Long Life Light Bulbs	Rubble
Bras	Fridges & Freezers	Scrap Metal
Bulky Goods	Garden Waste	Soil
Car Batteries	Stone	Telephone Directories
Cardboard	Glass	Textiles (Clothes & Shoes)
Cartons and Paper containers with metal ends	Household Batteries	Timber
Cooking Oil	Large Domestic Appliances	Car Tyres (maximum two per day, strictly household only)
Electrical & Electronic Equipment (WEEE - remove & recycle batteries separately)	Non-Recyclable Waste (General Waste)	
	Paper	

Free compost available (subject to availability).

A maximum of 2 x 25kg bags per day

Diary

November

Sat	2	Coffee and Crafts Morning (KPC) 10am, Kinross Church Centre
Sat	2	Read and Relax Bookshop opening, High St
Mon	4	Carnbo Hall Talks: Stars and Constellations
Mon	4	Glenfarg Community Council meets
Tues	5	U3A talk, Kinross Parish Church 2pm
Tues	5	Fossoway and District Community Council meets
Fri	8	Daniel Martinez Flamenco Company, Campus
Fri	8	Parent Carers Coffee and Chat (PKAVS) The Green Hotel 9.30-11.30am
Sat	9	Anatomy of a Fall, Portmoak Film Society
Sat&Sun	9/10	Art Exhibitions at St Paul's
Sat&Sun	9/10	Dollar Museum Book Sale
Sun	10	Kinross and Ochil Walking Group (see club entry for details of walks)
Tues	12	Portmoak and District Community Council AGM and meeting
Tues	12	Choirs Together, Campus
Thurs	14	Garden Group Meets
Thurs	14	Milnathort and Orwell Community Council meets
Fri	15	Male Carers Coffee and Chat (PKAVS) The Green Hotel 2-4pm
Fri	15	Why Not Scotland? Milnathort Filmhouse/Climate Cafe
Fri	15	Deadline for December Newsletter
Sat	16	Orwell Church Christmas Fayre
Sat&Sun	16/17	Art Exhibitions at St Paul's
Mon	18	Ten Minute Tales, Library
Mon	18	Kinross Historical Society talk (Scotland Beneath the Surface)
Tues	19	Marion Todd, Book Week Scotland, Library
Thurs	21	Freya North, Book Week Scotland, Library
Fri	22	Curry and Comedy Night, Milnathort Town Hall
Sat	23	Festive Market, Market Park
Sat	23	Cafe Book Club, library
Sat&Sun	23/24	Art Exhibitions at St Paul's
Sun	24	Alex Gray, Book Week Scotland, Library
Sun	24	Crook of Devon Hall AGM
Tues	26	Kinross Community Council meets
Wed	27	Two Orchestras Concert, Campus
Fri	29	Craft Fair, Milnathort Guide Hall 6-9pm
Fri	29	Barbara Dickson, Campus
Sat	30	Christmas Light Switch On at 6pm, Santa!

The Kinross Newsletter is available from:

Greens of Kinross	High Street, Kinross	Buchan's Garage	Main Street, Kinnesswood
Premier Stores	High Street, Kinross	Kinnesswood Shop	Main Street, Kinnesswood
Sainsburys	Station Road, Kinross	Fossoway Store	Crook of Devon
Giacopazzis	Lathro, Kinross	Fossoway Garage	Crook of Devon
Keystore More	Green Road, Kinross	Mona's Coffee Shop	Muckhart
Giacopazzis	New Road, Milnathort	Powmill Stores	Powmill
Stewart & Smart	Stirling Road, Milnathort	Loch Leven's Larder	Near Wester Balgedie
Heaven Scent	South Street, Milnathort	Glenfarg Village Shop	Glenfarg