

Hello people of Blackburn and Kinellar,

Jenny and I hope this Spring 2023 issue of the Blackie Banter finds you all well.

As you will see below our village hall is in serious trouble. At the AGM the main office bearer roles were not filled. No Board means no Hall. It's that simple. The EGM is 27th Feb so by the time you read this our hall might have closed with the loss of quite a few jobs, most of our community groups (see page 7 for groups) and some small local businesses. You may remember from the previous issue that there is now a community website called Connecting Kinellar (see bottom of page). Each issue of the Blackie Banter will be posted there but we will continue with paper copies to all homes. We know there are people who don't use the internet so they would be forgotten. Once the website has become embedded in village life, we might have a rethink. All ideas for how to ensure no one is missed out if we go mostly digital will be gratefully received!

Take care everyone, look out for each other and hopefully the Summer issue will be full of good news about how the Hall is planning to move forward with the support of us all. Jackie and Jenny

KINELLAR COMMUNITY HALL;

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URGENT: PLEASE HELP KEEP OUR HALL OPEN

This edition of the Blackie Banter is by far the hardest to write as at the time of writing there is so much uncertainty surrounding the hall. Hopefully, by the time you are reading this we will have held an EGM and a new Board will be in place. As well as new Board members, we will have a Fundraising team - a group of individuals who will volunteer to work alongside Management, organising events to raise funds for the hall. Fundraising is something that will always be needed at the hall to help cover ever increasing costs and to pay for any repairs that arise. The hall is completely self-funded by you the community and receives **no** financial help from the council. Without the community's support we cannot continue to run. The hall is here for the community to use, and we hope that with your help we can continue to keep this amazing facility open.

Already this year, we have hosted a photoshoot with KAD Photography, held an amazing Bonkers Big Day Bingo and worked alongside 'Making the Dough' as well as bringing some new classes to the hall. Looking forward, we aim to bring more variety to the hall and one very important addition to the timetable will be our KCH Hub Youth club. We aim to have this up and running after the Easter holidays, but we are still looking for help. We need 'Hub Supporter's' plus additional volunteers to come on board and help make this happen. If this interests you, or you would like more information please get in touch by emailing us at receptionkch@outlook.com. This is something that is desperately needed in Blackburn, and we are so close to achieving it.

We have a new floor going down in the Leys Hall during the Easter holidays, this will bring a fresh, new look to the sports hall. We would love to get some other renovations done and paint the walls and replace the carpets. The hall is 18 years old and is looking very tired. As a community we can all work together and turn the hall around to become the community hall that we all deserve.

We would just like to say thank you to everyone who has come forward and offered help so far. There are many things you can do to help at the hall that doesn't involve being on the board. Please keep an eye on our Facebook page and the village Notice boards (two on Fintray Road, one at Benview Terrace) for all future events and announcements.

Kinellar Management and Board

CONNECTING KINELLAR DOESN'T SEEM TO BE CONNECTING

Our **community website** 'Connecting Kinellar' has been live since the 7th November 2022 but doesn't seem to be doing its job.

The website should be the place where all relevant information about the community can be found – what's on; who does what in the local community – is there a football team for Under 12s? is there a tap class for girls? Is there a seamstress in the village?; and it should be the place where local businesses can showcase what they do and encourage people to buy local. It will also be the home for a digital copy of the Blackie Banter.

To date there are a small number of community organisations listed and only a handful of local businesses.

Since the launch of the website on 7th November it has been visited by 444 people but without on-going content it is unlikely to gain any real traction.

I understand that there have been some issues with emails and some people have reported 'bounce backs'. This has now been remedied and everyone is encouraged to please submit content that will be of interest to the community.

There is NO COST for any of this material and if you need help putting your items together, just ask and it will be done.

The web address is <https://connectingkinellar.co.uk>

And you can get in touch at info@connectingkinellar.co.uk

LOCAL COUNCILLOR UPDATE

It is hard to believe that by the time you are reading this, it will be getting on for a year since the council elections in May 2022. So much has happened in that time locally, nationally and internationally.

Since the election, I have enjoyed getting to know the Garioch Area in more detail and trying to understand the particular challenges in every part of the area and I am enjoying working with our local communities on issues that most directly affect them – and that of course includes Blackburn and the surrounding area.

At the beginning of February, we finally got the new Local development Plan 2023 (LDP) signed off by the Scottish Government. As you will be aware, this is the masterplan for the whole of Aberdeenshire for the next five years and details for this area – and the whole of Aberdeenshire – can be seen under planning on the council website at [Aberdeenshire Local Development Plan 2023 - Aberdeenshire Council](#)

As usual, the ink is barely dry on this new LDP when the process for creating the next one starts. This is the opportunity for every resident, business and community in Aberdeenshire to try and shape what they want their area to look like in the future. There will be many opportunities to participate in the various consultations so watch out for those being advertised over the coming months and years.

Also by the time this is being read, the council will have set its budget for 2023-24 including the Council Tax for next year. This is the 15th budget process that I have been involved in and it has been by far the most difficult and challenging.

Years of under-funding are really catching up on all of our council services which has been accelerated and exacerbated by the aftermath of all things Covid, the high rate of inflation and increasing interest rates that have affected all of us.

The cost of living affects councils as much as individuals and we are only too painfully aware that decisions that we make to get the numbers in our budget to stack up directly affect many people who depend on the many services that the council provide or pay others to deliver on our behalf.

Having made a raft of the least-worst choices from a list of unpalatable options, we now must make sure that, as far as that is possible, our residents and communities are supported through the coming months while we hope for better times to come.

Contact me on cllr.j.gifford@aberdeenshire.gov.uk or 07766 497856

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1ST KINELLAR SCOUT GROUP

The Christmas Tree collection was a huge success we collected 39 Christmas Trees this year from around Blackburn & Hatton of Fintry and made some money for both our funds and Daviot Camp Site fund raising efforts too. Let's hope we can do the same again next year.

After a 3 year break, we finally have been able to hold our annual jumble sale. The community donated lots of jumble and bottles for the raffle stall and we managed to raise £1001.89. Thank you to all those that came along to buy items and those who have supported us, it was very much appreciated.

We would like to thank the Rotary Club of Kintore, Blackburn & Kemnay as they have awarded 1st Kinellar Scout Group funds to help purchase more hike tents for our ever-increasing numbers of young people. We look forward to being able to show-case our tents to the Rotary in the springtime.

We have lots of young people on our waiting list due to a shortage of adults. If there is a waiting list for the section your child hopes to attend, you could think about joining us yourself. We always welcome any help from parents. With more adult help our waiting list for young people could be shorter and more young people will be able to experience the adventure of Scouting.

VOLUNTEERS

What's most extraordinary about our volunteers is they're just like you and me. They fit in their volunteering around ordinary things, like working in an office, or doing night shifts. They squeeze it around picking up their children, making dinner, and cleaning their homes. They use snatched hours - which could be spent watching TV, or down the pub - planning exciting activities for young people, packing away a camp, balancing budgets, or doing a million other things. They offer the most precious thing available - time - to help young people gain skills and opportunities to lead better and brighter lives. Isn't that extraordinary?

We know we're very lucky to have our volunteers, so we try to take every opportunity to say thank you. So, I would like to take this opportunity to say a BIG thank you to all our leaders. Thank you to everyone who juggles work, family and Scouting. It can be hard at times, but it is so worthwhile to see our young people grow and develop. You do an amazing job. Thank you. Interested in joining in the adventure please get in touch kinellar@gordondistrictscouts.org.uk or pop along to the hall any Wednesday between 4.30pm - 9.30pm and speak to any of the leaders.

Kinellar ESU Our Explorer section provides young people with opportunities to take an active role in their scouting journey. We provide a programme which encourages independence and skills to be carried through life.

Unfortunately, we have seen a decrease in leader availability and are now operating with one leader. To continue to provide meaningful experiences for our explorer unit we need more leaders! Come and see if Explorers could bring you as much joy as it brings us! email: kinellaresu@gmail.com

KINELLAR SWI

Kinellar SWI (Rural) meets in the Kirkhill Suite on the first Monday of the month, as soon after 7.30 as the room is available.

On the 6th March, we will have an illustrated talk on Old Aberdeen by Bill Diack, a local historian.

April 3rd will be our Business Meeting (AGM), this year being conducted by Rothienorman SWI

Our meeting on 1st May will be a demonstration of Flower Arranging by Ina Hunter, well known to most of our members.

All ladies are very welcome to come along and join us for any (or all) of our meetings. If you want further information please contact me or visit our Facebook page (Kinellar SWI)

Irene Pace 01224 790735



Kinellar Stars is a preschool group setting held in Kinellar Community Hall. We provide sessions Mon-Thurs between 9.15am-12.15pm at a cost of £15 per day.

Places are available for funded and non-funded children aged between 2 and 5 years old.

It is important to us to provide an environment where children can become confident individuals and successful learners; therefore, we have an open plan setting with different "learning areas" for children to explore. If you would like to find out more about Kinellar Stars you can email us on kinellar.preschool@hotmail.com or find us on Facebook as Kinellar Stars 2's and Playgroup.

Kinellar Stars Committee



Fintray Kinellar Keithhall Church of Scotland

I cannot believe we are midway through February as it seems no time since we were caught up in the rush for Christmas and looking forward in the church to welcoming Jesus, the Christ child into our world once again. We will soon be entering the season of Lent and I shall be holding a Lenten Study Group for anyone interested in coming along to learn about this time of year in the church calendar. It will be held weekly in the meeting room in Fintray Church beginning on Wednesday 1st March 2023 at 2pm for five weeks.

We had a wonderful Christmas assembly with the pupils and staff of Hatton of Fintray School hearing them sing and play musical instruments which was a delight. I also told them the Christmas story with the aid of chocolate bars which I think they all enjoyed. I have been invited to the school for their Easter Assembly which I am really looking forward to.

The congregation meeting weekly in Fintray Church has grown from a small number coming to between 20 and 25 and has also been very consistent week by week. It is a wonderful congregation, very welcoming, friendly and lots of fun. I hope we can continue to welcome a good congregation and I personally thank them all for their wonderful support.

I hope you are all coping with the difficulties we are facing due to high energy costs, the cost of food going up and sadly businesses closing all around us. My thoughts and prayers are with you all and I wish you health and happiness in all you do.

Blessings from Sheila

Rev Sheila Craggs Interim Moderator at Fintray, Kinellar, Keithhall Church

VDUB ADVENTURES

Have you thought about experiencing a holiday on the open road, enjoying the freedom to plan adventures at your own pace? VDUB ADVENTURES is a campervan hire company, with pick-up points in Blackburn and Inverness.

Renting a campervan allows you to explore all that Scotland has to offer; whether you want to visit the coast, mountains or city attractions our vans have everything you need.

Our T6 campervans vans have undergone tasteful conversions. Sleeping four they have a bespoke kitchenette - including sink, gas stove, fridge and electric hook-up. If you would like a little more luxury, we also have a motorhome which has a shower and WC.

Based locally in Kinellar, you can start your road trip from the doorstep! For further details and availability please visit www.vdubadventures.com or get in touch via: 07740 778818 / info@vdubadventures.com

Beautylicious has moved to Blackburn!

After starting our family and moving to Blackburn, I finally decided to take the plunge and move from my City Centre Salon of 11 years and open my private home-based salon.

I am a fully qualified Beauty Therapist who specialises in a full range of beauty treatments, and I have won many awards over the last 13+ years.

Using only the top brands such as Lycon, HD Brows, Nouveau LVL Lashes, Environ & Million Dollar Facials etc. I can't wait to welcome you all soon.

For an appointment call/text Rachel on **07930996010**

www.beautyliciousaberdeen.co.uk

Beautylicious by Rachel – located at Scotsmill Crescent

MIKE'S FAMOUS FISH AND CHIPS

One of the first questions I put to Liam, who is Mike's son and now runs the business, was how and when did Mike's fish and chip shop become 'Famous'. It happened in the late 1990s following prestigious awards by what was known then as the 'Sea Industry Scotland'. It obviously caught on and has no doubt contributed since to the success of the business.

The business first started under the management of Liam's Dad, Mike, in 1978, in premises on Menzies Rd., Torry which were purchased for £7,600. Mike had previously been involved in several retail businesses including work as a driver for Bon Accord Lemonade, one of the products on sale in his chipper. Having made the decision to acquire his own business Mike moved around to several premises, Golf Rd, School Rd, and Inverurie before settling down on Mugiemooss Rd in 1997 which is their flag ship premise.

Liam took over the running of the business in 2019 allowing his father to take a back seat. It was a big decision he admits at 27yrs to leave his job as an engineer with regular hours and weekends off. However, looking back he has no regrets and has taken to managing the business with enthusiasm and ambition. Unfortunately, in March the following year lockdown occurred as Covid took hold, but this only affected the business for 12 days with a delivery service operating after that followed by takeaways in April. This worked very well for businesses like his as the large franchises were closed for 6 weeks.

The purchase of land and construction of new premises in Blackburn occurred in between 2021 and 2022 with shop opening in July 2022. The smart new premises provide both takeaway and dine-in facilities, the latter being particularly popular at weekends. Liam is quick to respond to my query about the source of their products which he confirms is from local suppliers. Fish has come from 'Scateraw Fisheries' based in Bucksburn for the past 17yrs and meat products are from Dossett's in Kintore. The menu is wide ranging as well as including the ever-popular fish and chips.

So, what are Liam's plans for the future apart from consolidating his new business in Blackburn. His wish is to start a delivery service in the area, perhaps expanding as far as Fintray and Westhill. He now employs a total of 33 people which is a big step up from the very early days in Torry.

We wish him the very best of luck especially with a new member of the family to divert his attention from time to time! His daughter Philippa was born just a few months ago. Maybe she will take over the business in the years ahead. I'm sure a fish supper will always be a very popular dish. Jenny Chapman

KINELLAR GIRLGUIDING

Rainbows - We had 5 new girls starting this term and have been working on a Skills For my Future badge. This includes learning new things about each other, creating marble runs using cardboard tubes, doing fruit experiments and learning some DIY skills. We are also including crafts and activities for Valentines Day, Thinking Day, Mother's Day and Easter this term. Some of the girls are also attending the cinema in Ellon to see the new Puss in Boots film.

Brownies - Before Christmas, the Brownies enjoyed an exclusive trip to the cinema to see Matilda with the rest of our district. After we returned from the Christmas break we held our promise ceremony for 3 Brownies who started in Term 1 along with new Leader, Mo. The other Brownies and Leaders also renewed their promise as it's now changed from Queen to King. We also had 3 new Brownies start who have transferred up from Rainbows, a big welcome to them. This month we celebrate World Thinking Day on the 22nd February. This celebrates the founding of Girl Guiding across the globe. We are also attending a sleepover at the Skyline Trampoline Park in March, the girls are all very excited!

If you are interested in either Rainbows or Brownies for your daughter please visit the Girlguiding website at www.girlguiding.org.uk for more information.

Thanks Sue & Allison

KINELLAR KUPPA

We are now open again but on a monthly rather than a weekly basis as we are still short of volunteers. Many thanks to Michelle, our Hall Manager, for her support

KINELLAR KUPPA will be operating as usual on the first Wednesday of the month between 9.30 and 11.30am in the Kirkhill Suite and we look forward to seeing you. Coffee and tea will be available, with free refills, together with cakes and bakes.

Children are welcome and we have a selection of toys available to keep them amused.

Prices remain the same: Adults £3 and Children 50p. All money raised goes to Hall funds.

So come along and join us.....

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PLEASE HELP TO SAVE OUR HALL

KINTORE LIBRARY

Would you like to access newspapers, magazines, e-books and audio books for free online? – then please read on.

Special event: Monday 15th May at 2pm. Finding out the history of your house. An hour(ish) presentation/talk by our experts at Library Local Studies department with examples of resources they keep there e.g., valuation rolls, electoral registers from 1970s which people can then have a look through. This will be bookable through livelifeaberdeenshire, but there should be spaces available for people to turn up. Please contact the library for more details.

Kintore Library is open 15 hours a week, on a Tuesday morning 9 – 13.30, Wednesday afternoon 14.00 – 18.00, Thursday afternoon 13.00 – 17.00 and Saturday morning 9 – 11.30.

- You will be able to **access the public computers** and print from your own, or our, device, paying either beforehand with your card or in cash at the desk (correct change please).
- You can send your **printing from home** and collect within 24 hours using the Princh App, (you can pay by card at home or in cash when you collect).
- You may also **photocopy** (cash only – correct change please).
- And of course you will be able to **choose your own books**.
- You can also pick up NHS hearing aid batteries /distance aware badges and lanyards /dog poo bags/ food caddy waste and battery bags.

What else can you do at the library?

Bookbug sessions are on a Tuesday at 10.30am and a Friday at 9.15 – booking is advisable but subject to space we are happy to accept people walking in, see below for booking details.

Knit and Stitch is on a Tuesday 10 – 12, no booking is required but spaces are limited.

Doorstep Delivery if you are unable to come to us we may be able to come to you, please phone us direct for details 01467 532605 or email kintore.library@aberdeenshire.gov.uk

Bra Bank bring in your new and gently worn bras and we will arrange for them to go to Africa, via a charity partner.

Jigsaws there is a wide selection of adult's jigsaws available for borrowing.

What can you do at home? Livelifeaberdeenshire is an innovative approach to delivering Sports and Culture Services on behalf of Aberdeenshire Council. On the libraries home page, you can see various initiatives which might be useful to you.

Digital library To access free newspapers (including the PJ), e-books, e-audio books and e-magazines.

The **library catalogue** is where to go to reserve books of interest to you, which will be delivered to the library of your choice, you can also request the library service buys a book if it is not already held.

Online Databases are also accessible, these are trusted sites and great for any homework help as well as being useful tools.

We are keen to do additional outreach, if you would like library staff to visit your group or place of work, please be in touch at kintore.library@aberdeenshire.gov.uk or by phone 01467 532605.

For further information or to book a Bookbug place or Click and Collect slot at any Aberdeenshire Library please visit the website <https://livelifeaberdeenshire.org.uk/libraries> or phone 01467 532929 during office hours. This is also the phone number for Live Life Aberdeenshire Leisure sites.

Please like our Facebook page Kintore Library and/or Aberdeenshire Library and Information Services.

For more on Princh printing see: <https://www.livelifeaberdeenshire.org.uk/libraries/princh-printing/>



D istance Aware

Distance Aware badges and lanyards show others you need space.

You may have seen details of this Scottish Government scheme in the press or other media.

Distance Aware badges and lanyards are for anyone who prefers others to take extra care around them, for any reason. You might be worried about mixing with others as we adapt to living with the virus, or you might just feel more comfortable when you have more room.

A BRIEF HISTORY OF KINELLAR COMMUNITY HALL by Steve Wright and Jackie Smith

Blackburn's original village hall was on Main Road. It was called the Leys Hall and was on the site of the homes at Old Hall Court. The Leys Hall was gifted to the community and a trust was set up for the building and the land, to ensure it could only be used by the village for recreation purposes.

Prior to 1976, the population of the village of Blackburn was approximately 400. By 1980, this had increased to about 1050. As of 2020 the population had grown to 3050.

In February 1998 a public meeting was called to discuss whether a deteriorating Leys Hall could service the needs of a community of around 1,750 people, with in excess of 500 homes being added to the village in the near future. A steering committee was set up to discuss the hall facilities required for our fast-growing community, and to investigate these following options:

- 1 – To renovate and improve the existing hall
- 2 – To build a new hall on the existing site
- 3 – To build a new hall on an alternative site.

The steering committee reported that the roof of the existing hall was in a poor state of repair. The foundations were holding water and the floorboards were badly warped. They also reported that the building was too small, and the car parking area was completely inadequate for our growing community. The committee concluded that to spend money on major repairs and extending the building would not be prudent and recommended that the Association look at building a new hall on a new site.

A local landowner donated the ground and, after several years of hard work by dedicated groups and individuals, the funding was raised to build the Kinellar Community Hall. It was formally opened by the Princess Royal – Princess Anne – in 2005.

Once again, the Hall is in a trust to guarantee it will always be here for the use of our community, no houses can be built on that land. It is registered with Companies House and managed by a Board of Directors rather than a committee. This decision was taken to protect the members of the Board from personal liability if something goes wrong.

Many of us thought the fundraising would end once the new hall opened, but Kinellar Community Hall is a large building and cannot meet its outgoings purely on income from room hire and gym memberships. So, we all need to get behind the Board and Staff of KCH. Do you like gardening, cleaning, simple DIY, organising functions... the list goes on. Please pop in, email, send a message via Facebook or phone the Hall to find out if you could help.

ROTARY CLUB OF KINTORE, BLACKBURN AND KEMNAY



Rotary Youth Leadership Awards camp

The year has started off busy for the Rotary Club of Kintore, Blackburn and Kemnay, with busy face to face meetings and visitors talking to us. Along with our regular meetings, we are also busy planning fundraising events, with Tea Parties, Golf outing, Kintore Summer Festival and also the King's Coronation to look forward to in the coming months.

One of our guest speakers recently was Emma Leith, who earlier this year attended a RYLA – Rotary Youth Leadership Awards – camp, it was great to hear her talk so passionately about the trip and the change it made for her. This year the Rotary Club are sponsoring again, so if you know a young person who would enjoy and benefit from such an experience, please get in touch via Facebook or search for us online. Here is some words Emma kindly put together for us to publish, and encourage someone to go for it –

“In July 2022, I got on a bus in Kintore that would take me to the most enlivening thing I have ever experienced. I had heard about the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards before through my family members especially my Auntie Jen who attended in 2003 and still holds fond memories of her time there to this day. In anticipation, I was nervous and excited for the week ahead. I quickly got over my anxieties once I boarded the bus and made my first friend as I started up a conversation with the girl sitting beside me. Meeting my team when we first arrived was the best way to begin as we all got along so well straight away and became fast friends. This contributed to our team winning overall at the end of the week! Even out with my team, everyone was so friendly and eager to get to know each other. The activities during the day were not only physically challenging but also mentally stimulating. We helped each other through fears and celebrated our achievements when we accomplished our missions. I felt a sense of pride for everyone that overcame fears even though we had just met that week. Through each activity was an aspect of leadership as a leader was chosen for each task. I surprised myself when I volunteered to be the leader for our first activity and during this, I improved my decision making, collaboration and problem-solving skills as we adapted to changes that were thrown at us. I learned a lot about my own leadership style and what I can improve on using my mentor's suggestions. It was a completely safe space among likeminded girls. I made friends for life, and I am still in contact with them today. I am so grateful to the members of Kintore, Blackburn and Kemnay Rotary Club for selecting me as their RYLA candidate last year and I am sure they will choose another deserving young person to enjoy this experience in 2023.”

- Emma Leith

We have also welcomed Henry Riddoch, from Oldmeldrum Rotary Club, who spoke to us about ALEC (Aberdeenshire Life Education Centres), this is a Rotary led charity, providing education in schools around Aberdeen and beyond. These are sessions focused on healthy life choices, including wellbeing, relationships, substance misuse and internet safety, and they form an integral part of the Health and Wellbeing provision in schools. Recently we had Alan Milne present to us about the First Responders in our area, another lifesaving service working closely with the Ambulance service, it was interesting to hear what goes on in our communities.

We welcome many guests, and if you would be interested to join in on a meeting or find out more about Rotary and how you can contribute within your community, find us on Facebook or send a message to jamie.grant79@yahoo.com. We are keen to recruit more members to build on the team we have and be able to support the community more.

Our meetings are the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month, normally at 6.45pm and just ask for location!

Jamie Grant, Rotary Club of Kintore, Blackburn and Kemnay

SOME OF OUR LOCAL GROUPS. Unless stated otherwise these groups meet at KCH

Kinellar SWI: First Monday of every month at 7.30pm, September to May. Contact Irene Pace 01224 790735

Wado Ryu Karate club times:

Adults Monday 6.30-8.00pm

Kids Monday 6.00-7.00pm

New starts always welcome – first two lessons free!

Contact Danny on djmclernon@hotmail.co.uk or mobile 07712 565959

Make Your Move: Mondays, two separate 30 minute classes (5.15pm/5.50pm), giving participants the chance to take part in either one or both sets, and Wednesday 4.30-5pm. Classes are for 16yrs and adults. makeyourmove85@gmail.com, 07718882382, Facebook @mymheart, Instagram @mym85

Kinellar Stars: Contact kinellar.preschool@hotmail.com or find us on Facebook as Kinellar Stars 2's and Playgroup. We provide session Mon-Thu between 9.15am-12.15am for children between 2 and 5 years old. **Places are available for funded and non-funded children.** Cost of £15 per day for non-funded children.

Girlguiding: Rainbows for girls aged 4 to 7. Mondays 4.30-5.30pm at Kinellar Community Hall. Brownies for girls aged 7 to 10. Tuesdays 6.00-7.30pm at Kinellar Primary School.

www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter/

Blackburn Indoor Bowling Club: Tuesday evenings, from 7:15pm till 9:15pm, during the months September to April. Beginners welcome, instruction given. Contact: Steve Wright – Secretary, 07584 170507

Rotary Club of Kintore, Blackburn & Kemnay: We meet on the first and third Thursdays of each month. Please refer to the 'Weekly meetings' section of our website for details. Contact: secretary@kintore.rotary1010.org or through our Facebook page if you would like to attend. If you want to know more about becoming a member, a Friend or to offer any assistance please get in touch.

Abricabeats: Tuesdays 1pm - 2pm. Fun music and movement classes for 0-5 year olds. Introducing children to the magic of music. Contact Eve 07984 178764, abricabeatsbyeve@outlook.com

Kinellar Kupp: 9.30-11.30am on the 1st Wednesday of each month.

Danz Creations: Wednesday afternoons: - 3.25-4.25pm - preschool class

4.30-5.00pm - highland (from age 4 years & P1 & P2) 5.00-5.30pm - tap (P1 & P2) 5.30-6.00pm - ballet (P1 & P2)

6.05-6.35pm - highland (P3+) 6.35-7.05pm - tap (P3+) 7.05-7.35pm - ballet (P3+)

1st Kinellar Scout Group: Wednesdays Beavers (6-8yrs) 4.30-6pm, kinellarbeavers@gmail.com

Cubs (8-10 1/2yrs) 6pm-7.30pm, kinellarcubs@gmail.com

Scouts (10 ½ - 14yrs) 7.30pm-9.30pm, kinellarscouts@gmail.com

Explorers (14-17 yrs) 7.30pm-9.30pm kinellaresu@gmail.com

Kinellar Badminton Group: every Thursday from 7 to 9 p.m. all year round

Kinellar Toddlers: Kinellar Baby and Toddler group meets on Fridays, all year round, 9-11.30, drop ins very welcome. For all preschool children, aged 0-5 and their parents, grandparents and carers. Contact Kinellartoddlers@gmail.com or Facebook Kinellar Baby & Toddler group.

FintrayKinellarKeithhall Church: Sunday at 11am, Fintray Church, Hatton of Fintray, Rev Sheila Craggs Interim Moderator for Fintray. Kinellar, Keithhall Church, 07884264724. Church phone: 01224 460056, fintraykkchurch@outlook.com

Blackburn Football Youth Club Training for age groups 2007-2016 take place at various football pitches in the local area with regular matches played on Sundays. Contact blackburnfc2011@hotmail.co.uk for further information.

Team Wilson Football Coaching is on the following:

Monday First 'Kick' Footy Stars for 12mths - 2yrs at 10am - 11am

Team Wilson Footy Cubz for 3yrs 4mths - 5yrs 6mths at 1.30pm - 2.30pm

Team Wilson Future Stars Summer League P5/P6 9yrs - 11yrs at 4.00pm - 5.30pm

Tuesday 1:30-2:30, 3:45-4:45 + 4:45-5:45pm

Thursday

Team Wilson Footy Cubz for 3yrs 4mths - 5yrs 6mths at 1.30pm- 2.30pm

Team Wilson Future Stars Summer League S1/P7 10yrs - 13yrs at 5.00pm - 6.30pm

Team Wilson Footy Kids P5-P7 (developing player) 8yrs - 12yrs at 4.00pm - 5.00pm

Friday

Team Wilson Footy Cubz for 2yrs - 3yrs 4mths at 12.30pm - 1.30pm and 3yrs 4mths - 5yrs 6mths at 1.30pm - 2.30pm

Team Wilson Footy Kids P3&P4 6yrs - 8yrs at 3.45pm - 4.45pm and P1&P2 4yrs 6mths - 7yrs at 4.45pm - 5.45pm

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