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Letter from The Editor

WINTER IS ALMOST HERE, and it's not going to be an easy one for any of us.

However, Kinross continues to keep my spirits warm with the resilience of the community and the drive and spirit of the people who live here. Two local residents have recently been honoured by the Queen. Their awards are so well-deserved. Read all about them on p.5-6.

Others have contributed to their communities in less obviously visible ways: those who quietly give up their time and engage in litter picking; volunteering with community groups; the folk at Kinross Kindness who are still there in the background doing a fantastic job of helping those who are isolated; all those who work hard with the various in-bloom groups, making Kinross-shire an even better and more beautiful place to live.

We have a lot to be thankful for in Kinross-shire – improved bus services, for one, with First Bus and Earnside Coaches recently creating new routes (see p.9). Please take the bus whenever you can – if we don't use these new services, we might lose them.

For more news and ideas about sustainable, green transport options, see the feature about Move Greener on p.38.

We should also be grateful for our local and community councillors. They are all willing to take time to listen to the concerns and needs of local residents and, more importantly, are prepared to act on our behalf. See their columns on pp.27-29 and can read the reports on pp.49-58.

The Winter Festival is going ahead (although somewhat reduced in size) and you can see details on pp.12-13. Although the October Farmers' Market had to be cancelled because of the terrible weather that morning, there are still plans for the outdoor Festive Market at the Market Park (opposite the Green Hotel) on 28 November. Let's hope for winter sunshine! Come and support the stall holders and get some Christmas shopping done.

Santa and his sleigh is going to do his usual visits to all the villages of Kinross-shire, thanks to the marvellous Kinross Rotary Club: read more on pp.60-61.

While we obviously can't gather in large numbers on Sunday 8 November to remember those who gave up their lives for their country, we can still honour them in other ways. See p.10 for news on Remembrance events for 2020 in Kinross.

Hannah Phillips, Editor

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

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Congratulations



KEN AND ANNE ROBERTSON of Whitecraigs, Kinnesswood are delighted to announce the birth of their grandson **Robert George Banfield**, at New Cross Hospital, Wolverhampton on Wednesday 30 September 2020. A son to Kathryn and Steven and a little brother for three-year-old Rosa Anneliese (pictured above with her new baby brother). Welcome to the world, little boy!

NICOLE AND STUART HUNTER are delighted to announce the safe arrival of their son, **Harris James Hunter** on 2 October, weighing 9lb 5oz. First grandchild for Yvonne and Jim Wardrope and Cat and Murray Hunter. First great grandson for Christine Dawson and Margaret and Jim Wardrope.

Thanks



MIKE THOMSON would like to say a very big thank you to those who left donations in the honesty box in Kinnesswood public park, for the runner beans and brambles growing outside his garden. The £20.40 raised has gone towards the work of Kinnesswood in Bloom.

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Letters

King of The Road!

REALLY GREAT TO READ the article in the October edition about e-bikes. I have had an e-bike for about 18 months now and love it.

I was in the fantastic situation of being a 69-year-old and receiving an e-mountain bike as a present from my son (pay-back time!). I have never looked back and simply love it. Not being much of a cyclist before it has made a radical difference to my life and I cannot stay off it. In the 18 months I have had it I have done over 3000km.

I do not like riding on the public highway so spend most of my time off road and, having recently moved to Kinross, I find the Lomond Hills and the many paths and tracks in the area wonderful. I can now reach some wonderful locations that I could not consider before. The views from the tops of the Lomonds are wonderful.

To anyone considering an e-bike I would say 'just do it'. If you just want to ride around town it is great. If you want to be more adventurous it is magic. It is much better for the environment than driving.

As suggested in the article riding an e-bike is very straightforward.

To be a legal e-bike in the UK the maximum power output is 250 watts and the motor only works up to 15.5 mph. The standard rules also say that it should only work when you are pedalling with no throttle control (i.e. no twistgrip throttle.) My understanding is that there may be exceptions to the 'no throttle control' if the bike has 'Type Approval'. I would refer to www.cyclinguk.org/article/electric-bikes-and-law-what-you-need-know and www.gov.uk/electric-bike-rules for detailed information though it does not appear to be very clear.

If the bike does not conform to the rules then it is classed as a motorcycle and must be registered, taxed, insured and you must have a motorcycle licence.

My own preference is for a bike with a centrally mounted motor (where the pedals are) rather than a wheel mounted motor which changes the weight distribution. This is obviously more important for mountain biking than commuting as it does affect weight distribution, balance and control. I would also strongly recommend disc brakes rather than rim brakes.

Anyway, do not hesitate, just do it!

Richard Thomson
Kinross



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Queen Honours Nan Cook

MRS NAN COOK, in recognition of her work at the Kinross Day Centre, has been awarded a British Empire Medal in The Queen's Birthday Honours List.

In this part of Scotland, Nan Cook is very well known for her unstinting work and inspirational leadership in running the wonderful Kinross Day Centre. The centre, in more ordinary times, provides a welcoming, safe and homely atmosphere, where elderly members can feel that their rights and choices are being respected at all times. It has been open for over 40 years.

Before the pandemic, a full programme of activities took place after lunch, as well as the cards and dominoes played at every opportunity by her members. Parties were arranged regularly for Christmas, and special occasions. They were fun, well organised, fully attended and much enjoyed by large numbers, and Nan is the driving force behind them.

When lockdown happened, Nan had to think quickly ... she could either surrender to the pandemic and close the centre down (the easy option) or she could adapt, and she chose the latter. Almost overnight, she transformed operations when it quickly became apparent that bringing people to the centre was no longer possible. So, she decided to take the centre to them, enlisting a small team of volunteers, cooks and drivers to deliver hot meals and medication to her members.

Around 60 members have been receiving this daily service, with meals cooked in the centre and then delivered, 5 days a week. This is a phenomenal achievement. All of this has resulted in an increased need to fundraise, and a heavily reduced income to the Day Centre. Nan has raised the money through generous local donations from organisations such as the Rotary Club. The alternative would have been to close down all social interaction with her members. The three-course lunch delivery became the only contact some had in 24 hours. This crisis has brought out the very best in people. The Kinross Centre is a shining example of that compassion and humanity.

Nan Cook is a hard-working, modest, selfless, inspiring leader who brings



Nan Cook BEM, and (inset) the medal she will receive from the Queen

change to many peoples' lives for the better. Ordinarily, the work she had done over many years deserved recognition, but in this extraordinary time, she has doubled that deserving. She has brought joy, hope, contact and happiness to many. For that, and all her previous service to the older community, she was recognised by Her Majesty on 10 October 2020 with the award of a British Empire Medal (BEM).

On receiving her award, Nan had this to say:

'I never in my wildest dreams thought I would receive an award such as this! There are so many deserving people out there. A few weeks ago, I received a letter from the cabinet office. I read the letter half a dozen times; I just couldn't believe it. I wasn't allowed to tell anyone until it was announced on 10 October.

I started thinking about my childhood. I stay in Fife but was born and brought up in Montgomery Street. I have very strong ties to Kinross, which is why I enjoy working here so much. I am so fortunate to work with my wee sister, Isobel. If she hadn't asked me to volunteer at the centre around 30 years ago (she has been here for 33 years) I would never have got the job. Isobel has been my inspiration, my confidant and my best friend as well as my sister, and I can't thank her enough for all she has done.

Everything we do in the Centre is a team effort so although my name is on

the award, it is an award for the whole team. Kinross Centre has a wonderful team: Isobel, Yvonne, Graeme, Sharon, Wendy, Laura, Jo and Glen.

Kinross Centre could not work without the dedication of the staff and the support we receive. Kinross is a very caring community. There are many great organisations that give up their time and energy to support individuals or groups and I applaud them.

I'm very proud of the way the Centre has grown over the years, but this could not have happened without the staff, committee, volunteers and community support. Our service users have been fantastic throughout this whole difficult situation. It has been exceptionally hard for them. This award is for everyone.'

The British Empire Medal (BEM) was established in 1922. The BEM is awarded for meritorious civil or military service, worthy of recognition by the Crown. Recipients are entitled to use the post-nominal letters 'BEM'. The BEM was awarded to subjects of the United Kingdom until 1992, after which time it lay in abeyance in the United Kingdom, although was still awarded in some Commonwealth realms. It was specifically re-instated in June 2012, for HM The Queen's Diamond Jubilee, to reward those who work in the charitable, and voluntary sectors.

All of Kinross salute you, Nan. We are proud of you and your wonderful team.

MBE For Milnathort Man

David Cochrane, Chief Executive of Hospitality Industry Trust Scotland (HIT), has been awarded an MBE in the Queen's birthday honours list. David, 52, from Milnathort, Kinross has been recognised for his pivotal role in spearheading the hospitality charity's scholarship programme which has transformed the lives of young people carving out a career in the hospitality sector.

Under David's guidance, HIT Scotland has raised in-excess of £4 million and awarded over 10,000 bursaries and 2,000 scholarships. HIT's Scholarship and Bursary programmes are estimated to return £1 million annually to the hospitality industry in new skills, promoting best practice, improving staff retention and encouraging professional development.

The MBE



Highly regarded in the industry, David offers his time as a volunteer to champion the sector and is an active member of many industry forums, including the Scottish Government's Tourism Skills Group, as trustee of Dynamic Earth (one of Scotland's top tourist attractions) and as a fellow of the Institute of Hospitality.

Commenting on the award, David said: 'I am deeply honoured and humbled by this award. What has been achieved by HIT Scotland would not have been possible without the commitment and ambition of our Trustees and Exec team who have played a huge part in the success of the charity, alongside members of the industry who have given generously of their time, hospitality and funds to make such a positive impact on our sector.'

'This comes at a really difficult time for the sector as we grapple with the catastrophic impact of Covid-19. This has certainly tested our resilience but again the industry has demonstrated real ingenuity in overcoming the many obstacles we face. The ambition and drive to look to the future is shining through and HIT is proud to be part of this incredible industry.'

Chair of HIT Scotland and Chief Execu-



David Cochrane MBE

tive of Apex Hotels, Angela Vickers said:

'I can truly say that David is devoted to the industry and its betterment. Throughout his working life from Glenaeles, to Springboard Charity, to HIT Scotland he has championed the cause by promoting hospitality as a sustainable occupation. Through his work at HIT David has assisted hundreds of students into education, employment, progression and genuinely enhanced careers. I would like to pass on my congratulations, and that of all the HIT trustees, to David and his family.'




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NEW BUS SERVICES IN KINROSS

TWO NEW BUS PROVIDERS have stepped in to replace part of the route lost due to Stagecoach axing the 23 bus service that ran between Stirling and St Andrews. First Bus have started a new route between Stirling and Kinross, and Earnside coaches have also launched a new 55 bus service connecting Glenfarg to Kinross. Further details on the services can be found below and on the operator's websites. Please use these services if you can, and show your support for them.

First Bus

The new service X53 from First Bus links Stirling and Kinross, Monday to Saturday, connecting popular destinations such as Stirling University, Dollar Academy, Tillicoultry and the Kinross Park and Ride facility at a two-hourly frequency. At peak times, there will be additional journey opportunities to support travel to Stirling University campus.

- *New route will cover majority of former 23 service on a two-hourly basis in the main with an end to end journey time of around an hour.*
- *Additional journey opportunities at the peak times to connect with Stirling University Campus.*
- *First Midland are offering customers some great savings on a wide range of fares for the new service which connects Stirling, Dollar, Tillicoultry and Kinross along the new Hillfoots route.*
- *Customers can plan their journey, buy their ticket, track their bus and check its capacity in real time using the innovative First Bus app.*
- *Customers also choose the best time of day to travel using the new Space Checker tool from First Bus.*

An adult day ticket for the service is just £11.90, which is a saving of £4.10 for the comparative fare on the 23 service. A child ticket is just £6 – a saving of £2.40 on the comparative Stagecoach ticket for the entire route.* Single fares start from just £1.90 with return tickets starting from £3.20.

Customers can now be able to plan their journey, buy their ticket, track their bus to their local stop and see how much capacity is available on their service in real time all from the First Bus App available on mobile and tablet from the Apple and Android stores.

The new Space Checker tool predicts how busy the bus will be in advance using the latest passenger trend data.

Graeme Macfarlan, Commercial Director said: 'We are delighted to introduce the X53 service. We look forward to serving customers with some great value fares, and hope that more people consider using the bus more often. We are especially keen to ask car users to reconsider buses as an alternative travel option as we play our part in a green recovery from the pandemic.'

'We are advising people to check journey details in advance on our app or website, avoid busier periods, which are currently afternoons and allow extra time for their journey as they may need to wait if their bus is full when it arrives. By using the app or the Space Checker tool customers can choose the best time of day to travel.'

'I would like to thank customers for their patience and co-operation in these difficult times. I would also like to pay tribute to all my colleagues at First Midland who have been superb and have helped keep the key workers of the region moving.'

Full details of the new service including timetables and fare information is available on the First Midland website: www.firstscotlandeast.com

**Prices based on end to end travel and compared to Stagecoach fares on the recently removed 23 service.*

Earnside Coaches

Thanks to Earnside Coaches, there is now a new 55 bus service serving



New First Bus

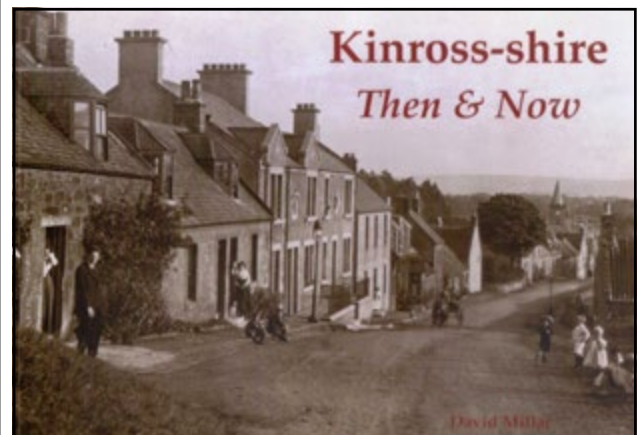
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Glenfarg to Kinross.

This new service will link into the bus connections to Perth, Edinburgh or further afield.

The new service is in addition to the 56 service to Perth which is currently under review. The new timetable will be closely monitored over the first few months to see if it is suitable for the needs of the community. Paper copies of the timetable are available at the Glenfarg village shop.

Kinross-shire Then & Now



LOOKING FOR CHRISTMAS presents? A new book entitled *Kinross-shire Then & Now* has recently been published by Stenlake Ltd. The book, compiled by David Millar of Milnathort, contains a number of images from his collection of old picture postcards and other photographs of Kinross-shire dating back to the early 1900s.

Each archive photo is captioned with a description and the history pertaining to it. Also included are equivalent, up-to-date images for each picture, where possible.

Did you know there was once a large bacon factory in Kinross-shire? See what lies on the old site now! The new photos show what changes have taken place over the years. It is fascinating to compare today's streets with the images of what our streets and villages once looked like.

The book covers most towns and villages in the county, including Kinross, Milnathort, Wester Balgedie, Kinneswood, Scotlandwell, Crook of Devon, Rumbling Bridge, Keltybridge and Blairingone. It's an ideal gift for anyone living in, or interested in the history of Kinross-shire.

Poppy Appeal Update



JUST A QUICK REMINDER that we are now into Poppy Appeal season. Remembrance Day is on Sunday 8 November. Readers will recall from the last edition of the Newsletter that organisers have to conduct the appeal in an adjusted format this year, for obvious reasons. They are planning to have a QR code on tins

so you can make a contactless or cashless donation, if you prefer.

Here are two other easy and different ways of donating this year. If you can't find one of our many tin outlets, you might prefer a cashless donation.

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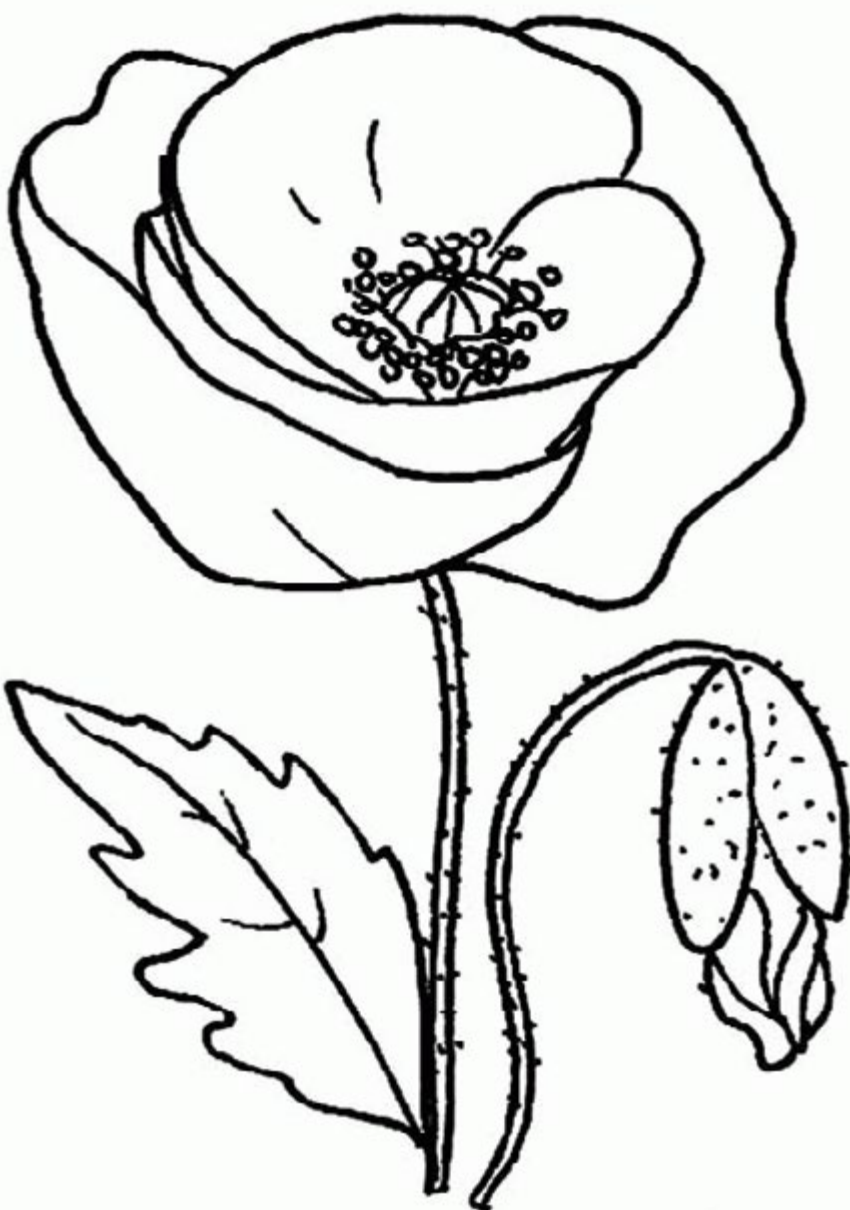
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CALLING ALL CHILDREN (and creative adults!)



Please print out and colour in a Poppy picture and display it in your window this Poppy season. There are lots of free printable Poppies online, or why not make your own 3D Poppies with tissue paper and straws?

It would be lovely to see all the Poppies in Kinross brightening up windows.

Here's a picture you can colour and cut out (if you are allowed!)

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY - CHURCH UPDATE

DUE TO COVID-19 restrictions, large public gatherings are not encouraged at present and the decision has been taken by community representatives not to hold a public parade on Remembrance Sunday. However, the following arrangements have been made to allow all who wish to join in honouring the sacrifice of those who have given their lives for our freedoms to do so safely:

- A service will be recorded at Kinross Parish Church with representatives of the community and youth organisations in attendance and this will be broadcast from 10.30am on Sunday 8 November on YouTube and Facebook channels.
- The Two Minutes' Silence will be observed at 11am during that service to enable those watching it to participate in their own homes with others across the community.
- Official representatives will lay wreaths and observe the Silence at the War Memorial at the appointed hour on behalf of the whole community, but we would ask that you only come to the War Memorial if you have a particular personal reason to remember someone whose name is inscribed there and if you do attend you respect strict social distancing.
- The official act of remembrance will be recorded and made available later in the day on YouTube and Facebook channels.

We are grateful for your co-operation in this matter.

Rev Alan Reid, Kinross Parish Church

PERSIMMON LAUNCH APPEAL

AS EXPECTED BY MANY Kinross residents, Persimmon Homes have lodged an appeal with Scottish Ministers against Perth and Kinross Council's decision to refuse their application for 169 houses at Lathro Farm Phase 2. The appeal had initially been refused by councillors on PKC's Planning & Development Management Committee in July, 2020.

There are concerns about the implications of further house-building on local roads. For example, it is thought that the development is likely to mean hundreds more cars will use Gallowhill Road, a road which is used by school children as a walking route to school, with its narrow pavements causing it to be a key area of concern for children's safety.

The extra houses would also put an increased demand on local services, as well as the possibility of a detrimental impact on Loch Leven.

Councillor Willie Robertson commented, 'The decision to refuse this application was a good one because of the developments likely adverse impact on streets like Gallowhill Road and the pressure the extra houses are likely to have on local services. Added to that we still don't know what the long term effects the huge expansion in housing locally could have on Loch Leven.'

If you agree and would like to oppose this appeal, please write to the Scottish Government planning reporter, David Buyla, stating your concerns. Or email laura.walker@scot.gov.uk

LOTTERY CASH WELCOMED FOR LOCAL GROUPS

Local groups and organisations have recently been successful in securing financial support from the National Lottery Community Fund. This will be a great help in delivering projects that support and develop a strong sense of community. National Lottery funding staff will be working with the organisations to facilitate any adjustments that

might be required due to the pandemic. **KING GEORGE V PLAYING FIELD MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE** received £10,000 from The National Lottery Community Fund. This will allow the group to replace and upgrade the water heating system within the pavilion of the King George V Playing Field.

THE FOSSOWAY GATHERING COMMIT-

TEE received £7778 from The National Lottery Community Fund. This group will use funding to host the Fossoway Gathering community event in Crook of Devon. This will be the event's second year back following a 13-year absence and will bring together individuals and local groups from across Fossoway community council area.

Winter With Growbiz

A TOUGH WINTER lies ahead for many small businesses.

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Learning and Networking: GrowBiz hold regular networking events, focusing on skills that are helpful just now, such as digital confidence.

Mentoring: This award-winning programme offers an opportunity to be partnered with a trained mentor.

REDS: Sign up for the REDS directory and the REDS Card, a gift card designed to boost spending in Scotland's towns and villages, redeemable in participating businesses. See info at www.reds.scot. See the support that GrowBiz provides at www.growbiz.co.uk or contact connect@growbiz.co.uk

Light Up Kinross Appeal

LIGHT UP KINROSS have had to cancel this year's switch-on ceremony for the Christmas lights. The lights will be erected and switched on hopefully in time for the Festive Market.

We have been granted £5000 from the Community Investment fund. This is administered by the Local Action Partnership and is for the purchase of new lights. We have 14 new lights which will be displayed in Station Road and the south part of the High Street. We hope you all enjoy the new display! Many thanks to the Local Action Partnership.

It has been a very difficult year; we were unable to do any public fundraising. We appreciate the local businesses and traders have been badly affected so we will not be sending a letter of appeal this year. The combination of these factors will, however, deplete our bank balance. If you feel you might be able to contribute towards the cost of putting on the annual display, then please consider making a donation. Cheques should be payable to Light up Kinross and sent to: Treasurer, Callum Purves, 7 Boreland Steading, Cleish, KY13 0LT. You can donate directly to our bank account: sort code 80-16-79 account no 00171381. Please, to help us, can you identify your payment.

Donations can also be handed in to Irene Donald at Reminisce Coffee Shop (High Street). We appreciate and thank all who have supported us in the past and have continued to this year despite the difficult circumstances.

A big thank you to the Kilted Christmas Tree Company for donating and erecting the Christmas Tree. We wish you and all your family a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.



WINTER (Festival) IS COMING!

ALTHOUGH THIS YEAR'S Kinross-shire Winter Festival is reduced in size, the organisers are delighted to announce that some events are still going ahead.

KLEO is delighted to be a Book Week Scotland 2020 partner. Book Week will take place from Monday 16 to Sunday 22 November and KLEO has created three cycling/walking routes around the area which you can do at any time during the week.

- **A POETRY ROUTE** around Loch Leven, with poems from writer **Jackie Kay** and other local poets
- **A STORY ROUTE** around Kinross with **Christopher Brookmyre**
- **A CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY TRAIL** through Kirkgate Park organised by local author **Esther Kent**

JACKIE KAY

The current Scots Makar – or Scotland's National Poet – Jackie Kay has been producing nuanced and compassionate verse for over 30 years. The child of a Nigerian mother, Kay was adopted by a white Scottish couple at an early age, growing up in a household where political activism was prevalent. The issues of cultural identity and social justice that her childhood instilled in her became recurring themes in Kay's verse. She is Chancellor of the University of Salford and Professor of Creative Writing at Newcastle University.



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ESTHER KENT

Esther is a Kinross-based illustrator and designer, making fun-filled products and homewares, bespoke artwork, cards and prints, often inspired by childhood, family life and animal characters. Esther's first picture book, *Molly's Circus*, is published by Little Door Books.



CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES ROUTE

Who can you make from a pine-cone and a feather? What's your favourite bird to draw? Take a walk around Kirkgate Park and pick up some activity ideas on the way, from local children's author and illustrator Esther Kent. Don't forget to take a picture of your creations and share them on the KLEO Facebook page!

GRAHAM KING

Graham King ('armadillozenith') lives in Dunfermline. Since 2012 he's been entering magazine competitions and had poems and short prose published. He's taken part in evenings of poetry and song hosted at Falkland Estate in the past few years, and participated in other joint events - on the Edinburgh Festival Fringe, in Dunfermline's Kingsgate Centre, and at the Rothes Halls.




POETRY ROUTE

WHILE WALKING OR CYCLING around Loch Leven you will find poems dotted around the route at the benches from poets Jackie Kay, James Annandale and Graham King.

Start the route at any place around Loch Leven.

JAMES ANNANDALE

James Annandale is a spoken word poet from South Wales, now based in Kirkcaldy. He has been writing and reciting his own poems for the last three years and enjoys writing about life, love and overcoming adversity. You can read, listen and watch him perform on his social media outlets, Instagram, Soundcloud and Facebook as 'The Artist Explorer'





CHRISTOPHER BROOKMYRE

Christopher Brookmyre was a journalist before becoming a full-time novelist with the publication of his award-winning debut *Quite Ugly One Morning*, which established him as one of Britain's leading crime novelists. His 2016 novel *Black Widow* won both the McIlvanney Prize and the Theakston Old Peculier Crime Novel of the Year award. Brookmyre's novels have sold more than two million copies in the UK alone.

STORY ROUTE

GO FOR A STROLL around Kinross and read, bit by bit, the unpublished story 'Puck Knows' by Christopher Brookmyre. The QR code on the sign links to the author himself reading the story.

Start the route at: The Boathouse, Pier Rd, Kinross KY13 8UF

- 1 The first sign of the story is at the start of the board walk at The Boathouse.
- 2 Follow the boardwalk into Kirkgate park and leave the park via the main exit along Kirkgate Road.
- 3 Take the steep hill up to the right following the high wall.
- 4 Pass the entrance gates to Kinross House crossing Avenue Road into Talla Park.
- 5 Walk along Talla Park following the bend to the left at the end. You will find a pedestrian path.
- 6 Go along the path and turn left into St Ronan's Drive.
- 7 Turn right at the High Street and cross at the pedestrian crossing.
- 8 Turn left into Green Road and take the second road on your left into Alexander Drive.
- 9 Follow this road straight ahead to the end, there is a bend to the left. Turn left after that. You will find a pedestrian path. Follow it and turn left on Station Road.
- 10 Cross the road and turn right into Swansacre.
- 11 Turn right into Bowton Road and then take the second road left into Curate Wynd.
- 12 Follow this to the end and turn right into Montgomery street and take an immediate left into Smith Street. Follow Smith Street to the end, cross the road and walk through Gace Gardens.
- 13 Turn left at Sandport and at the end of that road turn right into Pier Road, which leads you to The Boathouse again.

OTHER WINTER FESTIVAL EVENTS



HOME BREW CONCERT

An afternoon of music provided by local talent of all ages on Saturday 5 December at 3pm. You can watch this concert from the comfort of your own home. Go to www.kleo.org.uk on that day and you will find the link to the concert.

LOCH LEVEN STORY MAP

A historical story map of local tales around Loch Leven has been produced by Kinross (Marshall) Museum Trust and KLEO. You can pick up a FREE map from Morgans Estate Agent (Kinross) and Light Up My Heart (Milnathort).

LIGHT UP THE NIGHT

28 & 29 November, 5-10pm

Let's light up Kinross-shire from our own homes and businesses! Homes, businesses and organisations across the town are invited to 'light up the night' with a light display in a front window, visible to neighbours and passers-by. Let's create a festive atmosphere in the town in the lead up to Christmas. A great opportunity to walk around the town after dusk and enjoy a light display trail from a distance. Find out more and share ideas by joining the 'Light Up the Night Kinross' Facebook group.

FESTIVE MARKET AT THE MARKET PARK

The Festive Street market will look a bit different this year. It can't go ahead at its usual 'venue' on the High Street. Therefore, this year's Festive Market will take place on Saturday 28 November from 11am to 3pm at the Market Park (opposite Green Hotel). Social distance measures will be in place and there will be a one-way system through the market. Please wear a face mask when you visit the market. Also, keep an eye on the KLEO website or Facebook page in case there are any last-minute changes.



A Pot Of Gold For Rainbows?



Andi was inspired to write 'Rainbows' during lockdown

A SINGER-SONGWRITER FROM MILNATHORT is hoping to strike a chord with kind-hearted music fans with the release of her latest composition for charity. Andi Collington has already raised hundreds of pounds for causes close to her heart with her haunting five-track EP, 'Starlight'. During the pandemic she was inspired by to write and record a new single, 'Rainbows'.

Mum-of-two Andi – who records as Daydream Daisy – began using her music to support cancer charities It's Good 2 Give and Maggie's following the tragic death of a friend's two-

year-old daughter and the courage of a close friend battling breast cancer.

Andi said, 'I began writing 'Rainbows' at the start of lockdown and it reflects on how we've all been affected by Covid-19. 'Both my single 'Rainbows' and EP 'Starlight' can be purchased either through my Virgin Money Giving page or Bandcamp. 'All proceeds are split evenly between two amazing charities to support the vital work they do for cancer patients and their families.'

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WE'RE GOOD TO GO

Sky's The Limit For Young Pilots!

TWO LUCKY YOUNG PEOPLE have recently started a Microlight Pilot Flying Scholarship with training towards the National Private Pilots Licence at Balado Airfield.

Finlay Anderson and Gregor Senior will each receive 10 hours flight training towards the licence, in addition to Ground School and mentoring by experienced flying instructors.

The scheme has been developed by James Alexander, owner of Balado Airfield. James is a keen microlight and paramotor pilot. He said 'I have had a lifelong passion for aviation and was lucky enough to receive pilot training at a young age. I hope to be able to offer two scholarships every year, with the aim of showing young people how rewarding and exciting aviation can be'.

Written applications were invited from young people between the ages of 16 and 18 from the Kinross area. Seven were invited to visit the airfield over two consecutive Saturdays. Each was given an introduction to microlight flying and a short flight in a C42 fixed wing microlight with an instructor from Fly Scotland, the resident flying school at Balado.

Keith Edwards, Chief Flying Instructor of Fly Scotland said, 'We were really impressed by the standard of the young people. It was difficult to select two winners, but Finlay and Gregor both stood out. They have already started their one-to-one training. I must thank our supplier, Pooleys Flight Equipment for very generously providing Finlay and Gregor with a Microlight Pilot's Starter Kit, including flight bag, study materials, navigation equipment and logbook. Also, the British Microlight Aircraft Association for providing training syllabus books and a year's membership for the scholarship winners'.



Finlay Anderson (left) and Gregor Senior

Balado Airfield is currently undergoing a major development programme with the construction of three new purpose-built hangars with capacity for 15 aircraft.

The existing hangar is also being improved and a new clubhouse should be completed by spring 2021. A new improved access road has recently been opened and a number of runway improvements completed.

You can watch

the progress of Finlay and Gregor on the Balado Airfield and Fly Scotland Facebook pages.

DO YOU HAVE A STORY?

If there's something you think people should know, then email us *in strictest confidence*: editor@kinrossnewsletter.org

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SCOTLAND LOVES LOCAL!

£1m Fund To Support Community Shopping & Promote Town Centres

THE SCOTLAND LOVES LOCAL campaign is a national initiative designed to encourage all those who live in Scotland to think local first and support their high streets safely. The pandemic has caused significant challenges for our high streets and local businesses. They have lost out on vital trade. Many Kinross-shire businesses have gone to enormous lengths to support vulnerable people in our community.

As lockdown restrictions begin to ease and we move into recovery, now is the time to support them to get back on their feet. However, we know coronavirus is still a significant risk to local communities and so it is important that people continue to follow the public health guidelines.

The people who run local businesses are our relatives and our neighbours. Whether it's an emergency pint of milk, catching up with friends in the local pub or having a great coffee from an independent shop, our high streets have always been there for us.

Our small businesses are the lifeblood of our economy. They take risks each and every day to create jobs and prosperity to maintain our way of life. Now is the time to support them to get back on their feet. Please, think local first. This isn't just about keeping shop units occupied, it's about supporting the very fabric of our society and community.

There are lots of ways you can help including supporting the campaign on social media and contacting your local Councillor, MSP or MP and encouraging them to support it.

Grants of between £500 and £5000 will be given out as part of the scheme. The funding aims to support small scale improvements that will help motivate people to shop, eat and relax within their community whilst ensuring public health safety, and can be used for measures such as protective screens, physical distancing markers, hand-sanitising equipment and PPE. Roseanna Cunningham said: 'It's now more important than ever to consider shopping locally and supporting the brilliant local businesses that we are fortunate to have across Kinross-shire. This new fund will be a real boost for businesses and communities.'

THE STEPHEN LYON FOUNDATION

THE STEPHEN LYON FOUNDATION (SLO) was set up after the death of Stephen Lyon from suicide in June 2020. Stephen was only 21 years of age and had shown no significant signs that he was struggling or having suicidal thoughts.

Stephen was loved by everyone that met him, including work colleagues and customers. Like all young men he had plans for the future including visiting America and moving to live in the big city. He lived an active life and enjoyed playing the guitar or spending time with close friends. Stephen's death was sudden, unplanned and he gave no clues beforehand. The emotional pain of Stephen's death encouraged his family to start up the Foundation.

Its aim is to become a pedestal for change and awareness led by research into local support and the needs of those affected by suicide or struggling to access support.

Do you feel that you need some support with:

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- *Peer Pressure?*
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NEWS FROM KINROSS PARISH CHURCH



Members of the Kinross Parish Church Eco-team at September's Litter Pick

A **DIARY** of the church's events for this month together with contact details is on p97 of this *Newsletter*. Here we give you news of some recent initiatives:

New Website: We have updated our website. Visit us at www.kinrossparishchurch.org to get links to our services, notices and the variety of groups which are currently meeting. Our magazine can be found there too www.kinrossparishchurch.org/news/kin-nections-magazine.

Growing Young Project: We have recently embarked on the exciting Growing Young project with 21 other churches around Scotland. This is to help us move forward in youth engagement in church as well as building stronger relationships in a Jesus-centred community. We recognise that young people need a thriving church and a thriving church needs young people. If you would like to learn more look at the church magazine 'Kin-nections' or contact the church office: office@kinrossparishchurch.org

Sunday Services: We are working towards live-streaming Sunday services from the church building, as an additional aspect of worship and outreach to replace the recorded services currently released every Sunday. Recently a young person has started to volunteer and is now helping to record the service each week. Currently, Sunday Services can be viewed on YouTube, Facebook and listened to over the telephone with the sermon being available to read online. See the Kinross Parish Church Diary page in this *Newsletter* or the church's website for information on how to access these.

Brigade: The Boys' Brigade and Girls' Association is back on every Friday. To get involved contact them through the church office or Facebook: 1st Kinross Boys' Brigade and Girls' Association.

Café Church: A family-friendly opportunity to meet for informal worship, currently on Zoom. This month at 4.15pm on Sunday, 22 November. Contact church office for link details.

Litter Pick: The church has recently joined the Eco-Congregation movement and one of our first actions has been to organise litter picks in Kinross. At the first, in September, 19 volunteers filled 30 bags! Anyone can join in, so if you would like to help contact the church office. Equipment is provided and you will be teamed up with one other person/household and work 2m apart to meet current guidance. The next litter pick is 1-3pm, Saturday 21 November.

CROSSFIRE (for teenagers)

HAVE YOU EVER FOUND yourself feeling discouraged by the most recent news about Covid restrictions or challenged by clips and comments on social media? Don't worry – you are not the only person to feel like this. There is Good News and it's closer than you might think. Jesus, who has written our names on the back of his hands and knows our every trouble, is walking along our path every step of the way. He knows us and he loves us. At Crossfire we explore Jesus's message through games and fun activities, through friendship and fellowship and of course through food. Crossfire is a youth group for all secondary school pupils. It is organised by Kinross Parish Church but open to all.

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C In The Park!

Drive-in church service with Loch Leven Church

Like many faith communities around Scotland, Loch Leven Church has been unable to congregate in their usual venue (Loch Leven Community Campus) since lockdown measures were imposed in March and have instead been holding weekly meetings on Zoom. But, in honour of the church's second birthday and also as a cheerful response to the ever-increasing need for people to get together (apart), they decided to hold a full drive-in service.

On Sunday 27 September, after close consultation with Perth and Kinross Council and with kind permission from Loch Leven Brewery (www.lochleven.beer), cars were arrayed in the field, to face a temporary stage set against a backdrop of familiar white marquees.

Be-gloved and be-masked stewards distributed children's activity packs and family goodie bags so that the party atmosphere could be enjoyed within the confines of each vehicle, without contravening any social distancing rules. There was irresistible live music played by a socially distanced band which comprised four members of the same family. (Please note that the management took no responsibility for injuries occurring as a result of doing the actions in the back of a Micra...). Party-poppers, kazoos and cake: what a combination!

An ambitious fundraising appeal was launched for Rachel House. Members and friends of Loch Leven Church are planning to raise money by virtually bagging all 282 munros (1770 miles). Distances covered by walking, running, swimming and cycling will be recorded during October. Lyndsay Stobie, CHAS Community Fundraiser, described some of the creative ways they have stayed connected to children and families during this otherwise isolating time. (www.chas.org.uk; www.justgiving.com/fundraising/LochLevenChurch)

The main guest was Dr Andy Bannister (www.andybannister.net), Director of the Solas Center for Public Christianity (www.solas-cpc.org), seasoned international speaker and contributing author to *Healthy Faith* and the *Coronavirus Crisis* (InterVarsity Press, 2020). He brought his inimitable blend of comedy and popular philosophy to the question 'Where is God in a Coronavirus world?' Well-informed, affable and relaxed, Andy covered subjects as wide-ranging as Karma and secularism and cited pertinent sources, from



Nietzsche to Russell Brand. Even the Q&A session, with questions submitted by text, was engaging and thought-provoking, as he tackled matters of faith, scepticism, Darwin and dinosaurs.

Whether it was in-car, road-side, passing-by, or over-the-wall, the atmosphere was the only thing about that day which was infectious, and the two-fold message was clear – 'Jesus said 'Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest' (*Matthew 11:28*) and we say LET'S DO THIS AGAIN!

For more information on Loch Leven Church and our forthcoming out-of-the-box events, please see www.lochlevenchurch.com and keep an eye on our facebook page www.facebook.com/LochLevenChurch



Spotlight on... Glenfarg!

SCOTLAND HAS SO MANY hideaway villages and hamlets, offering a life of peace surrounded by some of the most beautiful countryside in Britain, that its soubriquet of the 'Land Of Hidden Gems' is well-deserved.

One such oasis of calm is Glenfarg. Home to a thriving countryside community, with a close-knit network of community groups and sports initiatives, it is far enough away from its neighbouring villages for its inhabitants to feel comfortably isolated, yet still lies close enough to the M90 to make commutes both practical and even enjoyable.

As with many rural communities, the heart of the village is the much-loved and friendly village shop, which has gone above and beyond in the pandemic to support their local community.

The shop supplies locals not only with fresh fruit, vegetables and other staples, but much else besides. You can order Pizza Via kits, butchers packs from Hunters of Kinross, curries from Parveen Kumar (based in Perth) and more.

The shop is also home to the village noticeboard and a Pay Point machine, while the Post Office van, mobile library and bank provide more vital services to the village. The fishmonger and ice cream vans pass through every week, receiving good custom and a friendly greeting from residents. There is even a family-run garage on Main Street ensuring that residents are road-worthy and safe when travelling further afield.

Glenfarg boasts tennis courts, and a primary school with a nursery. Behind the Glenfarg Hotel is the hidden gem of

Glenfarg Green. Originally the garden of neighbouring Bank House on Ladeside, the green was gifted to the village by previous owners.....in..... There are various entrances to The Green round the village and it is a wonderful garden space running alongside the River Farg. A gorgeous footbridge crosses the river and joins the garden ground (which still belongs to Bank House) to the green. The Green is home to many different plants, trees, wildlife and a gorgeous duck pond. Cared for by gardening club Glenfarg & Duncruevie in Bloom, and other local residents, the history of this discreet and tranquil spot (passers-by often are unaware it is there) is noted on plaques around the Green and is well worth a visit. It really is a beauty spot on the doorstep.

Glenfarg also has a huge open space and wonderful meeting place known as Wallace Park. The Friends of Wallace Park have been busy with renovations, planting and making repairs to the well-loved Sun Clock. The children's play park has already been upgraded and there are plans to extend the path and install an outside gym and 'flying fox' to maximise the space.

Always a sociable bunch, local residents are currently working to raise £200,000 to buy land and build their own pub, The Glenfarg Inn. Meanwhile, owners of the village shop were running a 'pop-up pub' in the village hall before Covid-19 struck.

Every year, the village looks forward to a fete, organised by a committee of volunteer residents. In times gone by, the



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fete lasted for a whole weekend in the summer. It was located in Wallace Park, and each year has a different theme. There was a fancy dress competition and dog show. The fete was also linked to the annual 'Glenfarg Folk Feast'. In recent years, it has become a more modest affair, fondly known as 'village day'. It takes place in and around the village hall and the Glenfarg Green area. There are stalls, music, entertainment, a barbeque and a bar as well as activities for the kids; something for everyone! Village day happens come rain or shine and it is a lovely way for people to come together.

History

Glenfarg is a small, tranquil village set in a winding glen that travels through the Ochil Hills. It comprises the communities of Glenfarg, Duncrive, Drunzie and Arngask.

Originally known as Damhead, the village was once a stagecoach stop-over as horses rested en route between Edinburgh and the Highlands. Famous visitors to Glenfarg are said to have included Mary Queen of Scots, Sir Walter Scott and even Scotland's celebrated poet, Robert Burns.

Until 1964, the village had a railway station, and when this was built a settlement rapidly grew up around it. The name of the village was changed in the 1890s when the newly completed railway began to bring tourists to the area – and 'Glenfarg' was felt to be more appealing than Damhead. Where the old railway line lay is now the route of the M90.

Village Hall

In 2008 a new and exciting facility was created through the regeneration of the Glenfarg Village Hall. The building was transformed into a vibrant, multi-activity centre for the whole community. A huge range of regular activities take place in the Hall - even including a cinema! There have been parties, gatherings, New Year celebrations and even flower arranging workshops in the hall. Before Covid-19 struck, there was a soup and natter group and the local scouts make good use of this facility all year round.

Photo by Alex Innes





Glenfarg (above) by Keith Proven

In 2019, the village hall was host to the first ever Glenfarg Pantomine which featured performers, musicians and helpers from the local community. Some of those involved had never taken part in a production like this before and it was a roaring success. The school often make use of the hall for Halloween and Christmas parties as well as End of Term Celebrations. The hall is available for hire and has even hosted weddings!

Glenfarg Folk Club

The Glenfarg Folk Club was founded in April 1978 and is now recognised as one of the premier folk clubs in Scotland. The club offers a wide range of musical acts as well as providing a place for new hopefuls to try out their acts.

Their main musical event of the year is the annual 3-day Folk Feast which comprises ceilidhs, concerts, workshops, sessions/singarounds, song competitions, and more. The event is widely acclaimed as being one of the best and most friendly folk events in the country's calendar. Let's hope it can go ahead in 2021.

Travel Links

The M90, of course, is the gateway to both the north and south, for those days you want to take the car and see where the road takes you. Bus links are good - there is a regular service to Perth. And now, courtesy of Earnside Coaches, a new service covers the route from Glenfarg to Kinross. This new service will link into the bus services connecting to Perth, Edinburgh, Stirling or further afield.

In short, Glenfarg is a

lovely place to live. It has a wonderful sense of community and is very well placed for travel to Dundee, Aberdeen, Edinburgh, Glasgow and the Highlands. Many residents have lived in Glenfarg all their days and generations of families remain in this lovely village. However, Glenfarg is also extremely welcoming to new people who decide to settle there.

Indeed, the suitability of Glenfarg as a beautifully peaceful place to live and raise a family is beyond question. This is wonderful for the future of the village as people make their homes in houses old and new. A beautiful, and tasteful, development of new homes on the outskirts of the village is in keeping with the tranquility of this peace of Perthshire. Also, in the heart of the village, you will find a modest development of retirement flats on the site of the old Lomond Hotel.

So next time you are passing through this small village, stop a while and soak up some of its charm and friendliness. It may seem like a sleepy wee place but there is a lot more to Glenfarg than meets the eye. Many people have no idea how much it has to offer. You will not be disappointed!



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Councillor Mike Barnacle

Extracts from a letter sent to Karen Reid, CEO of Perth and Kinross Council after her responses to the issues listed below. If you would like more information about her response to an individual item, contact Mike Barnacle for more details.



Dear Karen

Thanks for your comprehensive report of 7 October, 2020 to the notes I made for our virtual meeting on 1 September 20. When I first emailed you on the above last February, I referred to Senior Officer resistance to resolving same, which is why I asked for our private meeting; it is therefore disappointing that, in relation to Issues 5 & 6 (where I sent you much background documentation), along with Issues 8 & 11, you have simply reiterated the views of planning and housing colleagues that I have disagreements with.

While content with your replies on Issues 4, 9 and 12-14 [listed in the October issue of the Newsletter – ED]; I feel I must respond on the other issues as follows:

PILOT AREA COMMITTEE OF PKC FOR KINROSS-SHIRE

Our draft pilot scheme included statutory responsibility but not quasi-judicial matters. Without some of the former it would just be 'a talking shop' with no devolved power to decide anything.

LACK OF POLICY @ PKC ON MAINTAINING SUSTAINABILITY OF RURAL COMMUNITIES

None of PKC's Policies and Strategies helped Blairingone, which has lost all its facilities, including finally its school, despite proposals for housing development.

ENSURING THE RETENTION OF ONE BANKING FACILITY IN KINROSS-SHIRE

I will write to Group leaders and copy you in.

RESTORING THE LANDSCAPE DESIGNATIONS FOR THE CLEISH HILLS & DEVON GORGE

I have explained why I and other organisations felt the methodology was flawed and reached the wrong conclusions. You make no mention of the Cleish Hills and why the consultants and planning came to the 'illogical view' that the landscape changes at the Fife boundary.

ADDRESSING THE O/S CRIME, ENVIRONMENT & PLANNING ISSUES @ CROOK MOSS GYPSY TRAVELLER SITE

Planning permission is flawed if the absence of landscaping on the North Eastern site boundary exposes, in particular, the eyesore scrap yard in the paddock area, especially given the landscape consultant's report (ignored by PKC). The absence of enforcement action on the paddock area and the illegal structure in the turning area is unacceptable to me and the community I represent, not to mention residents of the site itself. I disagree that there is no planning harm and consider residential amenity compromised by PKC's lack of action.

OCHIL HILLS & LOMOND HILLS REGIONAL PARKS CREATION & EXTENSION

I will write to Group leaders to see if they would agree that PKC should write to neighbouring authorities.

LEVEL OF HOUSING DEVELOPMENT IN KINROSS & MILNATHORT & THEIR EFFECT ON CONDITION OF LOCH LEVEN, ITS CATCHMENT & OUR LOCAL HEALTH FACILITIES

I don't accept planning's response and find approval recommendations for the area do not reflect community concerns.

FLOODING IN DRUM AREA

I will write to SEPA (where I have contacts) and challenge why Drum is not within a PVA.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN RURAL COMMUNITIES OF KINROSS-SHIRE

I disagree that there is no demand for social housing in our rural villages and so would our Community Councils; all that is being built are large expensive houses for the Edinburgh market, with locals unable to downsize or having to move to the towns.

You will note that I have copied my fellow ward councillors in on my response and I am sure I will be meeting them soon to discuss how we may pursue these outstanding issues.

Councillor Michael Barnacle
Independent Member for Kinross-shire

Councillor Richard Watters



LAST YEAR, WHEN Cllr Fiona Sarwar and I brought forward Perth and Kinross Council's climate emergency motion, the Council committed to address the climate emergency. Based on our motion, the Council made the following commitments:

'As a Council we wish to play our part in accelerating this transformational change, understand the implications for climate change in everything we do, and lead by example'.

'Measures to ensure the Council is seen as an exemplar in reducing its carbon footprint, including measures which can be implemented immediately'.

Following on from this commitment, at a recent capital budget meeting, I was delighted that the council unanimously voted to replace Perth High School, North Muirton/Balhouses Primary School and Blairgowrie Recreation Centre with new schools that meet Passivhaus standards, thus meeting the high environmental commitments made in the climate emergency motion.

Also, within the 'Pre-Application Notice' stage of the planning process for the replacement schools, I raised the need to build the replacement schools to the highest environmental standards, in line with the climate emergency motion – noting the need to meet Passivhaus standards.

Passivhaus buildings have been around for the last 30 years and are buildings that 'provide a high level of occupant comfort while using very little energy for heating and cooling. They are built with meticulous attention to detail and rigorous design and construction according to principles developed by the Passivhaus Institute in Germany and can be certified through an exacting quality assurance process.'

Covid-19 has highlighted the risk to health caused by the spread of airborne viruses within our buildings. Using the mechanical air system employed to meet the Passivhaus standards will keep a constant stream of fresh air throughout the school in a controlled manner. Passivhaus buildings will reduce the risk of any airborne virus circulating in the air, thus creating a safer environment for our children and staff within the buildings. This also helps with the wellbeing of occupants, creating a better learning environment.

The choice to use the Passivhaus standard for our new buildings is a welcome and important step in meeting our environmental commitments.

Twice this year we have seen record-breaking flooding from the South Queich, with the two highest levels on record happening this year, causing a high level of damage and distress to residents and businesses in the area.

While the design for providing a flood defence scheme is well under way, its delivery is still a few years away. While we await a flood defence scheme, it is important that we work

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to mitigate the effect of any future floods within the area. I have been having conversations with local residents, Council Officers, and the Scottish Flood Forum on setting up a resilience group for the affected flood area. It is important that this is a community-led group, so if you are a resident or business in the area or have an interest in being involved, please contact me by email on rwatters@pkc.gov.uk or telephone on 07557 812513.

Councillor Richard Watters

Liz Smith, MSP

LOCH LEVEN'S LARDER at Kinross is a perfect example of how a local business has successfully adapted to the changing circumstances brought about by the impact of Covid-19.

I recently visited Loch Leven's Larder with Douglas Ross MP, leader of the Scottish Conservatives, and was very impressed by their business acumen.

They are fortunate in that they have a niche market, but they were quick off the mark to introduce necessary changes to the cafe as a result of Covid-19 restrictions, with a queuing system for entry, separate entry and exit points, a one-way system, hand sanitising stations and Perspex screens on their cash tills.

Loch Leven's Larder also ensure that all customers use a basket or a trolley and only accept payment by credit card.

During our meeting with Emma and Rob Niven, who run Loch Leven's Larder, we discussed a range of topics, but the main focus was on the financial support provided by Chancellor Rishi Sunak's various measures to help businesses through the pandemic crisis, including the furlough scheme, bounce back loans, the Coronavirus Business Interruption Loan Scheme (CBILS) and the reduction in VAT to 5% for the hospitality and tourism sector – all of which have proved to be invaluable to Loch Leven's Larder.

These support measures underline how the UK Government has committed an unprecedented amount of financial support to businesses and individuals throughout Scotland during the Covid-19 pandemic. The schemes have allowed the likes of Loch Leven's Larder to furlough staff during the actual lockdown and thus maintain staff numbers and allow a staggered return for the workforce.

During our visit to Loch Leven's Larder, we were told that the Coronavirus Business Interruption Loan Scheme let them pay their suppliers even though their income source was stopped at the beginning of the pandemic.

In addition, Douglas Ross and I heard how the reduction in VAT was instrumental in the recovery of Loch Leven's Larder by enabling them to successfully re-start their business when some of the restrictions were eased. This move has helped SME (small and medium-sized enterprises) across the country and resulted in attracting customers back through the doors at Loch Leven's Larder.

The Nivens took over the running of the farm at Channel of Pittendreich in 2002, and then opened Loch Leven's Larder in 2005, turning it into an award-winning business. It is one of Kinross's biggest employers, and they must be praised for the way they have adapted to cater for the 'new normal' during the pandemic.

Liz Smith, MSP

Councillor Willie Robertson



Persimmon Appeal: I have been notified that, as many people feared, Persimmon Homes have lodged an appeal against the Council's decision to refuse their application for 169 houses at Lathro Farm Phase 2. The decision to refuse this application was a good one because of the development's likely adverse impact on streets like Gallowhill Road and the pressure the extra houses are likely to have on local services. Added to that we still don't know what the long term effects the huge expansion in housing locally could have on Loch Leven. For all these reasons I will be opposing this appeal and intend to write to the Scottish Government planning reporter. I would urge everyone sharing my concerns to do the same.

New 55 Glenfarg Bus Service: I am delighted that the Council have found the funding to introduce a new six day a week bus service linking Kinross and Glenfarg. There will be five return journeys per day from Glenfarg Main Street to the Kinross Park & Ride. The service will run via Cuthill Towers, Mawcarse and Milnathort. I really hope it will be well used. It will provide an important link to both Kinross and Milnathort for shopping and other services and allow users to access the main bus routes via the Park & Ride.

Litter: Because many of the Council staff who work hard to keep our streets, parks and public spaces clean and litter free have been seconded on to other duties during the pandemic it is important that everyone does their best to keep such areas litter free. Kinross now has a small band of litter picking volunteers who are targeting areas that don't normally get regular litter picks. I for one am very grateful to these public-spirited residents for their efforts to keep our beautiful county clean and tidy.

Blocked Drains: Thank you to everyone who has contacted me about road drains that are blocked. Please let me know if you spot a blocked drain and I will get it cleaned out.

Zebra Crossing South Street: This is now a very busy crossing with children and parents going to and from Milnathort Primary School. There have been numerous instances of cars failing to stop for people waiting to cross which is very worrying. After requests from myself and residents the Council have now agreed to upgrade the crossing to a Puffin one. I have written to the head of the roads department asking that this be given high priority. He has agreed to do this, however, all these works are currently being delayed because of the Covid-19 restrictions. I will continue to press for the crossing to be upgraded as soon as possible.

Speeding Traffic: I have had discussions with our local police about them targeting known speeding locations. They have agreed to do this and have agreed to liaise with community councils to make sure they know all the worst speeding hotspots. From experience I already know quite a few but if you have a particular concern about speeding where you live please let me know and I will ask for speed checks to be carried out there.

Red Squirrels: Finally, to finish on a cheerier note, we seem to have a very healthy population of red squirrels in Kinross-shire which is really good news. Given the numbers I have seen in various parts of our county they appear to have had a good breeding season. They give everyone who sees them a lot of pleasure so I am very pleased that they are flourishing here in Kinross-shire.

Councillor Willie Robertson

Roseanna Cunningham, MSP



NORMALLY AT THIS TIME of year, I urge people to attend public fireworks displays rather than setting them off in their own back gardens. The noise impact in residential areas can be huge and young children, pets and farm animals can be terrified.

This year, however, as a result of the coronavirus such events will not be taking place and I know that there will be a real temptation for even more people to hold their own back garden events. I can understand why but I strongly urge against it.

Not only are there the noise and safety considerations relating to the setting off of fireworks but there is a strong possibility that such gatherings could breach the guidelines for tackling Covid-19.

Remember, remember the 5th of November, they say. But perhaps, this year we can all give our ears a rest.

November is very much about remembering, and with services of Remembrance across the country being scaled down and cancelled, maybe that puts into context the need to leave the rockets in their box for this year.

I am particularly saddened that I will not be attending the normal Remembrance events this year, as with my impending retirement at the Scottish Parliament elections next May, this would have been my last opportunity to do so as a parliamentarian.

Nevertheless, while we may not be able to remember the dead of past conflicts in the public manner that we have been used to, I am very pleased that the Scottish Government is continuing to take steps to support the veterans who live amongst us today.

Veterans can be a huge asset to our communities. Indeed, I have no doubt that many towns and villages have benefited from practical and logistical skills learned in the course of service with the armed forces. But veterans can face specific and difficult challenges when they re-enter civilian life. We ask a lot of them when they are in the services so they deserve the best possible care and support once they leave.

It is really welcome news, therefore, that a new rail card is being introduced that will allow Scottish veterans to claim a third off travel. The veterans rail card, initially priced at £21 per year, allows holders to travel across the country at reduced fares. To encourage uptake, the SNP Government is also funding a further discount scheme whereby anyone resident in Scotland registering up to 31 March 2021 will be eligible for a £6 rail voucher making the initial cost just £15.

It is important that we recognise the contribution veterans have made in the past and this new railcard will help open up opportunities for those who have served in our armed forces

– enhancing employment opportunities and broadening travel links with family and friends. The further discount scheme being funded by the Scottish Government represents a significant additional saving and I urge all veterans in my constituency to get signed up.

Roseanna Cunningham, MSP

John Nicolson, MP



LIKE EVERYONE ELSE, MPs are having to find new ways to work.

One of my favourite parts of the job is constituency surgeries. I’m a journalist by profession, and some of the skills can be transferred to my new job as a parliamentarian. MPs are often constituents’ last port of call. They’ll have been given the run-around by utility companies or UK Government departments, or perhaps are just being made miserable by a bad neighbour or a cruel boss. MPs can’t always solve their problems, but I always try. And, as a former ‘Watchdog’ reporter, I love to take on Goliath on behalf of David.

Covid-19 has seen my office deluged by mail with some tough cases. But I’ve missed holding in-person surgeries. That’s why I’m so delighted my team has devised bookable remote surgeries. Ours was the first parliamentary office in the UK to do so, and the system works well. Older constituents tend to prefer the phone, and younger voters Zoom. Over the last few weeks, we managed to get returned one constituent’s life savings stolen by a telephone con man – the bank, having initially refused to help, eventually returned more than £10,000. And we got a rare climb-down from TV Licensing for another constituent. She’d been harassed for payment of her dead mother’s licence. She got £30 in compensation and a written apology.

Parliamentarians are changing the way we work in other ways too. We no longer have to vote in person in the Commons. The Westminster authorities devised an electronic system that takes seconds to record each vote. Needless to say, it was unpopular with traditionalists who prefer lengthy queues in the lobbies. And so, Mr Speaker has developed a hybrid compromise: voting in person for those who want to, and proxy votes for everyone else.

In Parliament, I sit on the Digital, Culture, Media and Sport Committee. Last week we had the new boss of the BBC in front of us and I got the chance to cross-examine him for an uncomfortable 30 minutes. Four years ago, I’d persuaded the Government to require the publication of BBC presenters’ pay. A stoushie ensued as we all discovered how overpaid many were, and how underpaid women staff were compared with their male colleagues. I was keen to see how much had changed and invited staff to e-mail me in confidence. I put the evidence to the new Director-General. ‘Of all the cases brought by women and fought by the BBC, how many had the BBC won?’, I asked. The answer, ‘none’. ‘How much have you spent on lawyers fighting equal pay cases?’ The answer, ‘I will get back to you.’ ‘Is it true your own salary will rise by £25,000 next year and is already more than £500,000?’ The answer, ‘yes.’

I will get back to you, dear readers, when I get some more answers. It’s our licence fee money after all.

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Help protect your bike by following these guidelines:

What can I do before I set off?

- Photograph your bike and record all of your bike's details and distinguishing features and keep in a safe place. The serial number can be found on the bottom bracket.
- Register your bicycle securely online at the National Cycle Database, www.bikeregister.com. Doing this may help to recover your bike if it goes missing. On registering, you can also download a bike logbook where you can record your bike's details to keep at hand.
- Security mark your bike's frame with a UV pen or other method – the mark should include your home postcode and house number.
- Insure your bike, either on contents insurance or separately if required.

How can I secure my bike if it's in a common close or stairwell?

- Always keep your bike out of sight as best you can.
- Lock your bike with two locks to a secure banister or ground anchor.

What if I store my bicycle in a garage or a shed?

- For tips on garage and shed security see *Keeping Your Home Secure* on the Police Scotland website
- Lock your bike with two locks to a ground anchor.

How should I secure my bike and its accessories when out and about?

- Lock your bike up every time you leave it using secure locks (i.e. D-locks or thick cable locks). Ideally, use two different types of lock – a thief will need more tools to steal it.
- Locks are considered more vulnerable when close to the ground, so keep them off the floor.
- Fasten your bike through the frame and wheel to a fixed object.
- Lock your bike in a busy, well-lit place, in view of people or CCTV cameras.
- Lock the bike closely to the object it's attached to so it is difficult to manoeuvre.
- Lock the wheels and remove small parts/accessories that cannot be readily secured, such as lights, pumps, water bottles, saddles etc.
- Vary your routine – lock it up in different ways and places.

What type of cycle lock is best?

- Buy the best lock you can afford. It's tempting to spend more money on the bike, but this is pointless if it gets stolen. As a guide, spend about 10% of the cost of your bike on a lock.
- Choose a 'Sold Secure' badged bicycle lock with a gold, silver or bronze rating.

Updates

After a vehicle collision in High Street, Kinross on Sunday 18 October, an 18 year old man was arrested for drink driving, careless driving and failing to stop at the scene of an accident. (CR/28173/20)

Recent Incidents

Between 2.30pm, Saturday 17 and 4pm, Sunday 18 October, the front and rear windscreen wipers were stolen from a red Toyota Yaris in Main Street, Crook of Devon. (CR/28190/20)

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Community Sergeant (Kinross-shire): **Sgt Michelle Burns**.

Community Inspector for Perth South (Strathearn, Strathallan, Almond & Earn, Kinross-shire): **PI Katrina Thompson**.

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

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A NEW EXHIBITION mounted in the Kinross (Marshall) Museum brings together stoneware jars, bottles, photographs, printed adverts and illustrated notepaper to tell the stories of a handful of grocers, ironmongers and bottlers in business in Kinross over 100 years ago.

The tradesmen of Kinross in times past were no strangers to reusing bottles, jugs and jars as a means of reducing waste and saving money. Men like James Tod, Allan Ireland, David Young and John Fairgrieve proudly stamped their names on salt glazed stoneware 'greybeards' and lemonade bottles to advertise their wares. Competition was cut throat and no end of hyperbole was used to promote their goods. Some, like Tod and Young, were in business for several decades, while others, like James Howe and J & G Morrice came and went in a short space of time.

From the late 1880s the Tod family maintained an ironmongery and grocery business in Kinross for almost 50 years, with a shop at 169 High Street and a storehouse in the Old Causeway. A large stoneware flagon, made c.1900-05 at the Port Dundas Pottery in Glasgow, bears the name 'James Tod, Kinross' and an invoice dated 1904 for the sale of a second-hand horn describes Tod as an 'ironmonger & seedsman, grocer, tea, wine, and spirit merchant',



supplying everything from staple foods to fire ranges, bedsteads and paint.

A photograph of Allan Ireland's grocery shop at 191 High Street gives an idea of the range of products on sale and an advert printed in the county Valuation Roll shortly after he set up in business in 1892 announces that 'As Agent for Messrs. W. & A. Gilbey, I am in a position to supply my Customers with WINES drawn from the Largest and most Varied Stock of Wines in the World.' Following his death in the late 1920s, his wife Elizabeth leased the shop to Robert Coventry. On show in the museum are two stoneware bottles made at the Bridgeton Pottery of Grosvenor & Co. in Glasgow. We know the name of the maker from a retail stamp which reads 'Grosvenor 14 Glasgow', the number '14' indicating the design pattern or model.

One of Allan Ireland's competitors in the grocery trade was David Young who opened a family grocery shop in the late 1880s. In an 1891 advert Young proclaims his shop's 'established reputation for Well-Selected and thoroughly matured spirits' which includes a malt whisky retailing as 'LOCHLEVEN BLEND'. You can see on show a stoneware jar, inscribed

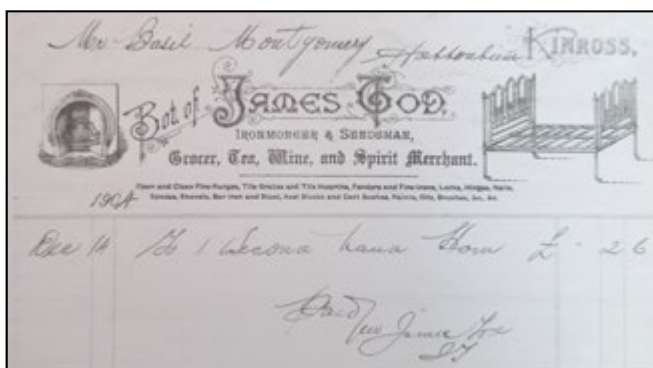
'David Young, Grocer & Wine Merchant, Kinross', made at the Barrowfield Pottery of H. Kennedy in Glasgow. It is model number '20'. David Young retired c.1907 and leased his shop to a James Fenton.

Trading as grocers for a very short time c.1903-05, J & G Morrice described their business as 'The Talk of the County'. They were, however, quite literally taken to the cleaners when the Morrice shop, leased from a wine merchant in Greenock, was taken over by the Midlothian Steam Laundry with John Morrice as its agent for a short period.

Among the glass bottles on display are two stamped with the name Fairgrieve. Owner of the Kinross Brewery in 1877, Robert Fairgrieve later set up a bottling plant in the Sandport retailing beer and lemonade. The bottling operation later moved to Montgomery Street in 1904 under the management of John Fairgrieve whose family remained in business there until the early 1940s. Another bottle bearing the name 'James Howe & Co., Kinross' connects us with the short-lived aerated water bottling enterprise of James Howe who operated from a brewery in Brewery Lane c.1900-05.



Maker's mark (above) on the flagon (top of page). Invoice for horn (below).



Allan Ireland's grocery shop in the High Street

We often wonder what such exhibits would tell us if they could speak. Well, they were at one time, as we have seen, 'The Talk of the County'. Combined with other source material, bottles and stoneware jars on display in the Museum reveal fascinating stories that connect us with people and retail trades in Kinross in times past.

**David Munro,
Kinross (Marshall) Museum**

A RAINGARDEN FOR PORTMOAK CHILDREN

AFTER THE MONTHS OF lockdown delays, at last the Mar-max raised bed raingarden has been installed at Portmoak Primary School, Kinnesswood. The unit was donated by Mar-max Products, makers of outdoor furniture such as benches, tables and planters, as well as raingardens. The company, which manufactures its products in Britain, specialises in recycled plastic products, and produces their looks-like-timber products from recycled milk bottles! The raised bed raingarden is a multi-award winning design: Best New Recycled Plastic Product 2018, Climate-KIC/Innovate UK Glasgow Challenge winner in 2017, and an early prototype was part of a Taylor-Wimpey partnership VIBES Award in 2015. The unit features a planter tray which receives the water from small rain showers, fed across the soil and plants via a standard water butt downpipe diverter unit. That works because rainfall showers draining off the roof tend to hug the sides of the gutter and downpipe, so can be easily diverted by an inner rim within the downpipe diverter, with an outflow which is led across onto the soil and plants.

Larger rainstorms surge along the gutter and directly down the downpipe, bypassing the inner rim collection structure and flowing directly down the pipe. In a conventional water butt that high flow would pass directly into the sewer network. But in the raised bed raingarden it passes, via a

filter screen, into the empty volume of the unit which is beneath the planter tray, and is only allowed out gradually, but continuously, at a slower rate than the rain flow into the unit.

The system was designed to provide water utilities and flood authorities with an option for addressing rainfall runoff at source in existing dense developments, where there is very little space for in-ground raingardens. A once in 30 years storm will drain out as if it were a once in 10 years event. At the school, the outflow is returned to the drain and hence the sewer system, but at a greatly reduced peak flow rate. In other situations, the outflow could be led across into a garden or other greenspace.

We hope the raised bed raingarden will serve as a teaching aid at the school (we hope to get a 3-D printer model for use in the classroom too); it's going to be a necessary part of education to learn about flooding and rainfall, as climate change kicks in. This unit also exemplifies how with ingenuity and commercial sense, society can find uses for plastic so it can become a renewable resource, not an intractable problem.

The exciting part for the children, who will be helping set up the unit with soil and plants, will be the flowers and other plants they can establish in it. In this they are being advised by the enthusiastic and skilled volunteers of Kinnesswood-in-Bloom. There are still plenty of garden flowers in

Kinnesswood in Bloom volunteers exploring the planting possibilities at the new Portmoak Raingarden.





Local Mr Fix-it Julian Foster, and design engineer Neil Campbell, installing the raised bed rain garden.

bloom and a great array has been established at the school as well as elsewhere in Kinnesswood. But the planter could also have an additional educational value, if it is planted with suitable soils and appropriate planter drainage, to allow a woodland floor or margins flora to be established. That would be great for learning about the plants which grow in our local woodlands, and about woodland soil and processes as the planter develops over the years. There is probably going to be a sensible gradual development of the appearance and plants growing there. As we go to press discussions and consultation with specialist suppliers are continuing!

Internationally, the first city to use the raised bed units is Oslo in Norway. We are in touch with them and are planning an exchange of videos and hopefully a video session between an Oslo Primary School and the children at Portmoak (<https://marmaxproducts.co.uk/news/raised-bed-rain-gardens-in-oslo/>). NB: since that web-post, Oslo have released a video and results of their own trials; all good!).

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E-Bikes For Oldies!

MY NAME IS Tom Wilson. I retired and moved to Kinross about four years ago and after a while I looked around for something to occupy my spare time. I heard about the Kinross & District Men's Shed. I went along and found as pleasant a group of guys as you could wish to meet, so I joined the shed and started to take part in their various activities.

I have always enjoyed cycling. Ambling around the back roads and paths of Scotland is a very pleasing way to spend some time. One gets to observe the flora and fauna while experiencing fresh air and exercise, learn how to swerve around potholes and practise shouting abuse at inconsiderate motorists. All good clean fun.

However, in recent times I have been finding that hills have become steeper and legs a bit less springy due to advancing years (I'm 89 this month, since you ask) so I came up with the idea of electrifying my old, rather heavy, bicycle. I went online and purchased a kit which I fitted to my bike and it was a transformation! I no longer had to worry about hills and I am even able to start showing off, I come up behind younger cyclists and say something like 'Come along, try to keep up' then I press my accelerator and zoom off into the distance. Well, us oldies deserve a bit of fun.

I took my bike along to the Kinross Men's Shed to let the others have a go, and a lot of members expressed an interest. About this time, we had two strokes of luck. We were awarded a grant from the NHS for health and wellbeing purposes, and we made contact with a local company called Cyclotricity based in Glenrothes who have been really helpful to us. Because we are a registered charity, they were willing to sell us conversion kits at discounted prices and the staff there are always ready to give advice and the benefit of their experience. We decided to convert some bikes and make them available, free of charge, to our members, and they became very popular and well-used until Covid-19 came along.

A small group of us carried on working on bikes during



the lockdown, converting bikes for members, their families, and friends and we have found that we can supply bikes at between £500 and £1000 depending on the specification.

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The Future – Brighter? Greener?

ACCORDING TO MOVE GREENER it will be. This group of Kinross-shire residents have set up a charitable organisation with the aims of promoting sustainable transport, positively impacting health and wellbeing and, at the same time, generating local economic activity linked to these initiatives.

While it might be difficult to find positives at this time and because of this pandemic, *Move Greener* believe there are positives: less cars on the road means less environmental impact; more folk out cycling and walking means more health and wellbeing benefits; more awareness of supporting local businesses means a more sustainable future for them.

Sadly, the pandemic will continue to result in more job losses. And for many, who remain in work, that working life has changed, perhaps forever. *Move Greener* think of all these factors, and can see opportunity. Into the future, we can maybe survive with fewer cars, keep moving more on bikes and on foot and keep spending local. We can generate sustainable economic activity around all of this.

Move Greener's plans include:

- **Shared Car Use.** The establishment of shared car use through a shared use Car Club. Cars (hybrids at first, followed by full electric in time) would be placed at convenient locations around the area. Access is through membership of the Club (usually £20 per annum), bookings made via a digital app and usage charged by the hour or by mileage. This means that if you only need a car now and then, you don't need to own one.
- **Shared Bike Use.** Many of you will have heard of 'Boris Bikes' – fleets of cycles dotted around London and available for anyone to use for a small fee. The plan for Kinross-shire is the establishment of a fleet of pedal and electric Bikes. Again, booking and payment can be made via an app and charged by the hour or mile. Convenient and healthy.
- **Generating Employment / Economic Benefit from the Car Club, Bike Fleet and Spin Off Activities.** Local people will be employed in the Car Club and Bike Fleet service. Indirectly, economic benefit will be generated by people staying and spending local and other 'spin off' activities (e.g. bike tours).

So, those are some of *Move Greener's* ideas so far. They would love to hear from the good folk of Kinross-shire. Please do let them know what you think of these ideas and share your own ideas. They are particularly keen to know if:

- You or your business are considering disposing of a (commuter) vehicle and might be further encouraged to do so if shared use through a Car Club was possible.



- You or your business/organisation would be interested in joining the Car Club.
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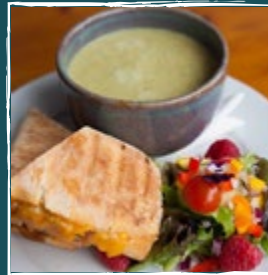
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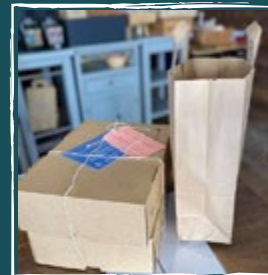
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Bowel Screening Programme

The Scottish Government's Public Health Minister, Joe FitzPatrick, has announced that Scotland's Bowel Screening

Programme – paused since March – has now been resumed. Parts of the NHS had been effectively shut down in order to cope with the Covid-19 pandemic and are now beginning to be re-mobilised once more.

The Bowel Screening Programme is a really important tool in identifying bowel cancer. Bowel cancer is the cancer that kills the second largest number of people in Scotland.

When it is detected in good time, however, it is both treatable and curable. Kits are now being posted out again to those who are eligible for a screening test and appointments for follow-up investigations are being offered where required.

MSP Roseanna Cunningham welcomed the announcement and said, 'While the worrying increase in numbers of coronavirus cases has led to increased restrictions in some areas of life it is really good to see some other, really important, aspects getting back to normality.'

'Getting your test done is really important. If you receive a screening kit in the post – or even if you were sent one back in March – I urge you to carry out the test and send it in.'



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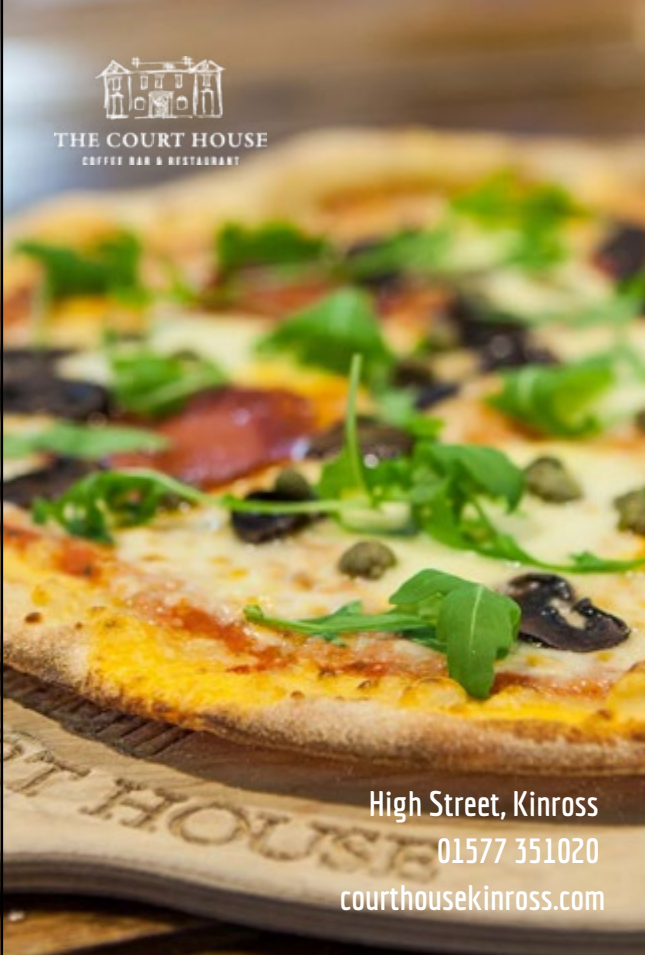





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Why We Should Never Forget

WINNING WAYS by Jo Middlemiss

WHEN I WAS AT COLLEGE in Glasgow, I took part in a production of 'Oh What a Lovely War'. I enjoyed the camaraderie of being in a show. There are still lots of little bits and pieces of that show that leap to mind when I hear the songs like:

*Good-byeeee,
Don't cryee,
Wipe a tear, baby dear,
From your eyeeee*

OR

*Oh, oh, oh, what a lovely war
Who wouldn't be a soldier, eh
It's a shame to take the pay...*

But I could have had no possible inkling of how life in and with the military would affect me later on. As I write this, I am considering Remembrance Sunday. Poppies are everywhere. Everyone on television is wearing one. They are being sold in every shop, and the poppy must be one of the most recognisable and poignant symbols of remembrance. I think most of us know why we wear poppies. Flanders is the area of Belgium which saw the bloodiest fighting of the First World War. Nothing survived on that dreadful battlefield except the seeds of the poppies. When the warmer weather came, the poppies flowered, bringing renewed hope and encouragement to the exhausted survivors.

I have always loved poppies. I love the wild resilience of them. I love their papery fragility, and their determination to come up where they want to. I dare anyone to call a poppy a weed. I love to see a field of corn threaded through with wild red poppies. It delights me, like daffodils delighted William Wordsworth.

I know from personal experience that, although modern soldiers have chosen their profession, there is nothing easy about what they do, especially when they are far away from

POPPIES

*In Flanders fields the poppies grow
Between the crosses, row by row
That mark our place, and in the sky,
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.*

*We are the dead; short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.*

*Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high:
If ye break faith with us
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow.*

'In Flanders Fields', by Dr John McCrea

home, and actually involved in conflict. It is also incredibly difficult for them to come home, and to try and adjust to life in a country, where the majority of people have no idea or interest in what they have experienced. I wonder how many people realise that over 300 veterans of the Falklands War have committed suicide since the war of 1982. That's far more than were killed in the actual war. When soldiers' minds are filled with nightmares, which drink and drugs won't help them to forget, that's when we need to remember and help them. When a soldier can no longer serve because of mental or physical wounds, when he or she cannot earn a living in the world beyond the military, because of their service, that is when they are most in need of our help.

That's where the Poppy Scotland Appeal comes in. The monies gathered are one way of saying thank you to all the people, who were, and are still, prepared to put their lives on the line, so that we can be as free as poppies to bloom and to grow where we will. The money, very importantly, helps the

Servicemen and women, and their families, of today, who need our assistance in a wide variety of ways. That is why I wear a poppy with pride, will stand quietly for two minutes on Remembrance Sunday, and hope and pray that we could be done with war, but I will be filled with humble gratitude for all the men and women who laid down their lives for us.

Jo Middlemiss



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Community Council News

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Kinross Community Council News from the September meeting

Present at the meeting held on Tuesday 22 September were Community Councillors (CCllrs) W Freeman (Chair), D Colliar, M McFarlane, L McKay and M Wood, P&K Councillors (Cllrs) W Robertson and C Purves, and Douglas Alexander.

Apologies were received from CClr T Stewart.

Declaration of Interest

A declaration of interest was made in respect of a planning application where the CC were mentioned in respect of the Fountain.

Police Report

The police report had been received the previous evening and had been circulated prior to the meeting.

CCllr Freeman advised that Police Scotland had again confirmed that they were unable to attend Zoom meetings. They have been asked what platform they can use to attend and Cllr C Purves advised that he had reported at a previous meeting that Craig Steven, Inspector for South Perthshire and Kinross-shire, had confirmed that whilst they cannot dial in using laptops, they are able to use the telephone number option. The Chair was asked to respond to Police Scotland advising that the Inspector for the area is happy to use Zoom (via telephone) and it is unacceptable that they cannot attend.

DATE	OFFENCE	RESULT
14/09	Numerous house breakings in Kinross. (Sheds and outbuildings, business premises.)	Suspects identified and positive lines of enquiry continuing.
Between 21/08 & 21/09	Speeding.	A977 Kinross – 2 x persons reported for 52 and 45 in a 30 zone. Kinross – 1 x reported for 53 in a 30 zone.
Between 21/08 & 21/09	Driving whilst using a mobile phone.	Reported to PF.
Between 21/08 & 21/09	Drink driving.	Reported to PF.
Between 21/08 & 21/09	Vandalism to motor car.	Enquiries ongoing.

Cllr W Robertson advised that he had written to Police Scotland in respect of speeding traffic and suggested that they select Kinross-shire for a speeding campaign. He felt it would be helpful if they could work with the CCs to target hotspots, publish findings and let residents see that the police are taking the issue seriously. Cllr Robertson is due to speak to Sgt Michelle Burns on Friday. Initial discussions have been positive but he would appreciate if the CC could write to Police Scotland supporting such a campaign.

CCllr McKay also raised the issue of the difficulty experienced at

crossings, especially by children, and especially in Springfield Road. It was noted that residents were ignoring the crossings and using different places to cross roads, which is also making it unsafe.

It was felt that there was a need to reverse the decision in respect of the crossing buttons and that these should be reprogrammed. Cllr Purves will raise again with Angus Forbes who is Convenor of the Committee. If necessary, a Motion can be brought.

CCllr McKay raised the issue of abandoned cars in the Myre Park car park and was advised that since this was Council ground, the issues should also be raised with PKC. Cllr Robertson advised he had written to PKC asking them to investigate these vehicles to see which ones were unregistered and could be removed. Cllr Purves advised he had also received an anonymous letter in respect of this.

Kinross Town Centre

Cllr Colliar advised that a lot of pillars/bollards had been demolished at the hotel and the area was beginning to look scruffy. It was noted that the cobbles were also starting to drop at both sides. Cllr Purves advised that a couple of issues had been raised in respect of the bollards and at the junction of Burns Begg Street. He went on to say that at the site visit prior to lockdown, a survey was due to be arranged via the *Newsletter* and online with local residents to gain comments about how they felt the shared space was working (or not). He went on to advise that he would contact the Roads team as he felt it was now reasonable to go back to ask them to complete consultation. Cllr Purves agreed to report back at a future meeting.

CCllr M McFarlane raised an issue with a pizza sign on a bollard and asked if this was allowed. CCllr Colliar felt that this was not appropriate and suggested that a letter be written to the shop owner asking them to remove/replace the sign. After discussion, it was agreed that CCllr McFarlane would speak to the owner personally rather than writing to them.

Membership and Election

Cllr Colliar advised he had spoken to Cllr M Wood in respect of re-applying for the post of a Community Councillor in the by-election and confirmed that this would take place.

AGM

Cllr Freeman advised that correspondence had been received advising that the CC's AGM could not be held until a physical meeting was held. Cllr Purves advised he had not seen the correspondence but he believed most CCs were going ahead with online AGMs as it was unlikely that physical meetings would be held anytime soon. CCllr Colliar advised that he felt the AGM should be held in October as the balance sheets were to be submitted in November. After discussion, it was agreed that the AGM would be held on 27 October, via Zoom and would be followed by the normal monthly meeting.

Accounts

Cllr Colliar confirmed that the accounts were up to date and were currently with Ross McConnell. £320 remains in the account but £4000 has been allocated for the Provost Lamp. CCllr Colliar has written to PKC to discount this money from CC funds as this is for a specific project. CCllr Colliar is to email Scott Denyer about the lights and the lamp.

Any remaining funds would normally be transferred to the *Newsletter* but this has not happened due to a technical issue at the Kinross-shire partnership account and this amount will now be retained in the bank account.

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Planning

Applications Received since the Last Meeting

- 20/00934/ADV – display of sign at 106 High Street, Kinross
- 20/01213/FLL – Alternations to dwelling house at The Rowans, 3 High Street, Kinross
- 20/01079/FLL – Alternations and extension to dwelling house, formation of steps, landscaping and associated works at 23 Sunnypark, Kinross
- 20/01142/FLL – Alterations to dwelling house at 6 Thomson Place, Kinross
- 20/01095/FLL – Alterations and extension to dwelling house at 21 McWilliam Place, Kinross
- 20/01065/FLL – Alterations, extension and formation of terrace at Calders Garden Centre, Turfhill, Kinross. Members were advised that this application had been completely redesigned.
- 20/01042/FLL – Siting of a modular building for a visitor reception and air traffic control facility at Balado Park, Milnathort. There was some confusion around this application as it had been submitted to the CC, while Douglas Alexander felt it should have come under Milnathort CC. It was noted that the application was running four months behind schedule but things are now progressing.

Planning Applications Determined by PKC

20/00771/IPL Erection of a dwelling house (in principle) on land 160 metres North West of Craigton House, Cleish, refused.

Reports From Perth & Kinross Councillors

Cllr Purves advised that no one was being allowed to use the pitches and facilities at the Campus until October 2020, and whilst he appreciated the school has to take priority, these sessions are happening in the evening when school is not in. He has since written to the Chief Executive asking her to intervene in the matter. The Colts have now been put in touch with an officer who is trying to see if they can expedite this

so they can use the facilities as soon as possible. While it was recognised that the decisions have been taken with the best of intentions, the benefits of having young people playing sport is worthwhile and outweighs some of the risks presented. An update will be given at future meeting.

Cllr Purves advised that the Kinross branch of the Bank of Scotland would now close on 22 February 2021. While a meeting had previously been held with Bank representatives, another meeting is arranged for the following week with Liz Smith and Fossoway CC. While the meeting was unlikely to change the final decision, it was felt that it appropriate to make an argument about retaining the branch and also about the Bank’s use of demographics since they do not appear to have taken into account the increase in population in the area and issues around social distancing. They are now asking customers to use the Post Office, which in itself is quite a small area so will present additional problems if people cannot use online systems. An update will be given at a future meeting.

Cllr Purves has asked for a meeting with residents and officers in respect of flooding in the area. The flood defence scheme in PKC’s Capital Programme has been significantly funded by Scottish Government but is around three years away. This is the second time flooding has happened this year. Cllr Purves felt that if it was not possible to expedite progress due to statutory consultations, PKC needs to look at other ways to help properties in the interim.

PKC seemed reluctant to have meetings but have agreed to hold one in Kinross and it was felt that it would be beneficial for a CC representative to attend that meeting. Cllr Purves commented that it was PKC’s view that it was up to property owners to protect their homes from flooding and he did not feel this was good enough.

Cllr Robertson advised that a meeting had been held last month with representatives from SEPA, SNH, Scottish Water,



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PKC and Centre of Hydrology and Ecology in respect of the quality of water in Loch Leven and those representatives had decided there could be an issue. They are now looking at various things which they could perhaps do, e.g., loading to the loch – regulations state 10 tonnes of phosphorous per annum but it is now felt that there should be a meeting with developers to get an indication of the amount of phosphorous from developments and what can be done to mitigate this. Cllr Robertson felt that the meeting had been encouraging and advised that a full report of the meeting would be included in a future edition of the *Newsletter*.

Cllr Robertson advised that so many parents were now trying to cross at the Station Road Crossing at primary school in a socially distanced way and it was proving dangerous. He has written to PKC to see if anything can be done to improve the situation. Cllr McKay thought there was meant to be 2 crossings on that road and was advised by Cllr Robertson that there is due to be another one installed out towards the motorway/Sainsburys. Cllr Robertson asked for an article to be included in the *Newsletter* in respect of the overgrown bushes and hedges, especially the ones at The Muirs and at Station Road. Cllr Colliar also asked for this to be put on the CC's Facebook page. Cllr Robertson also asked to be advised of any road drains which were blocked and he would arrange for these to be cleaned as soon as possible.

Cllr Freeman enquired about the list of pot holes in the area and was advised by Cllr Robertson that these were normally repaired quickly, with Bowton Road due to be completed this week.

Reports from CC Representatives

Cllr Freeman advised that there had been a meeting to discuss the arrangements for the Remembrance parade, with another one planned for 8 October. It has been decided that there will be no church service or parade because of the current Covid-19 restrictions and therefore the service will be pre-recorded and put out on social media platforms. The march for youth organisations will also not be held.

A meeting with the Veterans is still to take place, with Cllr McKay to contact them to arrange a suitable date.

The current plan is that wreath layers will meet on the Sunday morning at the usual time and socially distanced. The wreath laying will again be pre-recorded and put on social media, although arrangements are still to be finalised. There will be one piper and a Bugler playing The Last Post.

Planning applications for road closures and a parade licence have been submitted but it was noted that these are unlikely to happen. Discussions have also been held about a drumhead service but again Covid-19 restrictions mean there will be a limit to the amount of people who can meet outside.

Cllr Purves commented that he had been disappointed that the residents meeting with PKC had been poorly attended,

especially since it been a good opportunity for residents to put across grievances and see if there was a way to resolve these – he has asked for another meeting, possibly in the evening, to be arranged. He felt that there was strong support for communities to be doing more and becoming more involved in what the Council does. He will share feedback so that CC can make comments.

Cllr McKay commented that she had posted on Facebook asking if anyone had any issues to be raised but there had been no response.

Cllr Colliar advised that there had been an online meeting of the Kinross-shire Fund where £2000 had been allocated to Penny's Community Woodland at Crook of Devon for a unit to store equipment (tractor, lawnmower, gardening equipment). Cllr Colliar stated that there was a need to arrange a meeting of KCCNL and the CC in order to disperse the funds for the 4 applications received. Cllr Colliar advised that that the *Newsletter* had done excellently through the Covid-19 crisis so did not see the need for an AGM. Cllr McKay advised that she did not receive updates so did not know who the four applicants were. It was agreed that Cllr Colliar would update her outwith the meeting.

Cllr Freeman felt that the KCCNL needed more members, even though Cllr McFarlane and Cllr M Wood had joined as representatives of the CC.

After discussion, it was agreed to hold the meeting on 13 October and have the discussion around membership at that meeting. Funds were to be dispersed and then a conversation was needed with Ross McConnell in respect of the KCCNL meeting.

Cllr Colliar agreed to speak to Hannah Phillips in respect of her application for the group.

Cllr Colliar advised that there had been a fruitful and constructive meeting with the Partnership and Flint River about the KinrossCC website. Flint River had gone away with lots of ideas about how to set up the website and make it more user friendly. It was felt that Flint River seemed to know what they were doing, with a key difference being that it had been possible to get views and the local history across. It was felt that it would be a good website when it was eventually up and running. An update will be given at future meeting.

Any Other Competent Business

Glenfarg Community Group

Cllr Freeman confirmed he had received Cllr Colliar's response in respect of this group. Cllr Colliar felt that it was not something he would want to be involved in but he was happy for the CC to attend. After discussion, Cllr McKay agreed to look into the group but could not promise that she join it. It was agreed that a CC representative would attend one meeting and then a decision would be made about future meetings.




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The Colts: Cllr McKay advised that the group had been having issues with neighbours and having contacted Ewan Baillie, a compromise had been reached.

School meals: Cllr McKay thanked Cllr Robertson for clarifying the 'eat out to help out' school meals situation, where PKC had thought that by time they applied for the scheme, they would have missed the deadline. Cllr McKay also expressed frustration that PKC had not applied for **laptops for children** to use at home (a recent FOI showed they had not requested any laptops) and she asked if there had been an extra cost to PKC. Members were advised that this decision had not been taken by the Education Committee.

Members were asked if anything would be happening with the **verge at Mill Street** now that the bushes had been removed. Cllr Purves advised he had raised this issue before as local residents were keen to maintain the area themselves – he would ask PKC again and give an update at a future meeting. Cllr Robertson suggested that nothing would happen until after lockdown had been eased. It was agreed to review this item in spring 2021.

Green Initiative: Cllr McFarlane advised he had circulated an idea to members around a car ownership club in order to promote wellbeing which would encourage residents to get rid of cars and provide them with a viable alternative in terms of a car club with a hybrid vehicle, an electric vehicle and e-bikes with charging stations dotted around the area.

Cllr McFarlane was looking for comments in terms of whether CC members felt that this would be a good idea and also whether KCC could be used to process funds/apply for grants. Members felt that the suggestion would be good for the area, especially the use of bikes around the loch by tourists.

In terms of funding, Cllr Colliar suggested that Cllr McFarlane contact the Kinross-shire Partnership Tourism Group since they have a mechanism for accessing funding which KCC don't have.

Cllr Purves suggested that it was a worthwhile initiative and knew that Cllr M Barnacle was keen to have a meeting of the Kinross-shire Forum soon. He will speak to Cllr Barnacle about this.

Questions were raised around compliance with safety concerns and Cllr McFarlane advised that Enterprise Car Club charge £9 per car per hire and cleaning is undertaken by a locally employed person (cleaning materials are kept in the car). In respect of the ebikes, the hirer cleans the bike using the kit which is kept on the bike

Cllr Robertson advised he had written to PKC to find out whether funding would be available for this initiative but he had had no response as yet.

After discussion, it was agreed that this was a viable project and agreement was reached that the CC would initially lead on setting this up. Cllr McFarlane thanked the CC for their views and comments and agreed to provide an update to a future meeting.

The next meeting of Kinross Community Council will be held on Tuesday 24 November at 7.30pm via Zoom.

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Milnathort And Orwell Community Council News from the October Meeting and AGM

Present at the AGM and meeting held on 8 October 2020 were Community Councillors (Cllrs) C Williams (chairman); E Rougvie (secretary) and S Colebourn (treasurer); K Heneghan (associate member) and two members of the public. Cllr W Robertson joined the meeting later, along with another member of the public.

Apologies were received from Cllr M Thomson (vice chairman) and Cllr C Purves.

AGM**Chairman's Report**

Cllr Williams reported as follows:

I have pleasure in remarking on what is the 5th AGM of Milnathort and Orwell Community Council. The last year has been challenging in respect of the global pandemic of Covid-19 which has impacted on all our lives in so many ways. Andrew McCrae, Malcolm Thomson and Liz Rougvie joined the ranks of Community Councillors in the last year and we welcome their input. Derek Flory and Caroline Flory left the ranks to focus on their retirement and we wish them all the best in the future.

The Pitdownies site was probably the most talked about issue in the year. The Scottish Government Reporter has issued a note of intention to uphold the appeal by Springfield. He's due to issue his final decision at the end of October, but unless they don't comply with the conditions he's laid down, the development will go ahead. This despite more than 160 objections and an impassioned presentation by Kevin Heneghan on behalf of the Pitdownies Action Group (in conjunction with MCC) and by Callum Purves. All relevant info can be found at the DPEA website.

As always, our local elected Perth & Kinross Councillors have been working away on our behalf. I feel sure they often share our despair and frustration with the continuing housing developments within Kinross-shire.

As before, I encourage more members of the public to attend meetings (often Zoom) as the experiences of the Community Councillors can be a thankless task if no members show an interest.'

Treasurer's report: Cllr Colebourn advised that there was nothing unexpected in terms of income and expenditure. The full details will be available once the accounts have been certified by the examiner.

Election of office-bearers: The new office bearers were elected as follows:

Chairman: Malcolm Thomson, nominated by Cllr Rougvie and seconded by Cllr Colebourn.

Secretary: Andy McCrae, nominated by Cllr Colebourn and seconded by Cllr Williams.

Treasurer: Sean Colebourn, nominated by himself and seconded by Cllr Williams.

The role of vice chairman remains vacant for the time being. It was noted that both Cllr Williams and Cllr Rougvie have resigned from their positions but will stay on as CC members until December, by which time it's hoped more members will have been recruited. Two members of the public expressed an interest and it was agreed to send them nomination forms with a view to co-option.

A new data controller will also have to be appointed and this will be done in due course.

Monthly Meeting

Police matters: There was nothing of relevance to report but there followed a brief discussion about speeding motorists and the effectiveness, or otherwise, of 20mph zones.

Community Council News

Issues raised by the public:

Broken handrail: Part of the handrail at the steps leading from the track to Burleigh Sands is missing. The secretary will contact Cllr Robertson.

Planning Matters

Applications Submitted

Residential development comprising the demolition of agricultural buildings, erection of two replacement houses and five houses; alterations, extensions and reinstatement of two houses and erection of garage, installation of pumping station, alterations to access road, formation of play park, footpath link, temporary bridge and associated works at Hattonburn Farm (20/01245/FLL). Noted.

Alterations and extension to Hattonburn Lodge (20/01203/FLL). Noted.

Alterations to garage at Benygow (20/01170/FLL). Noted.

Applications Decided

Extension to house and alterations to boundary wall at 14 Burleigh Road (20/00990/FLL). Approved.

Alterations and extension to house, formation of vehicular access and hard-standing area at 14 Tillyrie Mains (20/00974/FLL). Approved.

Change of use and alterations to office/store to form dance studio at 27c Stirling Road (in retrospect; 20/00478/FLL). Approved.

Application to modify condition 6 (landscaping and access) of permission 15/01502/FLL at Mawcarse Farm (20/00893). Approved.

AOCB

Remembrance Day service: This is scheduled to take place at noon on November 8, 2020, at Milnathort War Memorial. The secretary will order a wreath on behalf of the community council, which will be laid regardless of any restrictions on outdoor events that may be in force by then.

The next meeting of Milnathort and Orwell Community Council will be held via Zoom at 7pm on Thursday, November 12, 2020. Any members of the public wishing to attend can do so by emailing communitycouncilmilnathort@gmail.com

Cleish & Blairadam Community Council

News from the October AGM and Meeting

AGM

Present at the AGM and meeting on Monday 5 October were: Cllrs F Principe-Gillespie, P Appleby, J Leishman, F Whalley, Cllrs W Robertson and C Purves and 5 members of the public.

Apologies were received from M Traylor (Treasurer) (MT) and N Robertson (Secretary) (NR).

Chairman's Report

It's been my privilege and pleasure to serve as Chair of Cleish and Blairadam Community Council for this year. I wish to thank all the community councillors for their continued diligence, support, guidance and for the time and effort they give freely to our local community. Our role as members of Cleish and Blairadam Community Council is simply to represent the views and wishes of the residents within the environs of Cleish and Blairadam. While this can lead to opposing points of view, these views are always welcomed and regardless of personal opinion it remains our role to reflect those views in a balanced manner. In what has been a challenging year for everyone it has been a time for reviewing many aspects of our lives. Our appreciation of critical services has been both sobering and humbling and our thanks go out to all who have worked continuously during our various stages of lockdown. We are all living through a global moment in history that seems marked

with as much fake as real news nevertheless I hope that this will pass swiftly but will result in lessons learned. For those in the community who have endured suffering and loss of loved ones during this period our thoughts are with you. Finally, and by no means least I have really appreciated the full and conscientious support of our local councillors especially those in the recent months where so many changes to working practices across all of the council services have had to be implemented with unprecedented rapidity. Their continued support and swift implementation of requests has always assisted our community council greatly and they have my thanks. My sincere thanks to you all.

Treasurer's Report

Current Balance in Bank: £295.07

Resignations

There has been one resignation and it is hoped we can co-opt an additional community council member and so far support has been received from MT, PA and FG to co-opt Charles McLaren seconded by FW. There is still one additional space.

Appointment of Officers

All present were content to stay in the present roles and Charles McLaren was duly co-opted onto the community council with special responsibilities for the drainage problems.

AOCB

FG wished to say thank you to Ray Cairney for his services to the community council at various stages and stated that he will be missed but he understands he has other things that he wishes to concentrate on.

FG thanked everyone for their attendance.

Meeting

Crime Prevention

There were no police officers in attendance. The Commanders bulletin suggested there was little occurring in our area except for a couple of driving issues including a male and female attempting to break into a vehicle.

Broadband Update And Proposal

For Maryburgh/Blairforge

PA reported that 17 out of the 25 houses had now signed up for the proposed broadband upgrade. He had been in touch by email with Louise Thompson (Openreach) and was now awaiting a further response.

Financial Update

MT had sent her apologies but had provided FG with a summary financial update.

The only additional expenditure was for the website costs of £49.50 and the Zoom charge of only £50.00 as it was split with the Kinross Camera Club. The current balance is £195.57 which is slightly lower than the AGM balance because the financial year finished before the latter two payments were made.

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Planning Report

FW reported that an application for two houses had been refused at Burnside House, Benarty Road. He further advised that the site had a negative planning history and so the planning decision what not entirely unexpected although he expected a request for a review of that decision.

An application for erection of a dwelling house east of the old piggery at Blairforge had been approved with conditions relating to the retention of some mature trees.

The erection of a fence at Cranstackie, Maryburgh had been approved with conditions.

There is a pending application for change of use from agricultural land to extension of garden ground at Hillview, Kinnaird. The community council would be sending a letter of objection to this application which again had some history whereby woodland had been felled without the relevant permission.

No new applications had been received.

Village Update – Blairadam

There had been a fridge reported dumped at the north end of Maryburgh. The council were complimented for their rapid response.

The Blunt Chisel brewery has been awarded a licence to distribute bottled beer from the brewery. No sales will be made to callers at the brewery and only telephone and email orders were to be accepted.

The new 20mph speed limits sign have now been erected.

The water leak adjacent to number 5 Keltbridge will be repaired on Monday 26 October as the road will be closed while the two new houses are connected to the sewerage system. This will save the local private water association in the region of £1000.

Village Update – Cleish

The usual area just west of the village was again knee deep

in water. On this occasion the flooding did not spread to the village although there was concern about the huge amount of run-offs and the potential for further flooding. FW suggested the village and Boreland situation could be put together in an effort to find a solution. FG suggested that Charles McLaren (CM) be co-opted to the community council at the AGM in an effort to solve the flooding issue. CM gave a summary of the current situation at the previous meeting and updated Committee that an introduction to Keith Colville, Corporate Emergency Planning and Business Continuity Officer at PKC had been effected, with a virtual follow up meeting proposed. CM also updated Committee on recommencement of forestry extraction immediately above Boreland, together with improvement and widening to the forestry track and increased haulage passing through Boreland.

CM suggested the timber company might be asked to help with drainage as part of their Corporate and Social Responsibility, particularly as an element of flood water in Cleish and Boreland emanates from the forestry land.

Cllr W Robertson (WR) suggested that the council would normally take out an agreement with a logging company that they would repair, or contribute to the repair, of the local roads and surrounding areas and that hopefully this would be an opportunity to get some money spent on this stretch of road. WR further stated that he would write to the council about this and indeed the flooding coming down the road into Cleish itself.

AOCB

WR reported on the issue of speeding and the police wish to tackle the problem. He advised that Sergeant Michelle Burns has asked him to forward her details to community councils so that the councils can report problems direct to her which can then be dealt with and a feedback report sent to community councils.

The next meeting of Cleish and Blairadam Community Council will be held on Monday 7 December via Zoom

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Fossoway and District CC News from the October Meeting

As it is still not possible to hold physical meetings of the CC we are continuing to publish this description of what was discussed in our virtual meeting, including any updates that we are aware of. Members of the Public are encouraged to comment on and question the items below, by email to fossoway.cc@gmail.com or via the CC's Facebook page, which we will answer in our next meeting, be it virtual or physical, on Tuesday 3 November.

Present at the meeting were: Community Councillors (Cllrs) A Cheape, T Duffy, C Farquhar, C Haigh, M Haigh, N Marchant (Associate), G Pye and R Young; P&K Councillor (Cllr) C Purves and Ms Bryony Malvenan (representing Tennis Club)

Apologies were received from Cllr S Bruce-Jones, Cllrs R Watters, Cllr M Barnacle, Cllr W Robertson

Police Report

There were two incidents to note in our area since the last CC Meeting from the Commander's Reports received via Perth and Kinross Community Watch. Between 3.15am and 4am on Saturday 12 September a stone was thrown at a moving vehicle near the A977 at Crook of Devon. On Friday 25 September a speed check was carried out on the A977 and in excess of 100 drivers were stopped for speeding. One person was reported for dangerous driving. Fourteen were reported for speeding and 95 were given a warning.

Cllr Cheape reported that there had also been vandalism and an attempted break-in at Fossoway Garage.

Matters Arising

Bank of Scotland Kinross Branch Closure: Cllr Marchant, Liz Smith MSP and Cllr Purves had a virtual meeting with Patrick Leavey from the Bank of Scotland on 28 September. The bank is working towards a possible 22 February 2021 closure of the Kinross branch. This is a deferral from the original planned closure date as a consequence of the Covid-19 pandemic. Mr Leavey stated that their mobile banks had only been re-introduced in the last two weeks and currently there was one member of staff inside meeting with customers and one outside talking to those in the queue. Cllr Marchant had asked for a full list of services which the mobile bank could offer and literature which could be shared with the community. The situation would be reviewed in December.

Cllr Marchant had drawn attention to the possible difficulties involved in operating a Post Office service in the Kinross Co-op, especially during the Covid pandemic, an aspect which Mr Leavey said he would be exploring with the Co-op and the Post Office. Cllr Marchant had also enquired about the possibility of banking digital support being provided at the Loch Leven Campus, and perhaps the availability of a financial advisor. Subsequently Cllr Marchant had written to Liz Smith emphasising our concerns and asking whether the issue of banks in rural communities could be raised with any of the Scottish Parliamentary Committees.

Crook & Drum Growing Together: Ms Malvenan said that tennis club members were concerned about large trucks reversing over the corner at the junction of Waulkmill and Church Road and damaging the ground; also that members of the club had put down boulders to stop cars parking on the grass. The work of tidying up the area around the palm trees would be taken under the wing of Crook and Drum Growing Together. The court was to be re-surfaced in two colours in March 2021 and the possibility of re-furbishing or replacing the clubhouse was being considered. In this connection Cllr Duffy mentioned that funding might be available from the *Grants for Good Causes* scheme advertised in the *Kinross Newsletter*.

Community Development Trust: Cllr Barnacle was understood to be pursuing this matter.

Crook Moss Travellers Site: Cllr Young noted that there had been roadworks for a week adjacent to the site, which might suggest that pipes were being laid.

Covid-19: Information And Links:

https://public.tableau.com/profile/phs.covid.19#!/vizhome/COVID-19DailyDashboard_15960160643010/Overview

Fossoway Area Transport/DRT: First Bus X53 service is now operational and seven buses a day are running in each direction through Crook of Devon Monday to Saturday. Cllr Purves said he was in touch with an officer in the Public Transport Department regarding the situation in general as it affected Fossoway. DRT is to resume on 12 October.

Old Railway Track Path Below Waulkmill Park: The horse-riders had been identified and it was understood that appropriate action would be taken.

Rumbling Bridge, Gorge Bridge: Cllr Duffy said the project was moving slowly to the pre-planning stage. Surveys on flooding, trees and otters were prerequisites and tenders were being sought for these, after which funding would be sought. She had identified the two landowners having an interest in the replacement of the bridge and their written consent was anticipated.

A977 Mitigation: Cllr Purves said that a traffic consultant was to advise on the question of traffic lights and upgrade at the School Road junction. There was no further news of the realignment of the turn-off from the A977 to the B9097, nor of the proposed school exclusion zone.

Cllr Marchant said that Powmill residents were increasingly concerned about speeding on the eastern approach to the village, and a discussion followed on the possibility of changing 30mph limits to 20mph. It was noted that a roll-out of 20mph limits across more than 90 towns and villages in the Scottish Borders had begun, whilst progress in the Perth & Kinross district was slow. In response to a query from Cllr Marchant, Cllr Purves said he would check whether the submission of a petition would expedite progress. Cllr Duffy said that the absence of reflective paint on two speed control boxes in shared paths between Powmill and Rumbling Bridge and between Balado and Turfhill.

Powmill in Bloom: Cllr Farquhar said that general tidying-up was in progress, whilst Cllr Marchant commented that nothing had yet been done about the encroaching vegetation on the Aldie Road.

Hydro Scheme Fund: Cllr Duffy said the fund would welcome applications from groups, constituted or not, with a strong community interest.

New Business

SSEN 275kV Reinforcement: Cllr Marchant had received a letter from SSEN describing works to the power line that passes near Powmill. It appeared that this was the same update to which this CC commented recently, but was not due to take place until 2023. Cllr Pye raised this issue with SSEN, however it emerged that there are two stages of the upgrade, and this is the first, preliminary phase where preparatory work is being done.

Powmill Pavement: Cllr Farquhar advised about the difficulties experienced by the shop. It was suggested that a proper layby needed to be created outside the shop.

Scottish Government Planning Consultation: Cllr Marchant had responded to two papers outlining proposed changes to pre-application consultation requirements in planning and Scottish Planning Policy. She had indicated that in principle the CC supports all changes but would like more consideration on planning proposals in rural communities to ensure a balance between housing provision and safeguarding the rural

environment. It is hoped that this will ensure that the CC is consulted on further developments.

Community Council Business

Cllr Marchant did not receive an invitation to the Stronger Communities Group meeting, but in agreement with Cllr Barnacle she had responded to the leader of the STAR training, proposing that the representatives from the CDT be considered for the Spring 2021 course.

Cllr Duffy attended the Ward Meeting on 9 September and two Gigabit meetings. As regards the latter Cllr Purves said that the attempt was being made to get communities up to speed so as to make the most of available funding. It was envisaged that a website would soon be set up to enable the registration of interests and to find community champions.

If the next meeting of this CC is virtual, as currently expected, we will be offering online attendance by members of the public. Anyone interested in "attending" should email the CC at fossoway.cc@gmail.com for details.

Planning

New Applications

20/01166/FLL Extension to dwelling house and formation of decking at Craighead Cottage, Drum. No CC comment.

20/01205/FLL Change of use from agricultural land to form extension to dwelling house, erection of garage/store, greenhouse and chicken coop, formation of hardstanding and associated works (in part retrospect) at Dunmore, Solsgirth. No CC comment.

20/01268/FLL Extension to dwelling house at Machrie Cottage, Carnbo. No CC comment.

20/01319/FLL Erection of a dwelling house at land 150m south-west of Powmill Cottage, Rumbling Bridge. This was found to be the same plot as involved in 07/00084/FUL. The original requirements had not been met and work had already started onsite without permission. Agreed to lodge an objection on these grounds.

Decided Applications

20/00574/FLL Installation of a ground-mounted solar PV array and associated works at Solsgirth House, Solsgirth, Dollar. The application was approved, the CC had not commented.

20/00809/FLL Erection of 2 dwelling houses and garages with office use (class 4) (allocated site E23) Land At Powmill Cottage, Rumbling Bridge. The application was approved, the CC had not commented.

20/01205/FLL Erection of a storage building (in part retrospect) at Easter Muirhead, Blairingone. The application was approved, the CC had not commented.

20/00929/FLL Change of use, alterations, extension to stable building to form dwelling house, Tullibole Castle, Drum. Application approved.

20/01003/FLL Alterations and extension to dwelling house at Ferguslea, Church Road, Crook of Devon. This application was approved, the CC had not commented.

Appeals

19/01881/IPL Residential development (in principle), land 80 metres north east of Powmill Milk Bar, Powmill.

The applicant's appeal was heard at the LRB on 15 September and rejected unanimously – the proposed site was rejected by Scottish Ministers from being included in LDP2 less than 12 months ago.

19/01673/AML Erection of 10 dwelling houses with associated infrastructure and landscaping (approval of matters specified in conditions of 18/01855/IPL) at Land 100 metres northwest of Schiehallion, Crook of Devon. The applicant registered an appeal with the Scottish Ministers on 8 September. The CC's previous objection will be considered as part of the appeal process.

Pending Applications

19/01539/FLL Erection of four dwelling houses at Land 30 metres south of Easter Muirhead Bothy, Blairingone. No decision had been made as of 23rd September and the agenda for the Virtual Planning Meeting in October is not yet available.

The next meeting of Fossoway and District Community Council will be held on Tuesday 3 November 2020 in Carnbo Village Hall if Government guidelines allow, otherwise virtual. Members of public wishing to join please email the CC at fossoway.cc@gmail.com

Portmoak Community Council News from the October meeting

Present at the meeting held on 13 October were: Cllrs: G Cox (Chair), S Davidson (Treasurer), S McGregor (Secretary), S Forde, A Cragoe, G Smith, D Morris; and Cllr W Robertson; and 2 members of the public.

Matters Arising

Community Resilience Planning: Storm Damage and impact from recent flooding

No further reports of flooding damage to property. Cllr D Morris had identified 8 different sites where there have been landslips on the Portmoak side of Bishop Hill. There should be concern about the stability of the hill and the possibility of water undermining the stability of soils and vegetation where the underlying rock strata are sloping downwards. It was agreed there may be a case for tree planting on the unstable areas perhaps with other remedial and preventative actions.

Portmoak Cemetery

Cllr A Cragoe reported that, following the meeting on 29 Sep, she had received no update or report. Willie Greg is now on holiday. Cllr Cragoe had received no confirmation that letter has been sent to Mr Thompson.

Cllr W Robertson noted that PKC is back to its committee structure and many officers have been transferred to other duties. He commended Cllr Cragoe for the work she has

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done so far and suggested she should continue to liaise with Willie Greg.

Road Safety Action in Kinnesswood and Scotlandwell

A date for the CC to meet with PKC for an onsite meeting was being arranged. A resident of Easter Balgedie was present and spoke strongly about the issue of poor road safety due to traffic travelling at excessive speed through Easter Balgedie. The issue had been reported to the police who attended one afternoon, though the real issues are felt to occur during the morning and evening commute times. Cllr W Robertson has asked the police to attend on site. Michelle Burns (Sergeant) has agreed to target areas that the CC report to the police. Cllr Robertson said he believed we need to raise the profile of speeding and the CC were unanimously in agreement with this. PKC had previously done analysis on the A911, showed the majority of people going through Portmoak are going between Glenrothes and Perth. Westfield developments may change the dynamic of the traffic along the A911 in the future. The 20mph speed limit was being implemented in Scotlandwell, though the VAS signs had not yet been adjusted to the new lower speed. The Chair proposed a 2-phase approach to focus on the widening of pavements at narrow points, and secondly the speed issues.

Glenlomond sewage:

migration of responsibility to Scottish Water

Cllr A Davidson outlined the issues: following the 7th Aug storm and subsequent floods, Glenlomond sewage system was overwhelmed by floodwater and hit a critical condition requiring the Fire Service to attend. The sewage works is approximately 70 years old and financed by the residents and now supports more sewage than it was ever intended to, with overflow a regular occurrence during periods of heavy rain. Scottish Water have refused to adopt the system unless it meets their current standards. Cost to upgrade will be prohibitive for the residents. Glenlomond need support from CC and Scottish Government to try to get Scottish Water to agree to adopt the system and maintain and upgrade it. There was discussion about whether a direct approach to Scottish Water, or PKC, or a political appeal via the area MSP would be the best route. The houses that have been built were given consent based on Scottish Water being in agreement with the suitability of the sewage system to support the builds. Scottish Water cannot expect the residents to pay to bring the plant up current specification. The CC confirmed its support for the use of public funds to resolve these sewage and public health problems in Glenlomond and recommended that residents should raise the matter with local MSP Roseanna Cunningham.

Friar Place hedges blocking sight lines and requiring maintenance

Hedges have still not been cut back.

Potential co-option of member of farming community to the CC

The CC will look for ways to engage with the farming community and encourage farmers to play a more active part in the CC business, attending meetings if possible.

New Matters Arising

CC website and server-hosting changes and costs

The CC Website and server-hosting had been maintained on a voluntary basis by a generous local resident and with no charge to the CC for many years, but due to changes in circumstance the CC will need to pay for the hosting costs going forward. The CC was in agreement with this.

Police Reports

The Local Police Report: no police in attendance. The CC were in agreement that they would like to see their local police liaison officer at an occasional meeting, as it had been well over 18 months since this had last happened. Cllr Robertson highlighted the pressure under which the police currently were having to function.

Planning

New Applications

20/01342/FLL Alterations and extension to visitor centre, installation of solar arrays, erection of a workshop, alterations and extension to car park and installation of six vehicle charging points, Vane Farm, Kinross.

The CC were in agreement that the developments appeared to be a laudable enterprise: ethical, and encouraging to see the right thing being done. The CC agreed no comment.

Progress with Developments: Westfield Community Liaison Committee:

Westfield path network project is underway, and details will be reported in the *Kinross Newsletter* in due course.

Update on *20/01039/FLL*. Alterations to garage at Shanthi, Wester Balgedie.

The Secretary had followed up on the query from the September minutes as requested, and had received acknowledgment from PKC stating the owner of the property had advised he had carried out some works to the building that were urgently required, but he would not complete the reroofing of the building in the absence of planning permission. The urgent works had been completed prior to planning application and, as such, the Council as Planning Authority did not give any permission or consent for the works to be undertaken prior to the determination of the application. Upon the determination of the application, PKC will assess whether any further enforcement action is required.

Paths Group: to note progress.

Cllr Morris reported that there was now no difficulty in accessing the Michael Bruce Way despite the recent storm damage. PKC rangers are going to bring the flail back to cut the vegetation along the Peat Loan and Dryside Road. The Secretary reported that a planning permission application had been made for the new Paths Group noticeboard in the Buchan Avenue carpark in Kinnesswood.

Treasurer CC Accounts: The Treasurer reported that these had been audited with support from Roy Walker, Auditor. The previous Treasurer, Bruce Calderwood, had assisted with the auditing for 2019/20. Therefore, at the year-end 31 August 2020 there was: £662.80 in the General Account; and £1427.95 in the Michael Bruce Way Account giving a total of £2090.75. In the No3 Holding account there was £0. The accounts for the year to 31 August 2020 had been subject to independent examination and as such submitted for approval by the Community Council prior to their submission to Perth & Kinross Council. The accounts were duly approved by the CC and the Treasurer instructed to submit them to Perth and Kinross Council and to obtain the funding grant for the forthcoming financial year.

Councillors' Reports

Cllr Robertson indicated that the meeting had already covered the issues that he had on his list. The Chair thanked Cllr Robertson and the other P&K Councillors for their hard work and input. Cllr Robertson responded that he appreciated the input of the CC in representing the Community, with the CC meetings providing a very good forum for Cllrs to hear the local community views on a wide range of issues.

The next meeting of Portmoak Community Council will take place at 7.30pm on Tuesday 10 November 2020, via Zoom (please contact Secretary@Portmoak.org for Zoom access details)

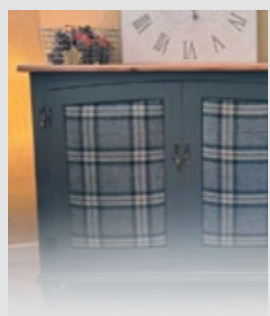
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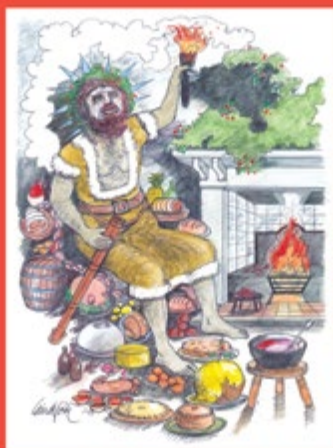
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Rotary meetings and discussions continue to take place regularly on Zoom. It is strange how accustomed we have become to this although we look forward to meeting face-to-face again when it is safe to do so.

Fife Pilgrim's Way

On 28 September James Dawson, Head of Communities and Engagement at Fife Coast and Countryside Trust, inspired members to get out and enjoy our local environment. The trust works with volunteers and partner organisations to conserve Fife's natural environment and heritage sites. It also aims to educate and increase community participation in looking after Fife's natural environment and to promote responsible access.

James told us in detail about the Fife Pilgrim Way. This is a long-distance (64 mile/104 km) footpath that runs inland through Fife from North Queensferry (or an alternative route from Culross) to St. Andrews, launched in July 2019. It reflects on the days when Fife was one of many religious destinations for pilgrims between the eleventh and sixteenth centuries. The route provides walkers with the opportunity to explore medieval landmarks and structures, also Fife's modern-day heritage.

With travel presently discouraged, the Pilgrim's Way provides us with relatively local walking and interest. Have a look at their website at <https://fifecoastandcountrysidetrust.co.uk/walks/fife-pilgrim-way/> for useful details.

Memorable Sporting Moments

On 5 October members exchanged sporting memories as diverse and interesting as our members are themselves! Malcolm Mapp took us right back to the 1948 Olympics in London and the first ever photo finish win in the 100m sprint by Harrison Dillard, USA, while Mike Thomson spoke of the electric atmosphere at the ice hockey final between Canada and the USA at the 2010 Winter Olympics in Vancouver. We also heard of rugby, cricket and football events, and a near-death experience dinghy sailing!

It was great opportunity to share some valued experiences, particularly at this time when sporting events are unfortunately compromised. As Eddie Vedder of Pearl Jam said, 'It's a crazy world so sports and athletics and music can be a form of escapism.' Thanks to all the contributors who provided escapism with such enthusiasm and colourful detail.

Lockdown 1200: The Results Are In

Our Rotary team who walked and cycled during August raised £2,360 through our generous sponsors. The proceeds have been split between Broke Not Broken, foodbank for Kinross-shire, and the Kinross Centre. President Brian Timms presented cheques to these organisations on 15 October.

Annie McCormack of Broke Not Broken tells us that, over the last six months, they have distributed 1451 parcels supporting 4466 individuals, 2145 of whom were children.

Annie said, 'It has been an intense and trying time for our clients and for our volunteers who have worked tirelessly providing this support. We really could not do what we do without the support from our community. Knowing that we



President Brian Timms presents Kinross Centre Manager Nan Cook with 'Lockdown 1200' donation

are such an integral part of the consciousness of local groups, trusts and individuals is very humbling and this particular support from Kinross Rotary goes to the heart of that.'

They are working on Christmas Hampers this year and intend to use this money towards vouchers. Annie points out that, 'Providing families with vouchers for shops enables them to regain some control and choose items for themselves. This small act of empowerment is often a good first step to improving mental health and establishing more dignity and less stigma to using a food bank.

Nan Cook at Kinross Centre also expressed her thanks; 'Kinross Rotary have been wonderful in the way they have supported the centre throughout the years, they have always been there for us. They are not just Kinross Rotary to us, they are good friends.'

The plan at the Centre is to use the money raised to purchase a laptop, individual art boxes and new curling sticks, which will be a great advantage when service users can access the building again. The laptop will enable use of the projector and big screen for display of quizzes, pictures, bingo numbers and much more, for everyone to see easily while socially distancing. The art boxes will provide individual paints, brushes etc to replace the previously shared resources which were used pre-Covid. Likewise, more curling sticks will be purchased to avoid passing sticks around and allow Centre users to play the ever-popular indoor curling. Nan added, 'We all can't thank Rotary enough for their kindness, support and generosity.'

We are absolutely delighted to have been able to help both these fabulous local causes and to see the immediate, practical help our donations provide. We also congratulate Nan on the recent award of the British Empire Medal for her services to Kinross-shire during the pandemic. It is very well-deserved!

Santa is coming to Kinross-shire!

Santa loves visiting us in Kinross-shire every year and, despite the new challenges presented in 2020, he will be out on his sleigh around the town and surrounding villages soon! His

people have spoken to our people and the agreed itinerary is as follows:

Saturday 28 November: Kinross South and Clashlochie starting at Clashlochie at 4.30pm and finishing at Sandport at 6.15pm; Kinross Central 1: starting at Park and Ride at 6.30pm and finishing at Kinross Primary School at 8.30pm.

Sunday 29 November: Mawcarse Mains and crossroads, Cuthill Towers, Druznie, Duncrevie and Glenfarg starting at Mawcarse Mains at 5.30pm and finishing at Glenfarg Garage at 8.30pm.

Saturday 5 December: Kinross Central 2 starting at Davis Park at 4.30pm and finishing at Whinfield Drive at 6.15pm; Kinross North starting at Kinross Campus at 6.30pm and finishing at Kinross Swimming Pool at 8.30pm.

Sunday 6 December: Milnathort starting at Auld Mart car park at 5.30pm and finishing at The Fairways at 8.30pm.

Saturday 12 December: Glenlmond, Wester Balgedie, Kinnesswood and Scotlandwell starting at Glenlmond at 5.30pm and finishing at Wellside Park, Scotlandwell at 8.30pm.

Sunday 13 December: Middle Balado, Cleish, Drum and Crook of Devon starting at Middle Balado at 5.30pm and finishing at Crook of Devon Village Hall at 8.30pm.

All details of Santa's routes will be posted on our Facebook page a few days before the day. You can also follow us on the Sleigh on the night by using our tracker app. You can download the app nearer the time by visiting www.SleighTracker.co.uk.

We will not be knocking at doors this year as we need to protect your safety and ours. However, this is a major source of fundraising for Rotary and the article above indicates how effectively we use funds raised in the community. This year, there will be a JustGiving page set up for donations. Again, full details will be posted on our Facebook page. We are looking forward to working with Santa again and bringing some Christmas cheer to your neighbourhood!



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but no child is safe anywhere until every child has been fully vaccinated.

Funds are still needed to reach this final, awesome humanitarian goal. The Rotary Club of Kinross and District are raising awareness and (hopefully!) funds at the Festive Market at the Market Park on 28 November. Come along and support our Tombola where safety will be carefully observed and every £1 raised will be matched by a further £2 from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Please support this important cause. The polio virus is one we are on the verge of eradicating – and YOU can make a difference!

For more information on the campaign, see www.endpolio.org. Or join our club to be part of this world wide partnership!

Get Involved!

We enjoy a range of interesting and entertaining speakers at our meetings and we are always looking for ways to serve the local and international community. The fellowship will continue using Zoom in the near future and we are exploring ways of continuing our charitable work. You are very welcome to join us.

Please contact George Riddell, club secretary, by email at secretary.krdc@gmail.com or check our Facebook page to see what we're up to!

Kinross Centre

We hope that you are coping well and continue to keep safe. Things are changing daily and it's hard to keep up.

We really hoped to be open by now (or at least have a date) but, as things are changing at the moment, it's safer for everyone to continue as we are for a little longer.

Our weekly quiz has become very popular with around 30 entries per week. The questions are varied and include general knowledge, music, question about Scotland, riddles and catchphrases. If you would like to take part please just pop in on Mondays or phone and we will pop the quiz through your door; then bring it back on or before Friday. Prizes to be won.

We are still playing bingo daily and keeping everyone busy with a suggested daily timetable. We have also introduced some limited morning or afternoon trips. We can pick up two people, socially distancing on the minibus, and go for a wee trip to the seaside for example. Strict hygiene measures are in place.

We are continuing with our meals, shopping and medication deliveries and will continue with this for as long as needed.

Nan would also like to say a great big thank you to everyone for all the congratulations cards, flowers and chocolates which she and the staff received after the announcement of the Queen's Birthday Honours on 10 October. Nan is so overwhelmed about receiving a B.E.M. Award. This is a fantastic accolade for everyone involved in Kinross Centre; the wonderful staff, volunteers, committee and service users, who all play a part in making it such a valued part of the community.

A massive thanks goes to all the hard-working staff, volunteers and committee at Kinross Centre and all other organisations in this area. We couldn't get through difficult time without you!

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 on 01577 863869.

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Kinross-shire Historical Society



The committee regret that the winter programme of talks cannot proceed under the current Covid restrictions. All members should by now have received a letter explaining the situation to them. In view of the maximum number now allowed to attend events, our membership numbers are too high. We hope that by next winter, life will have returned to some semblance of normality. The secretary is currently trying to rebook this year's speakers for next season [2021-2022].

The committee wishes good health to our members and the whole community.

Kinross and District Art Club

www.kadac.co.uk



Autumn is so beautiful! It is such a dream of a season for artists with the warm colours of the autumnal foliage and the stunning early evening sunsets inspiring members to create even more delightful artworks.

This month, our profile artist is Elma Milne, one of the four



Painted Scarf, by Elma Milne

nonagenarian members. Elma reflects here over the 33 years that she has been a member of the club:-

'I have been a member of Kinross and District Art Club since I retired in 1987 but, even when I was young, I enjoyed art, which was last period on a Friday afternoon at Primary School. At Central Senior Secondary in Aberdeen we got art for the first two years. However, when we had to choose our subjects, we were told that art was a waste of time as 'we would never make a living at it!' There was a war on in those days so maybe that had something to do with it! Later, as a mum, I always encouraged my own family to draw and paint and it has been my interest for a lifetime.

I couldn't wait to join the club when I retired and I soon saw how unskilled I was in comparison with some other members. I knew I would need to work hard to improve! I would have loved to paint in oils, but in those days the club tutor didn't like the smell, so I was encouraged to use watercolour, before changing to gouache, which I much preferred. More recently, I have enjoyed using acrylics...and still do! I paint

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mostly landscapes and, over the years, I've have painted places which I have visited as well as local scenes. I also enjoy painting on silk. My silk scarves have proved a popular item at our annual exhibitions.'

At present the club is not meeting. However, we are putting together a photobook entitled 'The Art of KADAC 2020'. This is a selection of members' paintings created during lockdown or in the times of restrictions this year. This will be available to view online very soon; information about this will be available in next month's report.

If you are interested in joining the club and developing your own creativity, you will find more information and contact details on our website.

In normal times, the club meets on Tuesdays and Fridays (2-4pm) in Millbridge Hall.

Broke Not Broken

Your Community Charity



Covid-19 and lockdown have uncovered a different kind of poverty where so many people are living right on the edge. Not being able to shop around for the best value means a lot of families can't cover the cost of the weekly shop. Rural poverty and isolation becomes more and more obvious as the weeks go by and we would like to take this opportunity to praise Kinross Day Centre for their fantastic work in supporting over 50 local people with daily hot meals and games. We were not at all surprised, but very pleased, for Nan Cook when she was awarded her B.E.M. in the honours list. Her acceptance on behalf of her whole team was true to form. Well done, Nan!

We wanted to take the opportunity to look at what we have achieved and what our plans are for the next few months. Over the last 6 months we have delivered food parcels to 1451 households, providing food to 4466 individuals; 2145 of these were children.

We have been working hard to secure funding for various projects. Details of confirmed sources of money are detailed here.

Funding secured to buy food specifically: SCVO Wellbeing Fund £2000 (depleted); Hayfield Trust £3250 (depleted); Scottish Government Community Wellbeing Fund £4000 (depleted), £8500 (to be spent on fresh fruit, vegetables, dairy and baked goods by end of October); Margaret Thompson Trust £5000.

Funding for children's activities: Community Innovation Fund £2500.

Funding for counselling for 1 year: National Lottery £3000.

Funding towards supporting local families through various projects: Henry Duncan Grant £2900 every year for 5 years; Kinross Newsletter £2000; Response Recovery Resilience Fund £5000. This will go towards running costs, winter warmer project, winter coat project, foodbank and advice.

We have also received an unprecedented amount of financial donations from local groups and individuals including Alexander/McLauren Trust, Kinross Rotary Club, Loch Leven Church, Kinross Parish Church, Kinross Road Runners, Kinross Cycling, Local Action Partnership, Tesco Bags, Bayne's Bakers and the Northwood Trust as well as a Justgiving collection from the local community totalling £4730.87. Ongoing food donations came in from St James Church, Morrisons, Poundland Perth and Dunfermline. Thank you to everyone who contributed to these.

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We have distributed over £3000 in supermarket vouchers for local shops to households who had used our services during lockdown. We have recently distributed £2250 worth of Primark vouchers to families referred to us, to support 90 children. Each child received a £25 voucher to spend in Primark on winter clothing. Enabling families to buy their own items, giving them the choice and control back again, is increasingly important. This is something we will continue to do going forward.

Alongside produce purchased from local farms, fruit and vegetable merchants and dairies we are also distributing food grown in our own garden by resident gardener and trustee, Susan Mitchell.

So what is next for us? We are compiling a list of individuals and families from referral agencies and will give these people a slow cooker, fresh veg, butcher's vouchers and other items in November. We call this the 'Winter Warmer'.

In December we will start preparing for our Christmas hampers. This will be a very different event this year as we will not be able to have the usual community event. However, this does not mean that people cannot contribute as we are planning a two-fold event. This first half is distributing Argos vouchers to families at the start of December, enabling them to order their own items online and have them delivered or collect from Sainsburys. The second part will be compiling a list from referral agents and putting together voucher hampers. Each hamper (along with treats and goodies) will also include vouchers to local shops and businesses. Please think about how you might like to contribute to this; perhaps a voucher for a coffee at Unorthodox Roasters? A lunch at the Courthouse? Ironing? A pizza? A toy at Baillies? Sausages from the butchers? This way we can encourage people to support their local businesses and give something a little special to someone in need of a lift. Alternatively, if you wish to donate money, please get in touch with us directly and we can give you our bank details. We are also still gratefully accepting food donations at Sainsburys and Co-op.

The longer we work at the food bank the more we realise that food is such a tiny part of what is needed. Community spirit, getting out of the house and improving your mental health are all vital. What makes you feel better when you are feeling low? A hair cut? A catch up with friends over coffee? For others it could be a massage, a long walk, or some chocolate. It is these little things that turns surviving into living and onto thriving. Feel free to contact us by email at admin@brokennotbroken.org with any queries.

Common Grounds

www.spanglefish.com/commongroundscharitycafe

It has been another quick month. We have seen many of our loyal customers and a few new faces continuing to appreciate what's on offer at Common Grounds; a little haven of hospitality and a safe escape from the depressing news.

We give our thanks to all visitors but we must not forget those who, for various reasons, don't feel able to come into the cafe but continue to support us with generous donations. Thank you to everyone.

Looking ahead, with fingers crossed, our crafters are working on supplying a range of super, individual items that could



Water pump bought with our donation to Together in Sport Rwanda

well help with the Christmas shopping! Hopefully we will be manning a stall at the proposed festive market, but certainly these special gifts will be on sale in Common Grounds at the end of the month. Well worth a look!

Lastly, we received an update on how our chosen project, Together in Sport Rwanda, spent its donation. A large water tank, attached to the Girls Space Vocational Hub, will collect all rainwater from the rainy season. The result is that girls from the surrounding communities will have a supply for cooking, washing and cleaning without a tedious, long journey to the nearest water pump. Smiles all round!

More information is available on our website. Our opening hours are still 10am-12.30pm on Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday at the Guide and Scout Hall, Church Street, Milnathort.

Contacts outside of opening hours are Elspeth Caldwell (Convener) on 01577 863350 and Linda Freeman (Secretary) on 01577 865045.

Kinross and District Town Twinning Association



Plans are slowly taking shape for our official twinning visit to Gacé in the summer of 2021.

Providing Covid-19 and Brexit regulations permit, our group hope to travel by coach, leaving Kinross on Thursday 29 July at 9am. We will then drive to Portsmouth for the 10.45pm Brittany Ferries overnight crossing to Caen, arriving in Gacé around mid-morning on Friday 30 July.

Accompanying the group will be a youth camp of Boys Brigade and Scouts who have planned their annual summer camp to coincide with this official twinning visit.

The group will have a free day on the Saturday to settle in to their new surroundings before a week of planned visits and activities, which, hopefully will include a day trip to Paris. The group will leave Gacé late in the afternoon on Friday 6 August for the 11pm overnight sailing from Caen to Portsmouth. We will then have the long drive north, arriving back in Kinross in the early evening on Saturday 7 August.

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Anyone considering joining us next summer should please contact the secretary David Munro on **01577 862126** for further details.

Kinross-shire Local Events Organisation

www.kleo.org.uk



Kinross-shire Winter Festival - Cycle or walk with Christopher Brookmyre and Jackie Kay

As a result of the restrictions imposed due to Covid-19, this year's winter festival is severely reduced in size. Nevertheless, we are delighted to announce that some events are still going ahead. This year we are introducing three special routes that you can walk or cycle at your own leisure. There is a poetry route with poems from writer Jackie Kay and other local poets around Loch Leven, a story route around Kinross with Christopher Brookmyre, and a children's activity trail through Kirkgate Park organised by local author Esther Kent. Enjoy the great outdoors on your doorstep!

More information about events can be found on pp12-13 of this Newsletter. Over the next few weeks KLEO members and volunteers will be distributing this year's Winter Festival brochure door-to-door in Kinross-shire. You can also find a link to the brochure on our website.

Festive Market

Due to the ongoing pandemic we are unable to organise the usual Festive Street Market/Light Up Kinross event on the High Street of Kinross. However, we hope to organise a Festive Market at the Market Park on 28 November from 11am-3pm. If you are a local trader, crafts person or community group you might consider a stall. For a booking form for this event, please e-mail bouwienb@gmail.com



Please note that this event may be subject to change due to change in government guidelines nearer the time.

Kinross Fifty Plus Club

As you may be aware, the future of the club appears to have reached an impasse. The number of committee members wishing to relinquish their positions now numbers 7 out of a total of 11.

In the current Covid-19 pandemic we have been unable to find a venue for committee meetings, far less for an Extraordinary General Meeting of club members.



It is increasingly difficult for the club to continue unless we have members coming forward to take over the running of the club.

In any event, I wish to advise members that the present suspension of club activities will continue until further notice. Any members who may wish to come forward to assist in running the club in future should contact me.

W. Fubister Law, Chairman

Kinross Garden Group

Our winter talks will continue to be online using zoom until conditions allow us to meet in person at the Kinross Parish Church. The speaker for November will be Stan de Prato. Stan has come to speak to us before and is very well known in Scottish Gardening circles. He will talk on 12 November at 2pm and his topic will be 'Exploration in Ecuador'.

Membership this year is £15 and includes the winter talks and access to the summer garden visits. For the zoom talks all instructions will be given to those who wish to join us. Contact Caroline Anderson on 01577 864589 or by email at acaroline1000@gmail.com.



Kinross Camera Club

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



We start November's meetings with *Adventures Of A Wildlife Photographer* by Simon Roy on 5 November, followed by the first round of our League competition on 12 November which will be judged by Stewart Dodd.

The second half of the month is covered by a selection of talks & demos by club members. On the 19th we have Bill Paton's talk *Stopover – Hong Kong & Malaysia*, plus Gerry Leeper and Duncan Robertson with their tutorial *Slides To Digital*. We finish the month on 26 October with a triple-header of Ian Jones' guide to *Focus Stacking*, Anne Thomson speaking on *A Rare Her'* and finally a *2 points of view* debate led by John St Clair and Richard Dibley.

Our Digital Group meets on the last Tuesday of every month (again via Zoom at 7.30pm) so in October it's on the 24th. The Group is a forum to learn photo editing software skills and to exchange hints and tips.

You can find more information on our website or find us on Facebook.

If you would like to know more about KCC or would like to join our online meetings, please contact secretary@kinrosscameraclub.org.uk

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The Library is also operating 'click and collect' on Friday from 5.30pm-7.30pm. Click and collect offers a safe and simple way to resume your library borrowing and can be done online at www.culturepk.org.uk or by phoning 01738 444949 (Monday to Friday, 9am-5pm). You can also email clickandcollect@culturepk.org.uk.

Maker_Spaces

The Maker_Space at Loch Leven is now open again by appointment. They have an extensive range of creative technology available which is free for everyone to use. This includes community groups, creatives, businesses and individuals. More information is available online.

Bookbug

For those of you who have missed Bookbug, we're delighted to announce that we will be adding sessions to our YouTube channel. Just search for Culture Perth and Kinross on www.youtube.com.

Library Survey

We are also looking for your feedback on our library services. If you've visited one of the open libraries, used the click and collect or book delivery services, then we'd love to hear from you. Visit www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/cpklibrariesautumn



Boys Brigade and Girls Association



We have amended the timings of our 3 sections to enable cleansing, sanitisation and track and trace and our new sessions have begun. Our volunteer officer staff and the boys and girls are glad to be back in uniform and active again.

Our Anchor section (for boys and girls in P1-3) now runs from 6-7pm. The children will be following the new varied badge programme introduced recently by BB headquarters. We are particularly looking for new recruits at P1 level but there are also a few vacancies at P2 and P3.

Our Junior section (for boys and girls in P4-6) now runs from 7.30-9pm and they are also following a new varied badge work programme. There are still a few vacancies at each of the stages.



One group of our Company Section, in blue shirts, in action.

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Our Company and Senior sections (for boys and girls from P7 to age 18) now operates from 8-9.30pm. They are following an adapted badge work programme and must wear face masks at all times. All volunteer staff members must also wear face masks at all times in each section.

Senior members are working towards their Presidents and Queens badges. Two seniors have completed the requirements for gaining this prestigious award and are waiting for a final assessment of their volunteering work of over 90 hours in total.

Kinross Beavers

Although recent Covid-19 restrictions have tightened youth work services such as scouting (which operate under the exemptions for education and training) we are still permitted to meet at the time of writing. So please don't be confused if you see groups of young people with our amazing leaders out in the community having a great time, working together and supporting each other.

During September we continued with our return to outdoor face-to-face meetings. Although this is allowed, it is done in limited group numbers. This means that the colony is split with two lodges attending an outdoor meeting and the other two having an online session. The lodges then swap over the following week so that all beavers get to experience both activities.

In mid-September the yellow and white lodges had their first face-to-face meeting since March and they enjoyed a games and fitness evening in the Kirkgate Park. They were also surprised



to be presented with badges that they had achieved over the summer. Some beavers were presented with special awards.

Congratulations to Finn who was appointed assistant lodge leader for the white lodge. Congratulations also go to Alfie who has been appointed lodge leader and Finlay who was appointed assistant lodge leader for the yellow lodge.

Well done to Finlay, Douglas and Atholl who were presented with certificates for having 100% attendance at Beavers last term. In addition, Douglas and Finn were each presented with a special recognition award for working hard and helping other people. Congratulations all!

Atholl and Finn were recognised for their work done over the summer and were presented with certificates after they each completed over 75 activities for the 'Beavers 101: A Summer of Fun' challenge that was issued by Scouts Scotland during June. Well done boys!

We also had special presentations to Callum, Finn and Finlay who were presented with their Chief Scout's Bronze Awards having successfully completed all six challenge badges and four stage/activity badges. Well done!

We have enjoyed some great sunsets down by the loch. Also outdoors, the beavers had great fun putting their pioneering skills to the test by creating a miniature catapult from lolly sticks. During online sessions, the beavers were learning about photography. They then went out and experimented with their cameras by taking lots of great pictures. The beavers also welcomed Glen Grady, who is Rocky Mountain Scout Council President, to their meetings before the October holidays. Glen spoke about scouting in the USA which was followed by a quiz about America.

Interested in volunteering with scouting? We have opportunities both behind the scenes and directly supporting young people. With full support and training, you can volunteer on a flexible basis. Not only is it rewarding and great fun, you'll also learn some brilliant skills transferable to the workplace and further education. Please contact us by email at kinrossbeavers@hotmail.co.uk for more information.

Kinross Cubs

Over the past few weeks we have been able to start our outdoor programme, with an opportunity to get active with friends and meet and greet some new faces to the cub pack. Some may have been with us at Kinross a while, having joined us from Beavers, whilst others are moving from a section outside. We are pleased to be able to invest Euan, Andrew and Tiki into our cub pack.

The outdoor face-to face activities during September gave us an opportunity to award some badges that cubs have earned during the past months and, goodness, they have been busy! Many of them took part in online activities during the summer and earned 'Hikes to the Moon' or 'The Great Indoors' badges, designed by Scouts to inspire our pack.

We are proud also to see Tom and Douglas move onto Scouts and hope they will enjoy their continued Scouting journey. As we say goodbye, we also send huge congratulations to Tom who achieved his Chief Scouts Silver Award after completing all seven challenge badges. Well done!

We welcome incoming leader Mark this session. Mark is joining us from Beavers to become an Assistant Cub Leader. So far Mark has helped with our online sessions and has had the pack running around with his compass and map activities. It seems that the cubs all enjoyed these activities.

Our online sessions are expected to continue for the time being; the size of our pack means that we can only offer outdoor activities for half of our number and we want to make sure that Scouting is available to all. With the winter season now approaching the evenings will soon get darker sooner and it will become increasingly important to find an indoor location to continue our activities.

Interested in volunteering in Scouting? Email kinrossbeavers@hotmail.co.uk for more information.

Kinross in Bloom

Another quiet month for Kinross in Bloom. Not a lot to report this month. The planters were all emptied by the middle of October and then the pansies were planted.

We are still waiting to hear about planning permission for the Crosswell Fountain.

No date has been set for our next meeting due to the continuing restrictions. If, when the restrictions are lifted, you would like to be a part of Kinross in Bloom, please contact us by email at susan.mitchell50@gmail.com



Fairtrade in Kinross-shire

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Please come and visit our stall at the next KLEO event, the Kinross Festive Market on 28 November. Many people would appreciate a practical but delicious gift this year; tea, coffee, chocolate and biscuits or ingredients to make a delicious meal with curry sauce, chutneys, coconut milk and rice. We look forward to seeing you!

Hopefully we will be able to have a stall at the Festive Market at the Market Park. Please come along and buy rice and curry sauces, or biscuits and chocolate! Whatever you buy from us you know that the farmer has been paid a fair price.

Why not think of giving a selection of Fairtrade goodies as a gift, at any time of the year?

Please contact us through Kinross Parish Church Office if you would like to purchase some Traidcraft goods, or go online and purchase directly from www.traidcraftshop.co.uk.

Inner Wheel

www.innerwheel.co.uk

Until further notice, all meetings will be held by Zoom. We will review at the start of next year to see if it will be possible to meet in person again then. Please note the change of meeting time to 7pm. Jo Middlemiss was our speaker in October. She gave an interesting talk on the El Camino Trail.





The heather bed in Kinnesswood

If you would like to take part in the meeting by Zoom but haven't tried it before and would like some advice and encouragement, please get in touch with Susan Teale. Either she or Phil should be able to help.

We now have dates for our meetings for the rest of 2020 and early 2021 as detailed below:

- 9 Nov Ivan Young, Caving in Scotland**
- 7 Dec Claire Paton**
- 11 Jan James Dawson, Fife Coast & Countryside Trust**

If you would like further information about this, or about the club in general, please get in touch with the club correspondent, Jenny MacLeod, by email at jennymac101@icloud.com.

Goods donated to 'Loving Hands' – a very impressive selection.



Kinnesswood in Bloom



Work continues to get everything tidied up before winter sets in. Work parties of two people have been meeting on Saturday mornings in our usual rotation of garden areas throughout the village. The laughter coming from folk as they work proves how good it is for everyone's mental health to get out and about, catch up on the news and join together in a worthwhile activity.

We are waiting for advice about repairs to the path at Benarty View and a solution to the flooding we experienced recently, washing away some of the path. However, the heather bed is really looking good and there are some beautiful pink and purple shades. Have a look as you pass.

Apart from our plans to upgrade the Michael Bruce garden, it has become obvious that the Michael Bruce Trust has a bigger task to maintain the cottage which requires major

Kinross In Bloom 200 Club

September Draw

1st	No 84	Jill Whitfield
2nd	No 61	Edith Oswald
3rd	No 2	Linda Band
4th	No 10	Teresa Bowstead

October Draw

1st	No 58	Jamie Montgomery
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repairs. We have decided to work with the trust through Take a Pride in Perthshire. We hope that a survey will soon take place; this will ascertain what needs to be done. We can then join forces to support them in major fundraising.

Another joint project is the raingarden at Portmoak Primary School. We helped by filming the installation recently; the film will give instructions for the pupils to complete the preparation and planting. For more on this project see p34-35.

KYTHE

Responding to Community Needs



KYTHE continues to offer regular one-to-one sessions, youth band on Wednesdays, 'Chill'n'Chat' on Thursdays, and Friday afternoon drop-ins to the youth of Kinross-shire. Amongst these activities, some of the young people have formed a climate care group.

Their first activity was on an autumnal Saturday morning, when they went litter picking in the wooded area behind the KYTHE Hub and Health Centre. Whilst their numbers were few, the feedback on Facebook has been very encouraging with offers to help next time. This is a great example of the young people of Kinross giving back to their community.



'Fantastic folks. Let us know when you're going out next, we'd be keen to help x'

'Great guys. Just what is needed. Thank you.'

Now that face-to-face youth work (with various limitations) has re-started since the end of August, this is expanding. Katy-Beth's art workshops will be weekly from Tuesday 4 November at 4-6pm and the once monthly Saturday evening Altitude event in the KYTHE Hub will be restarting. For more information, keep an eye on social media @instakythe and @KYTHEbook.

Portmoak Community Woodland Project

www.portmoakcw.org.uk

We were all gutted when our annual Portmoak Apple Day couldn't go ahead. We had to cancel when the Scottish Government didn't give the green light, as they'd hoped, to outdoor events such as ours.

That left us with a problem; what to do with the hundreds of apples quickly ripening for another bumper harvest in the community orchard! By September the early varieties, like Discovery, were dropping to the ground. Some people helped themselves. Quite right too; it is, after all, a community orchard. But we had to find another solution to give as many people as possible a taste.

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to Lochend Farm Shop where Helen and her team came to the rescue by selling them to raise funds for CHAS. We're so grateful to them and to the customers who bought the apples. We hope you ended up with delicious cookers or eaters and were able to work out the difference. We didn't have time to label the different varieties but that's something we hope to work on in future years. Many of the apple trees have copper tags with the names of the varieties and when best to harvest them but sometimes it can be hard to find the labels.

Eagle-eyed visitors to Kilmagad Wood may have spotted other fruit during the summer. There was a fantastic crop of cherries and then some really good plums.

If you've been down to the other community woodland, Portmoak Moss, you will have noticed dramatic changes. The owners, Woodland Trust Scotland, have had their contractors clearing paths and tackling large swathes of birch saplings. They have been growing back on the peat dome which is not good for the bog regeneration project.

You may also have noticed members of the woodland group on the peat bog carrying out the back-breaking work of pulling out birch saplings. The reward, for spending a few hours quietly working away, has been good sightings of red squirrels, roe deer and woodpeckers.

Two of the group also carry out regular checks on the dip wells located across the Moss, to see what's happening to water levels. After the extremely varied weather we've had, the results should make interesting reading.

For a fuller picture of what goes on in our community woodlands please check out the website.

Kinross-shire Partnership

In September, three prospective new directors attended a meeting which led to a great deal of discussion about the future of the partnership. It appears that exciting times will be ahead with plans for the websites www.kinross.cc and www.visitlochleven.org, the Tourism Group and the possibility of a local traders' association. More information will be available shortly.

If you are interested in becoming involved in your community

you can see what Kinross-shire Partnership's aims and objectives are by visiting our Facebook page. If you have any questions, please send a message; we usually respond within 24 hours.

Networking Breakfasts

The breakfasts are going ahead each fortnight and, like most other meetings at the moment, take place on Zoom. As a trial we are alternating the time between 8am and 10am to see what works best for people. A view will be taken in December to find out which time is most convenient.

At the meeting on 14 October, Archie Hipwell welcomed over 20 people to hear Phil Prentice speaking about the Scottish Towns Partnership. Phil's information about the Town Tool Kit and the Scotland Loves Local fund gave everyone a great deal to think about. The discussion which followed included suggestions for improving Kinross-shire for residents and as a tourism destination.

Scotland Loves Local is a national initiative designed to encourage all those who live in Scotland to think local first and support their high streets safely in line with public health guidelines. It is a very important message for us all at this time.

The next networking breakfast will be on Wednesday 11 November. If you are not on the mailing list but would like to attend please send your details to mail@kinrosspartnership.org.uk and you will be sent a Zoom invitation.

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For the pastry:-

- 300g plain flour
- 140g butter cut in small pieces
- 1 medium egg
- 4 tbsp cold water

For the filling:-

- 85g butter
- 600g leeks, sliced lengthwise then into small pieces
- ½ tbsp cornflour
- 300 ml milk
- 200ml double cream
- 3 medium eggs
- 100g grated cheese
- 1 tsp mustard

Method

Mix flour and butter in a mixer, or by hand, until you have fine crumbs. Add egg yolk and water and make into a ball. Don't knead. Roll it in cling film and chill for at least an hour.

Heat the butter in a pan then add the leeks. Cook over a low heat until soft, stirring often. Stir in the cornflour, cook for 3-4 minutes, then stir in milk and cream. Once smooth, simmer for 15 minutes. When cool stir the eggs, cheese and mustard into the mix.

Heat oven to 190°C/170°C fan. Roll the pastry out on a floured surface to approximately 5 mm thick. Lay it over a 4cm deep, 23cm diameter loose bottom tart tin. Press into sides and trim leaving a slight overhang. Line with baking paper, fill with baking beans, then bake for 15 minutes. Remove the beans and paper and bake for a further 10 minutes until golden. Turn oven down to 180°C/160°C fan.

Spoon the leek mix into the case. Bake for 30 minutes. Leave it for 15 minutes before you cut it.

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Kinross High School



As we reflect on the first term back at Kinross High School, it seems to have gone by in the blink of an eye! We cannot praise our learning community highly enough for the actions they are taking to help keep our school safe and open. In a specially recorded video message to families, Mrs Brown said, 'I've been so proud of our young people who have demonstrated resilience and responsibility in following our new routines to ensure that everybody maintains safety at the school.'

Just before we broke off for the well-deserved two week holiday, the Modern Languages faculty delivered a fantastic programme of events to celebrate Languages Week in the run up to European Day of Languages. Although we were unable to pack out the assembly hall for 'Struthy's Lunchtime Concert' like we did last year, our teachers were undeterred!

Proving that he has talent in any language, Mr Struth hosted daily sing-a-longs online, even teaming up with Luis Fonsi who's more commonly known to duet on Despacito with Justin Bieber!

We also enlisted the help of our celebrity pals, Eurovision winner Cheryl Baker of Bucks Fizz fame; Les Dennis, former host of popular gameshow Family Fortunes (admittedly maybe more recognisable to parents/carers and staff); and Polish footballer Patryk Klimala to talk to pupils about the importance of learning a language at Kinross High School.

In class, pupils had the opportunity to have a go at traditional Chinese painting with Mrs Lyu and produced some beautiful artwork.

On the subject of beautiful artwork, our S2 classes have been illustrating our school values using a rather unusual medium



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Club & Community Group News

– face masks! As part of a competition being run by local social enterprise Parable Pod Counselling, a panel of judges will pick four winners – one for each of our values. With the high quality of artwork, we wouldn't like to be in the judges' shoes!



Digital laboratory in action

In other news, pupils have been benefitting from four exciting new Science spaces at Kinross High School which are equipped with state-of-the-art equipment thanks to the investment of £32,000 from the Wolfson Foundation.

Although the outbreak of Covid-19 delayed the installation slightly, the four areas are now up and running; the microscopy suite, digital laboratory, microbiology room and analytical laboratory are inspiring students by immersing them further into the world of science and giving them the opportunity to experience even more cutting-edge experiments.

We have certainly learned a lot since returning to school in August and not just in the classroom. We reviewed our measures with young people, their families and staff members to find out what was working well and which areas the learning community were finding challenging. As a result, we've been able to make tweaks to our arrangements for Term 2 and we're looking forward to another busy term.

Crook and Drum Growing Together

While the summer this year was strange for us all, we were able to plant and maintain flowers in tubs and wildflower areas around the villages. This involved some socially distanced work by the group and also support from members of the community, including our two Duke of Edinburgh volunteers, Rebekah and Mhairi, who 'adopted' an area to water and maintain. Rebekah also repainted the blue box planters at the village hall.

Thank you to everyone who helped with this, and some people who donated seedlings, when we couldn't source plants early in the lockdown. Residents in Drum have continued to add interest to the grass triangle there with the addition of some wildflowers and native trees. It became a hub for the community there with children playing music on the evenings of the 'Clap for Carers'.

We also provided free pots and hanging baskets for several

households on the Main Street in Crook of Devon; these were cared for by residents and have recently been returned for replanting with pansies and some bulbs for the winter. The pansies have been grown on by our volunteers from little plugs and are also being planted in the barrels and tubs around the villages.

We have been complimented on an area of poppies and other wildflowers along the Main Road, although we believe these were planted by a resident after some pipe works disturbed the grass area there. Thank you, whoever it was, they are still looking lovely in mid-October.

We are still liaising with PKC about the area on the corner of West Crook Way. It is planned that this will again be cleared by the Community Payback team and we will then take over responsibility and sow annual and perennial wildflower seed in the spring; this will provide a habitat for wildlife, in particular for pollinating insects, and a colourful feature on entering the village from the west. Watch this space!

Although we will probably not be able to hold a Christmas wreath workshop as usual this year, we are considering making them to order, or even providing kits to make your own, with a link to a demonstration video, in partnership with Fossoway school PTA. Information about this will be made available in the shop, via the PTA, or the Fossoway Forum Facebook page.

For any suggestions or information about our activities, please contact our chairperson, Amanda James, on 07963 476803 or by email at amandajames1577@gmail.com.

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The site of phase 2 at Lathro Farm. Photo: Eileen Thomas

Persimmon appeal refusal of Lathro phase 2

Persimmon Homes have lodged an appeal with Scottish Ministers over PKC’s refusal of their planning application for additional houses at phase 2 of the Lathro Farm development.

Persimmon have permission to build 97 houses on phase 2 under consent granted in 2017. An application to increase this to 169 houses on phase 2 was refused by councillors on PKC’s Planning & Development Management Committee in July 2020, although the application had been recommended for approval by planning officers.

The Trust will be making a submission to the Directorate of Planning and Environmental Appeals urging continued refusal of the application. The Trust believes the application represents overdevelopment of the

site and that insufficient safeguards are in place to protect the water quality of Loch Leven.

Raingardens projects

We have been making good progress with our Raingardens projects lately.

The Scottish Government has offered a grant of £5,000 for the provision of ecological surveys and design advice for

participating businesses and partners in the Kinross Raingardens Trail.

A raised bed raingarden was installed at Portmoak Primary School in early October. This was a donated unit we had been promised some months ago but only managed to obtain recently due to Covid restrictions. See the article by Brian D’Arcy on pp34-35 in the Features section of this issue of the *Newsletter* for more details.

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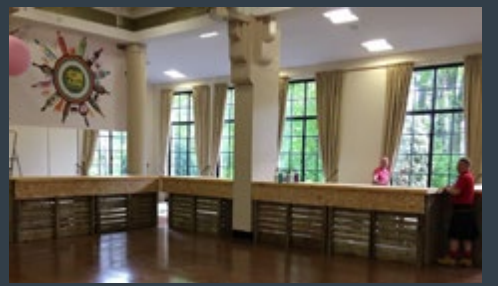
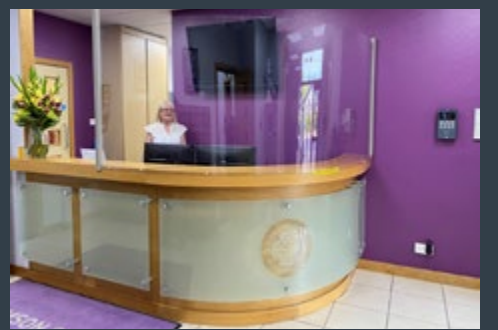
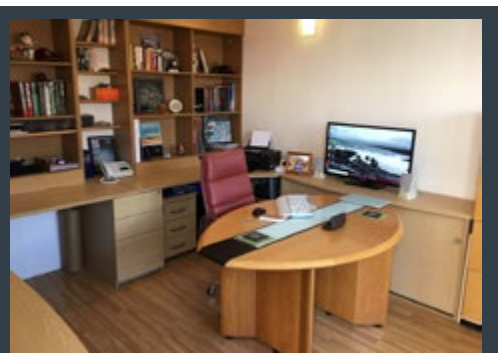
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Sports News

Kinross Colts

All of our teams have resumed playing games after the long break due to Covid-19. It's great to see our boys, girls and amateurs back in competitive action.



We have started playing matches at Donaldson Park which is great for the club after a lot of time, money, effort and fundraising for the construction of our new pavilion over the last few years.

The photo shows our under-17s and our over-35s lining up prior to their recent friendly at the new pitch. This was our under-17s first game at their new home and it was an excellent game which ended in a 4-3 victory for our over-35s thanks in no small part to a brace of goals scored by our club chairman Brian Kenny.

Congratulations to Douglas Brown of our 2011s team. Douglas won our competition for the best design for our new club badge. The photo shows Douglas being presented with a £50 voucher by Thomas Scobbie from our kit and equipment supplier Soccer Shop Direct in Rosyth with club secretary Ewan Baillie looking on.

As always, anyone looking for any information about the club or who have children wishing to join any of our teams,



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We are also keen to start a walking football team. Anyone who is interested in joining us can drop us an email or Facebook message or contact John on 07504 398668.

If you would like information about the club or have children who want to join any of our teams, send an email to info@kinrosscoltsfcj.co.uk or find us on Facebook (Kinross Colts FC Juniors) and send us a message.

Kinross Volleyball

Kinross Volleyball Club continues to meet on Monday evenings on the grass area to the rear of the Campus. We have brought forward our playing times due to darkness coming in quicker each week; we now meet from 6-7.30 pm and all sessions are free. All members attending are asked to leave track and trace contact details prior to playing.

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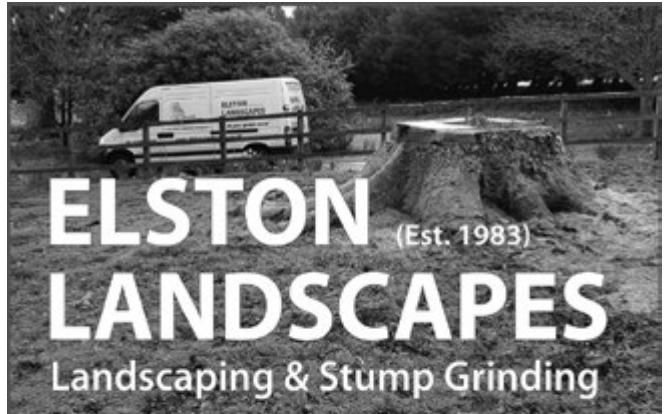
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Well folks that's the end of the competition season. You may feel cheated that the season was a little curtailed this year and now we have simply run out of time. Remembering back to the re-opening of the courses after lockdown; there was such hope of playing as much golf as possible and getting handicaps down and yet here we are now in November. Where did the time go?

However, it has been a jammed packed year and we should feel grateful that, here in Kinross, we have had a good summer and are in a relatively low risk area of Scotland as far as the virus is concerned.

Congratulations go to Moira Campsie who won the McEwan Handicap Championship. The final took place on 21 September on the Bruce course. All the ladies played very well in each knockout stage, culminating in a finals match between Moira and Heather Gough.

The season officially finishes with the 'Captain v Vice Captain' match on 31 October. At the time of writing we can only hope for an improvement in the weather. At the moment, the skies look very dark and the game is always enthusiastically supported. Good luck to all those taking part.

You will recall that we held a charity Texas scramble back in September and the club raised a fantastic £300 for Parkinsons UK. Marion Pirrie from Parkinsons UK visited the club on 7 October where she was presented with the cheque by the winners George, Adam and Joe Ponton. Marion went on to say that many charities have suffered this year with very few fundraising events taking place so she was very grateful for our efforts. If you would like to find out more how Parkinsons UK are working towards a brighter future for Parkinson sufferers, please visit their website at www.parkinsons.org.uk.

The winter league has officially started now; gents play every Sunday morning and the ladies play every Thursday morning. Let's hope that the winter ahead is kind to us and the courses.

Adam, George and Joe Ponton presenting the £300 Cheque to Marion Pirrie from Parkinsons UK

You can probably guess that any Christmas events have been cancelled this year but remember that the clubhouse is open from 10am every day, serving hot and cold drinks. A big thank you to the staff for their continued hard work in keeping tables clean, wearing their masks all day long and for keeping us all safe. It hasn't been an easy season for you all, but you are always cheerful and have a warm greeting welcoming us in. Thank you.

In the next issue we hope to confirm some dates for next year. Yes, we are looking at the 2021 fixture list already so that you can get important dates you don't want to miss into your diaries.

From everyone at Kinross Golf Club, stay safe and do your bit. We will get through this together.

As always Kinross Golf Club is open to visitors and new members. Anyone wishing to play or join should contact the pro shop or the club manager for an application form. We look forward to seeing you at the club soon.

Orwell Bowling Club

This has been an abnormal season as there have been no club friendlies, internal competitions, club ties or external matches this year due to Covid-19 and the consequent restrictions. The only other time something like this has been documented was during the Second World War!

Although the clubhouse was closed members, could still have a game of bowls by booking a rink and observing the social distancing rules as set down by the Scottish Government. A few members did take advantage of this.

On 5 September the club and the bar opened for Saturday night bingo. The areas being used were sanitised and social distancing was put in place. However, this was only for a few weeks as all bars and clubs selling alcohol had to close again because of the rising numbers of the second wave of infections.

As we don't know how long we will be living under the present restrictions it is unlikely that we will have an AGM in November this year. Therefore it has been agreed that the current committee will continue in their present positions until such time as we can hold an AGM. This also means there will be no winter activities until further notice.

We can only look forward and hope that we will have a normal bowling season next year and our members keep safe until then.





Kinross Road Runners

<http://kinrossroadrunners.weebly.com>.

KRR is up and running again! It's great to be meeting together as a group, albeit in limited numbers. Of course, we are socially distanced and adhering strictly to Scottish Athletics Covid-19 guidelines. Our coaching team has done a brilliant job over the past six months by setting weekly training challenges for members to complete on their own and near to home. In addition there have been Scottish Athletics virtual challenges to tackle along with our own club 'challenges' to replace all the races that were cancelled. These 'challenges' have included everything from our monthly 2 mile time trial to a full marathon. A number of club members chose to run the marathon as part of the London Marathon weekend; well done to them all and a special thanks to those who have raised much needed funds for their chosen charity. All this activity has paid off for many club members who are now running further and faster than ever!



The benefits of running during these COVID times have been well documented:-

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- It's a good way to clear your head and break up the day while working from home.
- Physical exercise gets our antibodies flowing and can quicken our immune response.

- Getting outside for a run is a great way to get our daily dose of Vitamin D.
- The physical benefits are many and include a strengthened cardiovascular system, improved lung function and healthy body weight.

Many local people have been discovering these benefits. This is evident from the increase in folk out on the streets and trails. If you want to get a bit more focus and maintain your motivation for running then why not consider joining a local running club such as Kinross Road Runners? Experienced coaches and friendly faces can make all the difference.

Our winter training programme provides one coached session a week starting at 7pm on a Wednesday evening and a second session that you are encouraged to do on your own or in your 'social bubble'. Please check our website or Facebook page for information on how to 'sign up' for each coached session as numbers are strictly limited and contact details need to be provided.

Programme for November and December:

November

Wed 4	2 mile time trial
Wed 11	5 x 4 min intervals
Wed 18	Pyramid reps/parlaufs
Wed 25	8 x 90 sec intervals

December

Wed 2	2 mile time trial
Wed 9	KGV diagonals
Sun 13	Club Christmas H'cap 10k at 10am
Wed 16	Hill Reps
Wed 23	5 x 4 minute intervals
Sat 26	Boxing Day run at 10am

Fossoway Ladies Curling Club – 40 Years Strong!

In September 2020 Fossoway Ladies Curling Club completed 40 years of curling. A celebratory bonspiel followed by a lunch had been planned. Founder members had been sought and contacted, and an afternoon of memorabilia and shared memories anticipated. Unfortunately, due to the current Covid-19 pandemic situation this had to be postponed.

Back in 1980 a small group of ladies in the Crook of Devon area thought they would like to form a new club. An enthusiastic meeting was held in the village hall on 28 January chaired by the late Heather Pearson, and a committee was formed. Several existing curlers from Orwell and Dunfermline Ladies agreed to become occasional members, bringing their experience and expertise to help the new curlers. A brand

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new club of 45 members played its first game on Monday 15 September 1980, fielding 8 rinks.

The 'ladies in red' still play on Monday mornings at 10am. Our club is smaller now, but we are friendly and welcoming.

Should anyone wish to join us or receive more information please contact Dottie Burt at dottieburt@hotmail.com.

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Kinross Curling is open!

After an uncertain summer waiting for Scottish Government Covid announcements, particularly those relating to sports facilities, the curling rink opened on 5 October, around three weeks later than a normal season start.

There are plenty of special measures in place to protect curlers and staff from risk of transmitting the virus. Scottish Curling, the sports governing body, worked on guidelines all summer, and these are being fully implemented in Kinross. The main difference to the game is that only one player is allowed to sweep a stone. This, along with skips not sweeping at all and the opposition skip staying behind the hack, means that it is possible for all players to stay socially distant.

Face coverings do not have to be worn on the ice but are required while moving around other parts of the building. Hygiene measures include hand sanitiser points, a one-way system, and a disinfecting fogging machine in the lounge, which has been transformed using Perspex screens into socially-distant shoe-changing areas. Unfortunately the cafe cannot operate in the current circumstances and players must leave promptly after their match.

Despite the various restrictions, curlers are enjoying being back to their beloved game and feel safe. Ann Smyth of the

Tuesday Club said: 'We wanted to express our admiration for, and thanks to, all the members of the Trust who navigated the shifting sands of the implications of the pandemic so admirably to allow the return to curling. We felt you and all the staff at the rink had given great care and attention to all the required health & safety measures necessary to allow us to return to curling safely.'

Head ice technician Steven and his team have created excellent ice for curling.

Kinross Curling is run by a volunteer board of trustees. At the AGM in August, Bob Tait (Chair), Jim Barton, Doug Ritchie, Fergus Shaw and Angela Wilcox were elected trustees. Subsequently Steven Kinninmonth, Margaret-Elspeth Harman and Margaret Forrest have been co-opted to the board.

A new email address (*see header*) has been set up for general enquiries. Clubs getting in touch about ice bookings should continue to use iceman@kinrosscurling.co.uk

To find out more about Kinross Curling, please have a look at our Facebook page and fresh-look website.

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PRESIDENT DOROTHY MORRIS welcomed 22 members and several dogs. A warm welcome was given to Shelagh Arkley.

Dorothy then introduced our speaker for the evening Janet Rougvie, who gave us an interesting talk about her experiences showing her dogs (terriers) at Crufts. She told us that it was a very expensive hobby as the only prize money awarded was for best in show.

Janet then showed us some of the rosettes her dogs had won and answered questions from members. Dorothy thanked Janet for her interesting talk.

Competition: Picture Of Dogs

1st. Lizzie Glennie

Next month the speaker is **Kirsty Doig**, who will be demonstrating and talking about Body Shop.

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

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

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

The Potager Garden is a small community garden in Bowton Road, Kinross, KY13 8EQ. It is a registered charity run by volunteers, a main aim being to give education to schoolchildren about plants, gardening and the environment. If you would like more information about our volunteering opportunities, please contact the Convener, **Amanda James**, on 01577 840809, or amandajames1577@gmail.com

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

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For more volunteering opportunities, go to the community website www.kinross.cc and look for 'Volunteering', or look at www.vapertshire.org

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The Charm Of Autumn

NOVEMBER ALREADY; where has this year gone?

The nights are becoming longer and the evenings are turning colder and frostier. If we get a clear night, why don't you have a look for the Orionid Meteors which will be zipping across the night sky.

The hedgerows are becoming barer and less bright now although there is still the odd flash of colour from rosehips and other berries dotted along. Although the trees are losing their leaves, flashes of green are seen from tufts of mosses and lichens throughout the woodlands. If you can, have a good look at them as they are really interesting when you see them up close.

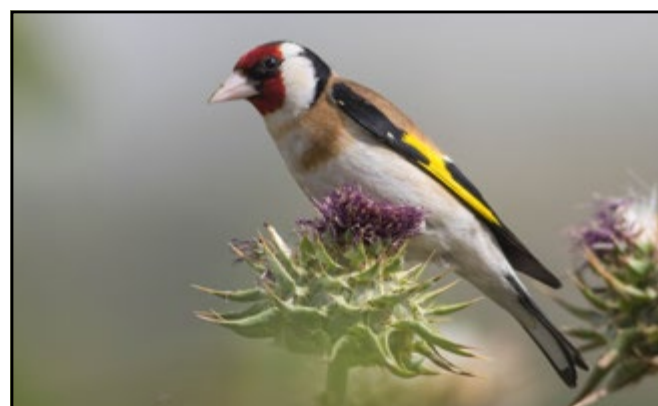
A flock of goldfinch is known as a charm and this autumn I've seen a few charms around the Reserve. In the autumn and winter they form flocks of around 40 individuals; you can normally hear their melodic twittering call as they move around. The knapweed and teasel seed heads are a good food source for them.

So far on the Reserve we have had a great autumn for birds. The first whooper swans arrived on 27 September and on our last WeBS count we had over 180 on the Loch! Around this time of year we see a few of the rarer species of grebe; we spotted five Slavonian and one red-necked grebe around Grahamstone. They can be quite tricky to identify but the British Trust for Ornithology have a good video on their website if you need a hand getting your eye in. There are also plenty of waders around; we counted 270 golden plover, over 35 snipe as well as a greenshank and even more exciting news... Simon heard a grey plover calling which is really rare for us at Loch Leven.

In October we had our first Icelandic goose count of the season, this year we counted 11,407. As the winter approaches keep an eye out for our usual visitors such as waxwing and redwing who always bring a brightness to the Reserve.

We have been busy keeping the Trail tidy, trimming back the hedges, checking cross drains and cutting back fallen trees. The weather hasn't been too kind to us but we have eventually managed to get some of our meadow areas cut.

Grey Plover



A Charming Goldfinch

Simon and Chris have cleaned the hide at Burleigh once again and I spent every Saturday morning cleaning the rubbish left in Mill Hide. We have noticed that some people have been using the Factor's Pier as a camp site and leaving their rubbish there too. I would once again like to appeal to these individuals to please take their rubbish with them and follow the Scottish Outdoor Access Code by leaving no trace.

Please keep an eye on the Blog (Loch Leven WordPress), Loch Leven NNR Facebook page and the Loch Leven NNR Instagram for updates from the Reserve.

Stir-up Sunday is on 22 November so remember to make a start on your Christmas cakes and puddings. I like my Christmas cake with lots of marzipan!

Unfortunately, this will be my last column as my contract has now come to an end. This year hasn't quite been the year I hoped it would but we have all had to learn how to adjust and adapt. Loch Leven really is a special place and it has been a privilege for me to work here over the past two years. I hope one day I have the opportunity to come back but until then, as they say on all good TV quiz shows, its goodbye from me, goodbye!

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Other notable wildlife sightings include 150 whooper swan spotted in the fields near Grahamstone, and 270 golden plover over Carsehall. Duck numbers are also increasing with tufted duck, wigeon, teal, goldeneye and goosander all building up in numbers. Findatie is a great place for grebe sightings too, with great crested grebe and little grebe easily seen from the shore. Keep your eyes peeled for red-necked and Slavonian grebe on the loch. Wintering birds have been present in the area too, with sightings of redwing, brambling, and a huge flock of up to 80 siskin!

Our wonderful reserve team have been hard at work carrying out the cutting and collecting of reed canary grass along the loch edge in the past month. This grass had become dominant and by carrying out this work we hope to allow a more diverse range of plants to inhabit the area.

Cattle have recently been moved into the bumblebee meadow which will help to manage the vegetation levels and prevent nutrients from going back into the soil through decomposition. This will help keep the soil of the meadow



Pink-footed geese on the wing

at a low nutrient level to prevent the dominance of grass species and allow wildflowers to thrive.

We have some exciting new events this month too. Why not try something new from the comfort of your own home in this first ever online wildlife writing workshop from RSPB Scotland Loch Leven? All you need is an interest in wildlife and a readiness to be inspired to put pen to paper. Using a range of stimuli – written, visual and memory – author and poet Anita John will introduce you to tried and tested ways of writing about wildlife. <https://anitajohn.co.uk/>. Anita works as a voluntary Writer in Residence, running workshops and writing an occasional blog for the reserve. Booking is essential and can be done via our Eventbrite page at [rspblochleven.eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com).

We are pleased to say that the visitor centre and café are now back open 7 days a week 11am-3pm. The hides are open once again too – but with restrictions in place. Please remember to wear your mask, sanitise your hands, and do not enter above the maximum threshold of people. The café is still currently takeaway only, but we hope to have us back to our new normal sit-in soon. To stay updated you can follow us on Facebook @RSPBTaysideFife and twitter @RSPBlochleven.

*Rachel Gooday
Visitor Experience Officer*

Weather



Recent Weather Reports from Kinross

September

Total Rainfall	55.6mm/2.22in
Heaviest Fall	12.1mm/0.48in (12 Sept)
Total Sunshine	143.8hrs
Sunniest Day	9.8 hrs (17 Sept)
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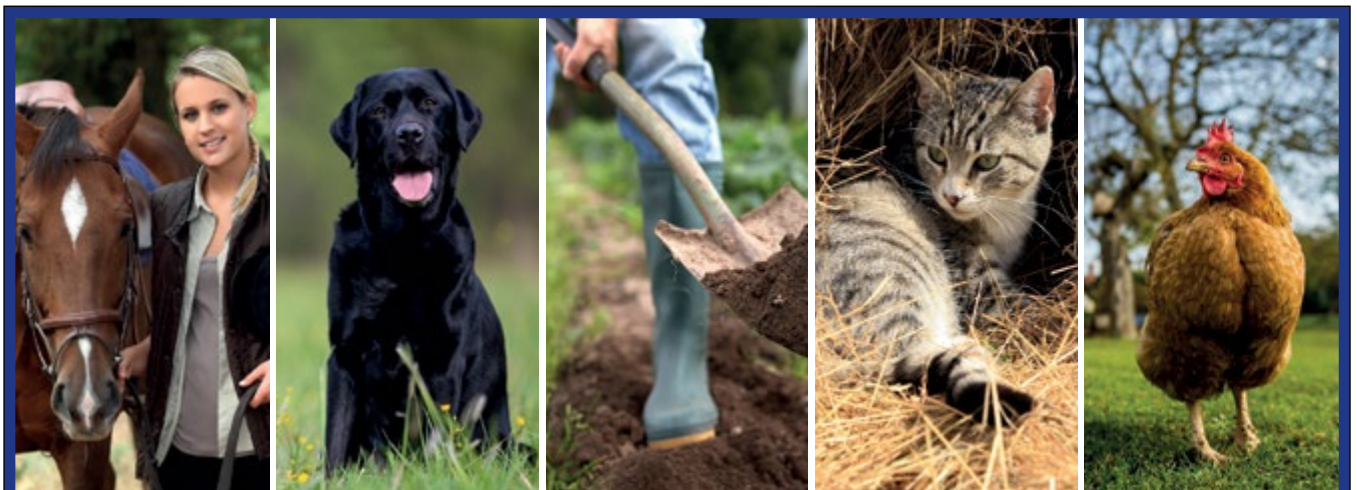
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Pick of the Pipers



WHAT DOES ONE COWBOY hat, two or three Alton Towers experiences, four bothersome breakdowns, 16 long days of cranial rotation, hundreds of wooden boxes moved, filled, levelled, labelled and stacked, plus a copious amount of confectionery consumed mean? Yes, you guessed it, the tatties are harvested, safely lifted and stored in the sheds by Scott, David, Daniel and their team at Mawmill and Balgedie. The family have been kind enough to let me record the 2020 potato growing season for this column and it was great to visit them today, 19 October, to find out how the harvesting had gone.

'It's the earliest we have been finished for a while,' says Scott. 'We cut and chopped the green vegetation off sharp, we then leave the potatoes for four weeks for the skins to set and separate from the shaws. We were harvesting the cereals during this time but as soon as that was completed, we got off to a good start in dry conditions.' Scott drives the harvester and it is a job that takes a lot of skill and practise to ensure a smooth operation. It's also a role more suited to an owl as your head is constantly rotating to check everything! A regular glance straight ahead keeps the tractor straight and the harvester able to keep the share on the right track to scoop up the earth and potatoes in the bed. Looking back lets him see the speed of the potatoes as they travel up the web but the controls for the complex machine are set at a right angle and mounted on the side of the cab. This is where Scott

must concentrate most of his attention as he can control the speed of the web and adjust the angle of the rollers that remove the soil. This changes constantly depending on the yield, level of the field and moisture of the earth so lots of little adjustments are required to maintain a constant flow out of the elevator into the boxes. It's not a dull job, the final field was quite steep with the land also sloping from east to west, it had rained heavily the night before so holding the machine in the drills away from the trailers sounded more like keeping a roller-coaster on tracks without edges, exciting and exhilarating, but only fun for a few seconds.

The entire crop is Maris Piper, a traditional and very popular variety, suitable for boiling, baking, chipping or processing so maintaining the quality of the tuber from the field to fork is the main aim. It starts with a temperature check first thing, a probe checks they are warmer than six degrees before lifting starts and the attention to quality continues all day with the two pickers employed to pick out the earth, stones and any green or soft squidgy ones. Removing all these helps maintain the quality of the whole one tonne of potatoes in each box. The pickers are super-fast workers and very experienced, they also bring sweets to share every day so are appreciated in more ways than one. David explained to me a new check introduced this year to help the potatoes pass the rigorous supermarket standards. 'We now check a sample of the potatoes each night for bruising. It can be difficult to assess in the field at outside temperatures so we built a homemade hot box, it's a tube heater in an old freezer and we leave the potatoes in overnight where the temperature builds up to a cosy 30 degrees by morning. Any bruising on the potato can then be seen easily when we peel them and if we feel the bruising is still evident on a second peel then we make some adjustments to the process for the next day.'

The final players in the operation are the trailer drivers, carting the boxes from field to steading. Daniel masterminds the stacking and labelling and my fellow columnist John, is a valued driver and problem solver, always acting fast to weld or mend whatever is required. He's easily spotted with his cowboy hat and wide grin, working with the team to get the show back on the road.

Fiona

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Orwell Church remains closed for refurbishment until March 2021, but services will continue in Portmoak Church at 10am each Sunday with all current Covid safety procedures in place, unless the regulations change. Only 25 people can be accommodated within the church and masks must be worn.

To avoid people having to be turned away it is necessary that seats be reserved in advance each week by emailing kirkbooking@btinternet.com or by telephoning 01592 840528.

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Online services are still being posted each Sunday morning and are available for the rest of the week. To access these, log on to the church website, as above, click on Online Worship and follow the link on the page. DVD versions of the service are available to those without Internet facilities.

The Church Office and Shop is still closed until further notice. The office email below is being checked, but less frequently than normal.

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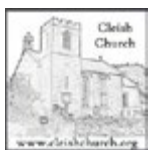
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St Paul's is inclusive, friendly and welcoming to all age groups (whether regular churchgoers or if you're simply inquisitive about who we are and what we do.)

As we continue to be responsive to developments concerning local and national restrictions, limitations posed by our building mean that services and events connected with St Paul's will remain online only. Unless otherwise stated, Sunday services will continue to be broadcast from the building as livestreams via 'Zoom' and Facebook Live. Thereafter, recordings of these services will be available through the church website and Facebook page. Please see both of these for updated information as and when we have it to publish. Our church bell will ring on Sunday mornings to signify that we continue to be present and prayerful in the community, despite our congregation's physical absence.

In the meantime, please be assured of our prayers and intercessions, especially if COVID-19 has directly affected you and your family. You are most welcome to contact the Rector by phone or email if there is anything that our community



can do to help make this very difficult situation we all face any easier. We live in hope that this health emergency will become manageable enough for us to reconnect in person again as soon as safely possible.

May the road rise up to meet you.

May the wind be always at your back.

May the sun shine warm upon your face;

the rains fall soft upon your fields and, until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand.

Forthcoming services – all via Zoom and livestreamed

Thursdays @ 2pm

'Zoom' cuppa chat (Please contact the Rector by the Monday if you would like to join. You will be sent details of timings and the login details for that week.)

1 Nov: ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

9.30am 'Virtual' Holy Communion

8 Nov: Pentecost 24 (Proper 32)

9.30am 'Virtual' Holy Communion

15 Nov: Pentecost 25 (Proper 33)

9.30am 'Virtual' Holy Communion

22 Nov: CHRIST THE KING (Final Sunday in Year A)

9.30am 'Virtual' Holy Communion

29 Nov: ADVENT SUNDAY (Beginning of Year B)

9.30am 'Virtual' Holy Communion

9.00pm Service of Compline (Facebook Live)

NB St Paul's Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday 6th December, after the 9.30am service

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Regular Services

Mon 7pm Holy Mass preceded by Confessions and Prayer Group at 8pm in the church hall.

Tue 10am Holy Mass preceded by Confessions and Morning Prayer (9.30-9.50am).

Wed 10am Holy Mass preceded by Confessions and Morning Prayer (9.30-9.50am). Teas/Coffees after Mass, in the church hall.

Thu 10am Holy Mass preceded by Confessions and Morning Prayer (9.30-9.50am).

Fri 10am Holy Mass preceded by Morning Prayer & Confessions (9.30-9.50am)

3pm Divine Mercy Devotions.

Sat 10.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions (first Saturday of every month Holy Mass at 10am).

6pm Vigil Mass.

Sun 9.30am Mass (teas/coffees after Mass in church hall).

Confessions also on request.

Prayer Group meets on a Monday, 8pm-10pm, in the church hall and is open to all.

Children's Catechism class meets every Monday during term time, 3.45pm-4.30pm in the church hall.

The weekly newsletter, Mass times, news and updates or changes can be found on our website.

Kinross Christian Fellowship

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

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

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Contact Peter on 01577 863509, for further information.

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Kinross Parish Church

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Church Office: Tel. (01577) 862570

Contact the church office if you are interested in leasing rooms in the church or church centre.

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Session Clerk: Jaffrey Weir Tel: (01577) 865780



Regular Services and Events:

Daily Prayer: Monday to Friday, a daily prayer from one of our ministers - 01577 528270 and press 2.

Sundays

10.30am: Morning Service. Available to view on YouTube, Facebook and the church's website, or listen by phone on 01577 528270 and press 1; or request a CD or copy of the sermon from church office. Service replay on the website.

10.45am: Jampact, for secondary school ages on Zoom*.

11.15am: Virtual Coffee Fellowship after the Morning Service on Zoom*, including by phone (Zoom details in weekly email to members or contact church office.). **This is replaced by Communion on 1 November.**

7pm: Prayers for the Nation: livestreamed on Facebook.

7pm: 'Crossfire' (£1 upwards).

Mondays

8pm: House Group – Bible study and fellowship on Zoom*.

Tuesdays

1.45pm: House Group – Bible study and fellowship on Zoom*.

Wednesdays

10.30am: Midweek Service in the church. A much-appreciated chance to meet together for worship once again.

Maximum of 40 people. Names and contact details have to be given to the church office by 5pm on Monday.

12 noon: Mid-week prayers livestreamed on Facebook.

1.30pm: Craft Group meet on Zoom.

7.30pm: House Group – Bible study and fellowship on Zoom*.

Fridays

6pm: Brigade meets in the Church Centre.

Other Services and Events:

November

Sun 1: 11.15am: Communion, on Zoom (details in weekly email to members or contact church office)

Mon 2: 8am: Silent Meditation. Guidelines for a period of reflective stillness published on Facebook

Sun 8: Remembrance Sunday: Details to be confirmed.

Thurs 19 - 9pm: late evening service of Compline livestreamed on Facebook

Sat 21: 1pm – 3pm: Litter Pick – an eco-congregation event. Anyone can help – contact church office.

Sun 22: 4.30pm: Café Church: a family-friendly opportunity to meet for worship on Zoom*.

Sun 29: Advent Sunday: Morning Service (details above)

The church has been broadcasting worship services and times for reflection online and this has been appreciated by many, even beyond the congregation.

Weblinks for Sunday Worship and midweek times for reflection and prayer:

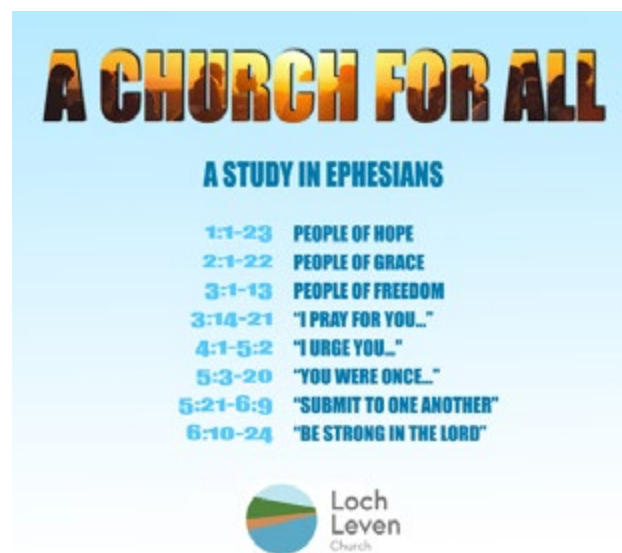
Kinross Parish Church Facebook page

www.facebook.com/kinrossparishchurch

Kinross Parish Church worship channel on YouTube

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The church is running a network of telephone contacts offering support and encouragement. Anyone who would value having someone phoning them for a regular chat should phone or email the church office – messages left will be accessed remotely every day.



Loch Leven Church (Charity No: SC049050)

Loch Leven Church is temporarily meeting online via Zoom, at 10.30am each Sunday. Starting in September, on Sunday mornings, we will also begin meeting in small groups across Kinross-shire in compliance with government advice.



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Cleish Parish Church

Church of Scotland

(Charity No: SC003168)

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Please visit our website: www.cleishchurch.org

During the past months due to Covid-19 restrictions, we have had to cancel all our services of worship, meetings and events.

Both our churches are opening for a time of private prayer and reflection:

Cleish Parish Church each Thursday at 7-7.20pm

Fossoway Parish Church each Thursday at 2.30-2.50pm

Our Sunday 'Zoom' worship services are continuing:

Fossoway Church at 10am and Cleish Church at 11.30am.

On Sunday 8th November we will be having a joint 'Zoom' Remembrance Sunday service at 10.50am

Celebration of Holy Communion will take place by 'Zoom' on Mon 30th Nov at 7pm.

We continue to keep in touch through our email network, phone and letter.

If you would like to join us please phone the Rev Lis Stenhouse 01577 842128.

Any changes to the current situation before next month will be announced on our new joint church website: <https://cleishandfossowaychurches.org.uk>

Fossoway, St Serf's & Devonside Church

Church of Scotland (Charity number SC013157)

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Our church is a very warm and welcoming place situated in the Crook of Devon, a small village about six miles from Kinross. Come and join us, we would love to meet you.

Acknowledgements

MCDUGALL

Allan, Jean and Karen wish to thank Stewart Funeral Directors and Mary the Celebrant for the service. All family, friends and neighbours for cards of condolence and flowers following the passing of son and brother Iain.

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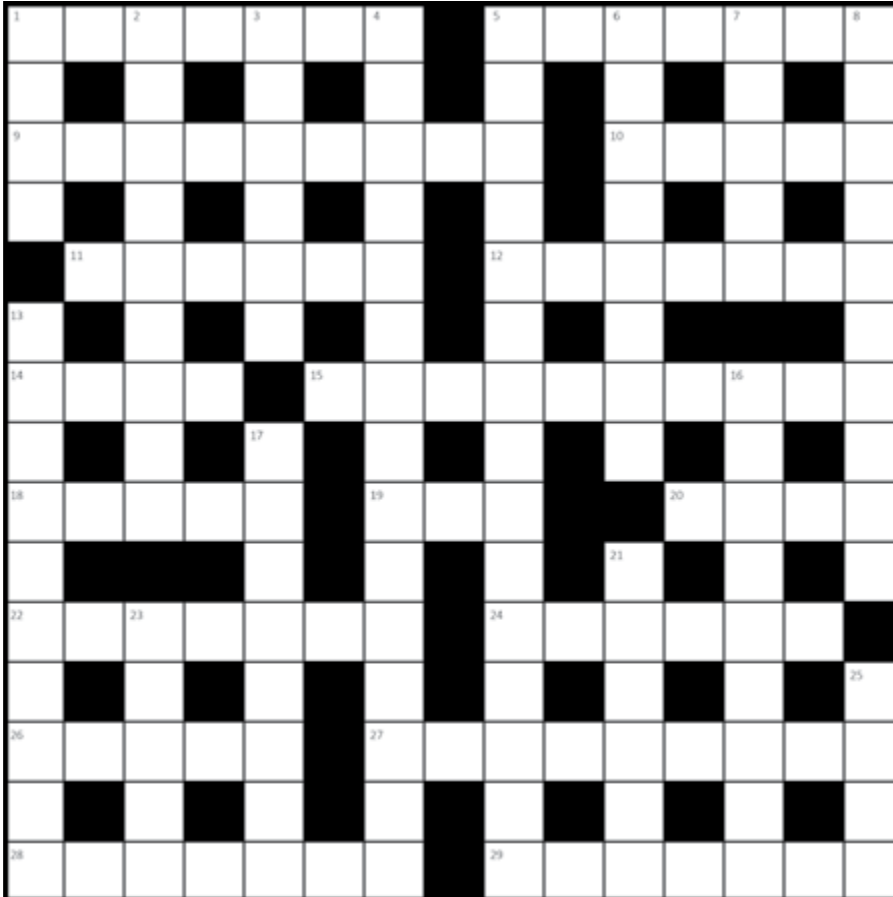


Puzzles

Welcome to our not-so-fiendishly-difficult puzzles page – enough to test your brain, not so much that it will explode from the strain. A moderately difficult sudoku and a Kinross-themed crossword should be enough to accompany your mid-afternoon cup of tea and shortbread.

KINROSSWORD

Test your local knowledge with our crossword, where a number of the clues relate to Kinross and the surrounding area. No prizes – just bragging rights for getting it right. Answers on page 15.



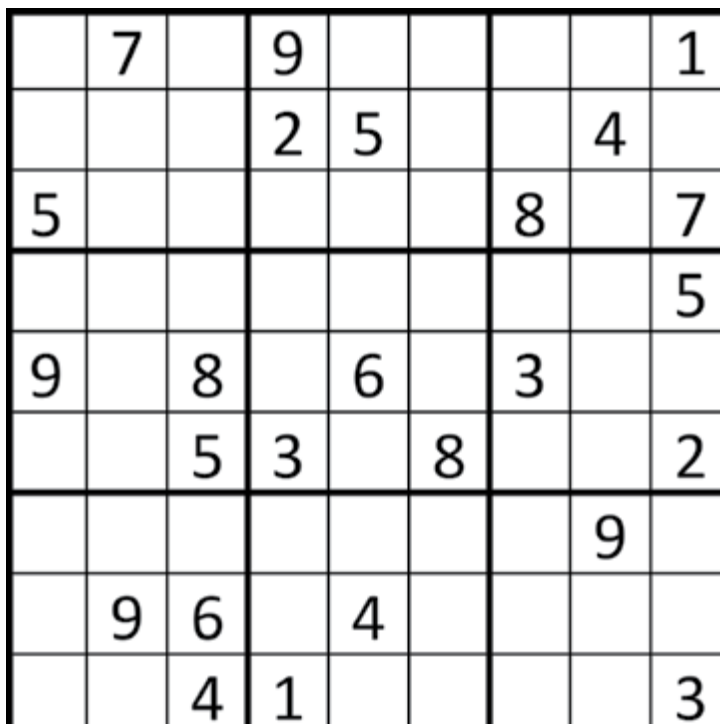
ACROSS

- 1 Club user (7)
- 2 MP is bat transformed in holy rite (7)
- 9 Particular needs serviced by Bad Gals in Kinross (9)
- 10 Roman surname (5)
- 11 Full of Kinross students (6)
- 12 How the Kinross 'Warrior Queen' is made (7)
- 14 Jason's ship (4)
- 15 Having the form of a spider (10)
- 9 Scotland and wedding cakes have these in common (5)
- 10 She knows how to do it (3)
- 11 Shy creatures seen on Heritage Trail (4)
- 21 Senior school pupil, with badge (7)
- 23 Where Cloverlea's local honey is made (6)
- 25 Test with a vertical line (5)
- 26 Mountain study (9)
- 27 Evidence of insomnia (3,4)
- 28 It's golden (7)

DOWN

- 1 Kinross Twin Town (4)
- 2 A neighbourhood between Kinross and Milnathort (9)
- 3 Mary did this from Loch Leven Castle (6)
- 4 Available from shops in January (5,10)
- 5 Kinross pasturelands, with money ablaze? (8,7)
- 6 The curse of 2020 (8)
- 7 Metrical feet (5)
- 8 A course where 1 Across are found (10)
- 13 Recycled in the blue bin (5,5)
- 17 The Men's Shed are experts in this (8)
- 20 Strand or root hair (6)
- 22 Any horse-like creature (5)
- 24 Home to Kinross Football ground (4)

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31 March and 30 September

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The Bike Station also offers a Repair Service, a Fix Your Own Bike facility and a Dr Bike mobile service.

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Perth CAB has a team of specialist debt advisers. Advice is free, confidential, impartial and independent. To talk to a specialist debt adviser call 01738 450590 or email David Ogston (senior debt adviser) using the following email address: David.Ogston@Perthcab.casonline.org.uk

Newsletter Deadlines

More deadlines for the months ahead can be found on our website.

In very rare circumstances it may be necessary to change a deadline at short notice. Check the *Newsletter* website for latest information: www.kinrossnewsletter.org

Issue	Deadline	Publication Date
December	Friday 13 November	Saturday 28 November
February	Friday 15 January	Saturday 30 January 2021

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Meditation With Zoe - 8pm

Thursday
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Friday
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Must be part of the PVG (Protecting Vulnerable Groups) Scheme or willing to become part of the scheme. **Hourly rate is £11.62.**

Please email your CV to SelfDirectedSupport@pkc.gov.uk quoting reference number MC1410C. The closing date will be when sufficient suitable applicants have been received.

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There may be a small degree of flexibility with the morning visits and the afternoon visits can be arranged to suit the application. Flexibility to cover holidays and sickness absence is essential.

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We have operated in Kinross for over 30 years and in 2019 we were presented with an award from Age Scotland stating - "Presented to KVG and ROS in recognition of Inspirational service for older people in the community".

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For Sale

The Newsletter publishes items for sale listed on the kinross.cc website. If interested in purchasing an item, we suggest checking the website for current availability (www.kinross.cc then 'Local Adverts' then 'Classified Adverts'). If interested in selling an item, please list it on www.kinross.cc and it will automatically be published in the next available Newsletter, subject to space.

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Contact Rhona on 01383 830286.





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WHO ARE WE? We are the national charity, which for nearly 140 years has been helping serving and ex-service men and women, Regular and Reservist, and their families, in need. Eligibility is based on only one day's paid service.

WHERE ARE WE? There are 91 branches all over the UK, of which 22 are in Scotland. They all operate with a network of trained volunteers in the local area, to look into cases with understanding and sensitivity. Many of the volunteers are ex-Services themselves. The Perth and Kinross Branch has an office

in Queen's Barracks, Perth – courtesy of 7th Battalion, the Royal Regiment of Scotland. So far this year, despite Covid 19, the Branch has looked after over 80 cases. Our Branch Patron is the Provost of Perth and Kinross who, with his council staff, are wonderful supporters.

WHAT DO WE DO? We take immediate action whenever there is hardship and need. Our help and advice is totally confidential, and we help all ages. We work closely with other agencies, and service charities, and help can vary hugely...

We may help a war widow manage her bills; an ex Serviceman with a mobility challenge; assist a Service family with a special needs child, or a returned veteran from Iraq or Afghanistan conflicts.

Last year we helped 50,000+ cases in UK. <https://www.ssafa.org.uk/>

HELP, ADVICE, FRIENDSHIP Please don't hesitate to get in touch: SSAFA, Perth & Kinross Branch Queen's Barracks, 131 Dunkeld Road, PERTH PH1 5BT Tel: 01738 625346 (with ansaphone) or Email: Perth.Branch@ssafa.org.uk

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Winter Term 2020

Term Started: Monday 19 October

In-Service Days: Thursday 12 November and Friday 13 November

Term Ends: Wednesday 23 December

Christmas Holiday: Thursday 24 December – Wednesday 6 January 2021

Kinross Recycling Centre

Bridgend Industrial Estate

Opening Times:

Mon - Fri 9am - 7pm

Sat - Sun 9am - 5pm

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Collection point for Perth College WEEE project: IT equipment will be refurbished and sold on at an affordable price or recycled for parts. Items accepted include: desktop computers, laptops, mobile phones (without the sim card), tablets, keyboards, mouse controls, cables, DVD players, video players, portable music players, games consoles, new or empty printer cartridges, projectors and flat screen working monitors. The project cannot accept Cathode Ray Tube or broken monitors.

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Kinross-shire Fund



The Kinross-shire Fund was established in 2006 to make the area a better place to live,

by making grants to a wide range of local charities, organisations and projects which make a positive difference to the community.

To date, over 50 organisations within the 73 square miles of Kinross-shire have benefited from an award, with beneficiaries ranging in age from pre-school to the elderly. The Fund is managed by Foundation Scotland and is currently open for applications, with deadlines quarterly on the first Monday of February, May, August and November each year.

Full details, including how to apply via our online application link, can be found at:

www.foundationscotland.org.uk/programmes/kinross-shire-fund

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Diary

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December

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7th	Mon	Cleish and Blairadam CC meets	55
9th	Wed	Networking Breakfast on Zoom	73