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A KINGHORN CHARACTER

An outstanding character in my youth was my aunt Millie. Millie Scott Burnett was affectionately known by Kinghorn folk as Millie Burnett. She came to Kinghorn in 1912 with her husband James Sylvanus to work for Jack Allison’s Pierrot Troupe. Millie was a pianist/accompanist and her husband a fine tenor singer in the show. The silent films came into fashion and Millie’s skills on the piano came into their own. Sometimes it seemed the film became quite incidental to the music!

One Horner used to recount to me how the young boys vied to get the two seats reserved near the piano because these two got the job of going for Aunt Millie’s fish supper and on returning it would be opened up at the end of the keyboard and to everyone’s amusement Aunt Millie could keep time with cowboys etc. racing, snatching a chip or fish without losing a beat of the music such was her prowess!

Millie was very attractive with a flawless complexion and a fine elegant dress sense. Her favourite outfits were plain skirts and beautiful hand crochet tops. As a pianist she gave of her services readily for charity, church, Eastern Star and Masonic events. She and her husband would sing duets and these were the highlight of many a social gathering.

On that note, there are a few areas of Kinghorn we have not managed to gain access to (mainly blocks of flats). If anyone hasn’t received a copy of The Chronicle, please get in touch so we can remedy this.

By the time you get this we should be looking forward to Spring and even Summer. We can also look back to some people’s memories of Kinghorn past. We’d love to hear your accounts, or your brothers and sisters accounts, of life growing up in Kinghorn.

Please keep your contributions coming in. Without them we have no content. We would like photographs, stories, poems and whatever else you feel would interest the community. Adverts also always welcome, see below for price guide. Thanks for your continued support!

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CRAIGENCALT RURAL COMMUNITY TRUST NEWS

Have you thought about trying something new?

There are lots of Sports/Leisure activities based at Kinghorn Loch. It is recognised as the inland water sports hub for the area, and is a busy, active place all year round. All the sports activities are based at the new jetty constructed in 2007 by the Loch User’s Group, which is now part of the Craigencalt Trust and together we look after the well being of the loch and its varied wildlife. One of the first tasks of the Trust in early spring is always to fill up the rafts on the loch with barley straw, which is donated by a local farm. This ensures that the water quality in the loch remains excellent and has prevented the formation of algae blooms for many years.

In May, before the sailing boats return to the Firth for the summer, the Trust co-ordinates its annual “Come and Try” day when visitors can try out a variety of water sports and leisure activities. It is always a busy day with canoeing, sailing, radio controlled model boat club, open water swimmers, bird watching, walkers, the Earthship and more on offer. Some folk just come to relax and enjoy the beautiful scenery and hopefully the good weather.

The sports and leisure groups host various events during the year and the Trust has begun a new lochside project of work to improve facilities for users, the wildlife and our visitors. This includes making a new car park on the way into the lochside, a necessity as the car park on the east shore is gone. There is replacement of the aging barley straw rafts, new swan nesting platforms, information boards and a new family/disabled friendly path linking the lochside with the Trust’s very popular Troll Bridge on Rodanbraes Path. We are very fortunate to have the assistance of Alcan, funding from Fife Environment Trust and Awards for All, and our stalwart volunteers for this project.

The Trust has recently been successful in getting a mobile defibrillator for the lochside. Funding for this came from the British Heart Foundation and the Trust’s rural defibrillator project is underway and this could be valuable in an emergency which all hope will never happen. It now needs to be installed and we are committed to train up lots of volunteers, and this will take place soon. We are grateful to all our supporters who sign up as Friends each year and donate to our funds. Without this support Craigencalt Trust would not be able to accomplish so much.

Marilyn Edwards

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COMMUNITY NEWS

THE ROTARY CLUB OF BURNTISLAND AND KINGHORN

The local club has since 1982 been raising funds for good causes, both local and further afield. The Charity Shop in Burntisland in October raised £3000, which is steadily being disbursed to worthy causes of all sorts, both near and far. The next fundraising event booked is the annual Plant Sale and Coffee Morning in Kinghorn Church Hall on Saturday May 21st.

Topics offered by speakers at the club have recently included an Australian club’s fostering of a farming development in Nepal, a working trip to Peru for 14 teenagers, 50 years of the RNLI in Kinghorn, the WW1 naval establishment, HMS Tarlair in Aberdour, a visit from the Burntisland Police, an update on the Queensferry Crossing, a look inside the Oxford English Dictionary, an inside view of the White House, a foray into the world of forensics, and Hamish Brown’s study of Scottish canals. The Club meets on Tuesdays in the Burntisland Sands Hotel at 6.15pm for a meal at 6.45pm. Potential members are always welcome.

The 2016 winners of the Primary School Burns poetry recitation competition were Shona Menzies from Kinghorn and Keira Young from Burntisland.

— Simon Payne

KINGHORN HERITAGE TRAIL UPDATE

The Royal Burgh of Kinghorn has a long and varied history which the Historical Society feel should be celebrated much more. In order to accomplish this the Historical Society are working on a historical Heritage Trail around Kinghorn. This trail would update and complement the Trail Book which was published in 2009.

We consulted widely at the beginning of 2015 on the format the Heritage Trail should take, including at the Kinghorn Blether. Residents were asked whether they would prefer a free leaflet, information boards, a new trail book or a mobile phone app. The overwhelming consensus was to have a free leaflet which would be available to residents and visitors alike at the Community Centre and various other venues such as shops and pubs in Kinghorn. There is a precedent for such a leaflet as there are free leaflets like this available for heritage trails in Burntisland, Markinch and other burghs in Fife.

We have also liaised on the project with other organisations in Kinghorn. At a meeting in November with representatives of Kinghorn in Bloom and the Community Council it was agreed that the leaflet was the way forward. There may be one or two information panels to publicise the trail, but as information panels are expensive and require replacement after a short time it was agreed it was unrealistic to have more.

The next decision was whether to have one large trail or two: an inner and outer trail. The two trail option has been chosen, the inner trail focussing on the conservation area and Kinghorn Harbour. The outer trail will encompass Pettycur, the Golf Course area, Kinghorn Loch and the outer farming areas of Kinghorn Parish.

The next challenge is to get as much of Kinghorn history as possible onto a small leaflet. As this will be limited by the size of the leaflet we also propose to explore the possibility of a phone App that can provide additional information as you follow the trail.

There is still a great deal of work to do on this project with maps to make up, leaflets to design, copyright permission to obtain and funding to acquire, but we are sure it will result in a worthwhile addition to Kinghorn when complete. If anyone feels they could help and would like to contribute to the project, please get in touch through our website: www.kinghornhistoricalsociety.org.uk

— Ginny Reid

ICE COOL HORNER MAKES THE GRADE

Local boy, Harris Taylor (10), has been selected to play for the Scotland Under-11’s Ice Hockey team.

Harris has been playing hockey since he was 5. Starting in Learn to Play, he’s progressed through the Kubz, the Eagles and now the Under-12’s team, Kirkcaldy Redskins. His favourite team is the New York Rangers and his favourite Fife Flyer is Jeff Lee.

Harris is in good company for the national team, his school friend Cody MacDonald (who also lives in Kinghorn) is in the reserves. Harris travels to France and Sheffield for tournaments in the coming months.

Best of luck, boys! (Thanks to Eileen McClochrie for the heads up!)

Kinghorn Library will close on 31st March this year.

A new group ‘Kinghorn Library Renewed’ has been formed, to make use of ideas already presented and plan how to preserve, improve and build upon the library service currently available in Kinghorn. Andrew Bentley-Steed is the Chairman with Elizabeth Whitton serving as Secretary.

Kinghorn Historical Society is also developing ideas on working with a renewed Kinghorn Library. Although some Fife councillors have voted to close libraries, there is broad support among others for communities to work with Fife Cultural Trust on taking libraries into community ownership.

A steering committee composed of interested Kinghorn residents, members of the Community Centre committee, local councillors George Kay and Susan Leslie - and chaired by Alan McLravie - has been formed. This group will have oversight over the interested parties, helping and advising them whilst also liaising with Fife Cultural Trust and Fife Council.

Kinghorn Library Renewed would love to hear from anyone else interested in saving the library. Andrew commented: “You may have missed the initial meeting but please do not think you can’t join in. We will need all the help we can get to keep this project moving forward. This is a community project for the benefit of all ages in Kinghorn, and we would particularly welcome input from young people about the service they would like to see.

Those unable to actively join in, please feel free to advise and comment. The success of a community-owned library lies in making sure the services meet people’s wants and needs. We plan to distribute a survey to all Kinghorn residents asking for their views as soon as possible and of course, our meetings are open for anyone to attend and join in. Simply ask at the Community Centre.”

In the meantime, Andrew and Elizabeth may be contacted on the following email addresses or via the suggestions boxes that will be placed in the Community Centre and The Glory Hole.

Andrew: chair@kinghornlibraryrenewed.org.uk
Elizabeth: secretary@kinghornlibraryrenewed.org.uk

Please support this worthy campaign by filling in the survey sheet enclosed with this issue of The Chronicle. Thank you.
Please call Hilary on 01592 890375, email hilarypayne@btinternet.com or enter event details into the Community Diary at the Community Centre.

All events taking place between June and September 2016 are suitable for the next issue. Whether it’s a Mothers & Toddlers group, Guerilla Gardening or Extreme Ironing, we want to hear all about it!

**DATE TIME EVENT VENUE**

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**WHAT’S ON? MARCH - JUNE 2016**

**KINGHORN IN BLOOM NEEDS**

Do you fancy a wee project but don’t have much time to spare?

We invite you to adopt one (or more!) of the many containers, flower beds or boat gardens around Kinghorn, which could be planted and maintained by you at your convenience. You don’t even have to join Kinghorn in Bloom, but we will provide plants and any advice required. KIB will continue to look after the High Street containers and baskets, but we would appreciate help with the rest please. Some people have taken on some areas already but more remain.

The areas/tubs/boat gardens we need help with are:

- Pettycur car park ‘Dolly’ boat garden - Stevie
- Pettycur Road small boat garden - Hannah
- Carousel flowerbeds x2
- Community Centre car park beds - Linda and George Foster
- Community Centre edibles boat garden - Brownies
- Dentist beds x2 - Susie Redman
- GP surgery beds and supermarket wall planting - Wayne Brown
- Julian Hall boat garden
- Julian Hall raised beds
- Kinghorn Bay Sailing Club flower bed. Rockery/Notice Board flower bed
- Quarrel Brae boat garden and sloping flower bed by the toilets
- Golvers Court fence troughs x4
- Town head barrels x5
- Glebe barrels x2
- Loch Road boat garden - Wayne Brown
- Kinghorn Road boat garden - Girl Guides
- ‘Lang Spoon’ boat garden - Girl Guides

Or maybe you could help with the watering during the summer months? If you are able to help, please contact Carolyn Keane: kinghorninbloom@gmail.com • www.kinghorninbloom.org.uk

This year’s planting scheme will reflect the St Leonard’s coat of arms colours: blue, yellow, orange and green. We are always open to suggestions regarding planting schemes and colours. Please contact us if you have any ideas or if you know of any commemorations or special anniversaries.

Ahead of time, we are planning to get new Christmas lights for the High Street and Christmas tree. Fife Council have already donated some lights and we are in the process of having the electrical connections assessed and replaced if appropriate. All donations are welcome and we would like to take this opportunity to thank our sponsors, without whom Kinghorn would be a less colourful place! Thank you!
What a day! A day when I was oh-so-busy and yet at the end of it, as the train pulsed it’s way along the tracks with lovely views out over the Forth, I couldn’t help feeling that it was a day of disappointment. All that work and yet very little to show for it. A feeling of underachievement washed through me. Later in the evening, with the kids in bed and the glow of a post-meal glass of wine, I began to relax and think that tomorrow might be a better day.

Once in bed, sleep soon overcame me as I slipped into that warm, cosy feeling of deep relaxation. In my subconsciousness hours had passed when an annoying beeping noise interrupted my warm dreams. 'What is that noise, it doesn’t fit with my dream. Stop it whoever it is'. Then, as my conscious mind wakes up and realisation jerks me awake I swing my legs, which are clearly still asleep, out of bed and onto the cold floor. Quickly pulling on my clothing, I grab the pager before it vibrates itself off the bedside cabinet. Moments later my car is driving through the sleeping village, down South Overgate to Harbour Road and the pathway down to the beach. The village sleeps.

The clatter and banging of the barriers and the door sliding upwards together with the harsh lighting in the boat hall casts aside any remnants of sleep from my brain which is now in full, adrenaline lined mode. A quick check of the instruments, I pull on the headphones, turn the key and my world becomes one of noise and discipline. A disembodied voice comes into my ears and the tractor lurches forward, out of the harsh lights of the building and into the cold dark of the beach.

Soon, I’m slipping into a nice warm bed. My husband turns with a groan and my mind relaxes. In no time I’m sound asleep again. A new day will soon dawn and I’ll head to work with a glow of satisfaction that I did my bit and it feels so good.

If you want to be part of this dynamic and rewarding voluntary service, speak with any of the Crew or phone Alan on Kinghorn 892341.
During this weekend the focus will be on the station buildings or adjacent locations which people can easily access travelling by train. Visitors will be able to buy a railway ticket at the station and visit the venues by breaking their journey en route. There is parking available for those travelling by car. Artline leaflets and maps will be available at the gallery and all other participating venues.

*PLEASE NOTE: ALL VENUES WILL BE OPEN 10AM - 6PM WITH THE EXCEPTION OF KIRKCALDY GALLERIES, WHICH WILL OPEN ON SATURDAY 9.30AM - 4PM AND SUNDAY 12 NOON - 4PM.*

Further information: 01592 891900.

**THE ARTLINE AT KINGHORN GALLERY**

To mark the creation of the Artline there will be a new exhibition at the gallery, opening on Sat 7th May. This will showcase the work of Kinghorn’s artists and makers. The gallery and studios will be open for the Artline Weekend and on all following Saturdays until the 18th of June.

Further information: www.kinghorngallery.co.uk or contact the gallery direct on 01592 891900.

- Lynette Gray (Illustration by Catherine Lindow)
SIMPLY BREATHTAKING

Split Level South Facing Rooms With Sea View Balconies

Swimming Pool, Jacuzzi, Steam Room And Sauna

Children’s Soft Play & Amusement Areas

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email: thebay@pettycur.co.uk
Web: www.thebayhotel.net
I have a vague memory that back in the mid-60s we celebrated the 600th anniversary of Kinghorn being awarded the status of Royal Burgh. I think we were even presented with a teaspoon which bore the Burgh Council’s coat of arms on it. There was a great to-do about the whole thing and I remember being enthralled by the significance of our status above mere towns and burghs. This was great, Kinghorn was king of the castle.

In 1975 we lost our status with the reform of local government which saw the disbandment of the burgh councils and the creation of the District and Regional Councils. Our regalia was taken, our council minutes disappeared into boxes to go brown in some anonymous room, the road signs were changed. The Provost’s lamp, a symbol of the Royal Burgh’s heritage and status was carted off, eventually to appear some years later in a cluster outside the Town House in Kirkcaldy. All vestiges of our heritage were bleached from our collective memories, never to be mentioned again.

History books mention Kinghorn as the place that Alexander III was journeying to when he fell from the cliffs on a wild, stormy night. Here too, popular myth has it that Macbeth defeated the Vikings on the escarpment now known as the Quarrel Brae. The Nordic leaders are buried on the holy island of Inchcolm. Kinghorn also has a link to one of the greatest events in Scottish history. Following Alexander’s untimely death King Edward long shanks turned his attention on the lands to the north of his domain. He sent bishops off to Rome to petition the Pope that Scotland should be part of his kingdom. Scotland sent Baldred Bisset, a Rector of Kinghorn to argue the case on behalf of the people of Scotland. Years of argument and counter argument took place and eventually the Pope ruled in favour of Baldred’s case and declared that Scotland is a nation under God.

There is a suggestion that so impressed was the Pope by Baldred’s argument and his piety that he granted Kinghorn a saint to be its patron; Saint Leonard. If this is correct, we didn’t just pick this guy out of a hat one beer-filled night, as our forefathers sat round a flaming hearth, our patron saint comes to us by papal authority no less. It is thought that the Declaration of Arbroath is founded on the arguments proffered by Baldred and as you may know, there is strong evidence that the USA’s Declaration of Independence is founded on our own declaration. All of this is linked to our Royal Burgh and there is so, so much more.

Discussions have been held with Fife Council about enhancing the town’s signs with RBKCC’s coat of arms and the Historical Society is looking at ways of bringing our heritage back to life. In September the Community Council received correspondence which was debated at its AGM in November. At that meeting it was decided that the Community Council would adopt the honorary titles of Provost and Deputy Provost to describe its Chair and Vice-Chair, as part of the Burgh’s journey to reclaim and demonstrate its rich heritage and importance in the history of Scotland. Forty years have gone by since we were purged and now, as a community, we take back what is ours.

Look out for our in-depth article on RBKCC coat of arms in the next issue!
— Alan McIlravie
**GIRLGUIDING & SCOUTING IN KINGHORN**

Who remembers the excitement of pack holidays, cooking on the campfire, singing songs, celebrating Thinking Day and making your Guide or Scout Promise? About 1 in 5 of us has, at some point, been a Brownie, Guide, Cub or Scout. Girlguiding and Scouting is still going strong in Kinghorn, and the emphasis is still on making friends, teamwork, learning new skills, being active and building confidence. About 70 local children, aged between 5 and 14 attend our local groups each week.

**SCOUTING**

Modern Scouting is a mixed youth group for both boys and girls. Beavers are the youngest members of the Scouting association and children can join at 6 years of age. They meet in the Church Hall (at the War Memorial) on Wednesday evenings from 6-7pm. Cubs, aged from 8 years old, also meet in the Church Hall on Wednesday evenings from 6-7.30pm. From around the age of 10-14, children can move on to Scouts. Our local Scout group meets on Tuesday evenings from 6.45-8.45pm in the Church Hall.

**GIRLGUIDING**

Girlguiding remains an organisation for girls only. Rainbows are the youngest members of the Girlguiding association and girls can join at 5 years of age. We meet in the Church Hall on Monday evenings: 5-6pm. At our weekly meetings, we celebrate special events, have fun with crafts and cooking, and play games. At the time of writing this article, we are looking forward to having our own Burns Night, celebrating Chinese New Year, and making pancakes on Pancake Day. Towards the summer, we will be getting out for treasure hunts and making our costumes for this year’s Children’s Gala Parade. It’s amazing how much we can fit into 1 hour!

After their 7th birthday girls can move on to Brownies.

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**LIVING IN SUPPORTED HOUSING**

**A TENANT’S PERSPECTIVE**

My name is Mrs Jean Grey. I came to live at Viewforth Court almost 5 years ago with my husband Bill. We moved to Kinghorn from Glenrothes. Sadly due to health Difficulties Bill has had to go into nursing care.

Far from being a Residential Home, Viewforth Court is Supported Housing. Their ethos is keeping people as independent as possible with added support. I live life to the full, and enjoy my independence; I am fully involved in community events and the Church.

I have lunch in Nicola’s Cupcake Cafe, where we have our own exclusive club ‘The 5 VIPs’ (very important pensioners). I could have lunch at the Development if I wanted. I do all my local shopping in the Co-op and can jump on a bus practically on my door step. I have my evening meal in the dining room here with friends. I have made so many friends since coming to live here.

I enjoy going out for organised bus trips, outside entertainment, shows and entertainment within Viewforth Court - members of the community also join us on these trips. So, far from being a Nursing/Residential care home, Viewforth Court is a place to live independently and be encouraged by staff to live life to the full, not to fade away.

People can find more details about Viewforth Court on the Trust Housing website: [www.trustha.org.uk/properties/68/detail/](http://www.trustha.org.uk/properties/68/detail/)

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The Unit meet in the Community Centre on Tuesday evenings from 6-7.30pm. The Brownies enjoyed a visit to the Panto at Christmas. They are currently working on their cooking badge, and will be visiting Nicola’s Cupcake Café to learn how to do some cake decorating. They are also working on their friends to the animals badge, and have a trip planned to Pets at Home for some hands on experience. Towards the summer they are looking forward to a colour run and a sausage sizzle on the beach.

From 10 years of age, girls can move on again to Guides. The Unit meets on Monday evenings in the Church Hall from 7.30-9pm. After a successful superhero sleepover in November 2015, the Guides are looking forward to their next overnight challenge. In addition, planning is underway for a bouncy day out in Edinburgh, and they also hope the weather improves so they can get outside and work on their finding your way badge.

Exhausted just reading about all this activity? These groups are all run by volunteer leaders and helpers, and we always need more to help shorten the waiting lists and allow more children to become members. If you are 18 or over, you can become a Unit leader it looks great on a CV. Visit the links below for more details on how you can lend a hand!

[www.scouts.org.uk](http://www.scouts.org.uk) • [www.girlguiding.org.uk](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk)
SCOTTISH CULTURE
The month of January saw us focus our learning experiences on Scottish Culture. We investigated, researched, learnt and discovered many new things including poetry and Scottish poets, Scottish landmarks, castles and monarchy of Scotland, food, songs, customs, traditions, Famous Scots, Inventors, The Jacobites and so much more. We showcased all our learning at the end of January to each other and winners of our Scottish Poem and Art competitions were celebrated.

POETRY WINNERS
Area 1 – Charlotte Watson and Cameron Fraser
Area 2 – Ellie Robertson and Emil Szulc
Area 3 – Leona Duncan and Olivia Lazarczyk
Area 4 – Julia Bennett and Jay McMillan
Area 5 – Kirsty Murray and Emma Paterson
Area 6 – Charlie Cadogan and Theo Lindow
Area 8 – Holly Taylor and Jasmin Stalker
Area 9 – Robyn Cunningham and Shona Menzies

ART WINNERS
Area 1 – Oliver Coulston and Marcelina Lazarczyk
Area 2 – Ryan Dean and Cameron Barton
Area 3 – Carl Olokodana and Blair Robertson
Area 4 – Rhys Dean and Corrin Gilfeather
Area 5 – Katie Allison and Gemma Duncan
Area 6 – Cameron Ives and Archie Chisholm
Area 8 – Erin Spence and Holly Taylor
Area 9 – Erin Madden and Emily Fordyce

SCOTTISH CHILDREN’S BOOK AWARDS
Area 1, 2, 3 and 4 are all visiting our local library in February to hear Val from the Library Services team read the final three shortlisted books in this year’s Scottish Children’s Book Awards. We look forward to voting for our favourite and being part of this Scottish wide event!!

FIFE FLYERS
Area 5, 6, 8 and 9 will be visited by the Fife Flyers in March. We look forward to hearing all about what it is like to be an ice hockey player, be a committed team player and how a healthy lifestyle is important, we will have lots of questions to ask too!!

UPDATE FROM KINGHORN PRIMARY

NEWSLETTER
Our next Newsletter is due out to all Kinghorn school families soon – this is will be full of what’s going on in the school and forthcoming events. There will be a copy on the Community Noticeboard too for all to see. In the meantime, see below (and the ‘What’s On’ section on page 4) for some upcoming important dates.

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The Ecology Centre
Try something new for 2016?
Now that we are settled into our new building, we can fully focus on delivering our Volunteer, Education and Job Training Programmes. See how you can get involved below.

VOLUNTEER WEDNESDAYS (Weekly 9.30am – 3.00pm)
Come along and lend your hand to a variety of task like gardening, DIY, cooking etc. It’s a very informal day where you get to meet new friends, learn new skills and pass on your own. A real treat is the sit down lunch prepared by our kitchen team. Interested? Then call Robert for a chat on 01592 891567.

CONSERVATION VOLUNTEERS (10.00am – 12.30pm)
Our Conservation Volunteer mornings run on the first Saturday of every month so that those who can’t make it up during the week, get the opportunity to get involved and help shape the future of our new site. There is no big commitment required, come along once or every month it’s up to you. Just turn up on the day and we will be delighted to see you.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES
Eco Adventures is our popular holiday programme and is perfect for getting kids outside exploring and having fun. We are taking bookings now for Easter and summer. Call 01592 891567 or email admin@theecologycentre.org to book.

More information on our activities and events can be found on our website www.theecologycentre.org where you can sign up to our e-bulletin. Our Facebook page is also a great way of keeping up to date with what’s going on at The Ecology Centre.

Room Hire @The Ecology Centre
Our “Nest” room with wonderful views of Kinghorn Loch is the perfect venue to stage your workshops, training days, conferences, parties or even intimate wedding celebrations!

Standard rate: £20 per hour.
Charity/community activity: £10 per hour.
Catering can be arranged.
To find out more, please call 01592 891567 or email: admin@theecologycentre.org