

## Remembering Dorothy Lamb

Sadly, our village has lost someone who was always willing to step up and support our community. If you were not here when the old hall was still with us, you may be unaware that she was a major driving force in ensuring we could build a replacement fit for the growing community we had become. ***In September 2012 we interviewed Dorothy, here is that article again:*** - Dorothy has been involved in our community since moving here in 1977 when the first housing developments started. There became a need for family orientated groups for a growing population and she joined a committee of groups starting to be established such as the Parent Teacher Association, Women's Rural Institute, Ladies Circle, Playgroup, Community Council among others.

At that time, the hub for these forming and growing groups was the old Leys Hall on the Main Road. Dorothy was elected Chair of the Hall Committee in 1995. Dorothy secured funding for upgrading the hall, but eventually significant structural problems developed. Should entirely new premises be considered or rebuilding on the existing site?

A local landowner offered an alternative site as a donation to the community. Following consultation with the community the committee agreed to move and sell the existing site.

Over the years Dorothy spearheaded the struggle to acquire the finances for the building of the new Kinellar Community Hall. With a debt of gratitude to Ian Fowell who was Garioch Area Manager the Project Committee opened the new Kinellar Community Hall in March 2005 with Dorothy as the Chair of the Board of Management.

A challenging task coordinating thousands of pounds raised for constructing and equipping the premises, but also in setting up the necessary processes for staffing and management.

Objectives were finally realised, and our community has much to thank her for in devoting so much time and energy towards this lasting achievement.

Dorothy admits she is proud to have facilitated this major project but also keen to point out that while the construction of the Community Hall achieved excellent value for money, as an independent facility it receives no external funding. It is only financially viable for the future if the community use the building and assist with the fundraising required for it.

Since resigning from the Board and her retirement, Dorothy, still imbued with plenty of community spirit, is now involved, as secretary of the newly formed Rotary Club.

"The future of Blackburn is bright with a thriving Industrial estate providing employment for local people and hopefully amenities will improve with the growing population."

Besides this major achievement Dorothy was also involved in working with many other community minded Blackburn folk to:

- Purchase the original Christmas lights for our village, continuing to be involved with raising funds to maintain and add to them.
- Set up the Blackburn and District Rotary Club (now merged with Kintore and Kemnay, Dorothy joined the Inverurie Rotary)
- Organising village litter picks and planters around the village to help it look welcoming.
- Re-establish a Community Council for Blackburn. She stepped up and took on being Chair while her husband Alec also joined. They understand how vital it is for our community to actively participate in achieving improvements and to have a voice in how they are put into action.

Our thoughts, love and gratitude go out to Dorothy's family and friends.

- Jackie and Jenny

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## TECHFEST COSMIC DOME COMES TO KINELLAR

Some of the Kinellar School pupils want to tell us about a recent visit from Techfest. You will find their descriptions dotted throughout this issue, beginning with Joy Odunmbaku, P3K:

Students of Kinellar went to the gym hall to see a cosmic dome because they have an IDL quest to learn about space this January. As the students sat down they met a Techfest staff member who showed them the sun and the moon. The pupils were amazed! Then they learned about how the Earth orbits. It takes 24 hours for it to spin around itself and 1 year to go around the sun. After that they saw the constellations. They saw a bear, a human, and a dragon! I spoke with Isla from P3K and she said her favourite bit was "learning about why we have seasons." I also spoke with Ferne and she said, "I liked the stars!" Overall, I really enjoyed and wish we could do it again.

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## **LOCAL COUNCILLOR REPORT**

As I type this, we are in the middle of the snow and ice of a proper Aberdeenshire winter and all the joys that come with that - snow clearing and gritting and missed bin collections adding to our usual council Email inboxes.

The challenges of the weather just emphasises the pressure that many council services are under all the time whether that is road repairs, grass cutting, street light repairs and replacements, waste collection or social care.

At this time of year, we are also looking at what is required to agree a budget for next year and right now what we are seeing is not good to put it mildly.

With details still to be confirmed, it looks as if – for the first time in about 13 years – we will actually get more money in real terms from the Scottish Government for next year but that is swamped by the increasing demand and increasing costs across all services.

That year-on-year reduction in council funding has led us to cut and trim many budgets to the point where the services are operating on the edge and any issue causes problems.

To use the bin collections as an example, the waste collection service is about the same size as it was ten or more years ago and yet we have seen roughly 1000 houses built across Aberdeenshire every year during that time.

Many vehicles have not been replaced because we could not afford it, so they are breaking down more often and spares are becoming harder to find. We operate with the minimum required number of staff so if people are not able to work, crews are left short-staffed and possibly unable to operate at all.

The three-bin collection and food waste collection have added to the complexity of what we have to do but we must make that work in order to improve our recycling rates. (disposal of the residual waste also costs a fortune)

And then there is the weather.

It is aggravating and annoying when bin collections are missed – please get the Aberdeenshire App, or check the website, to get the latest updates on any issues – but please realise the underlying history that has got us to where we are today.

On a cheerier note, it is great that Blackburn & Kinellar has a new Community Council (CC) in place after an absence of many years. CCs are a vital link between communities, the council and Community Planning Partners like the Police.

The CC have access to limited funds to enable them to function but can also take forward projects in their own right and apply for funding that is not available to the council.

They are Statutory Consultees which means that they see and can comment on all planning applications in the area but also play a vital role in the process of producing the next Local Development Plan (LDP) for Aberdeenshire – that process for the next plan is already underway and community input is vital in getting the best plan possible for our area.

As I have said before, CCs can also take forward Local Place Plans (LPPs).

LPPs are a right for communities to produce their own plans as part of the planning system. They contain the community's proposals for the development and use of land and provide a new opportunity for communities to feed into the planning system with their own ideas and proposals. The aim of the provision is to significantly enhance engagement in development planning and effectively empower communities to play a proactive role in defining the future of their places. Communities can bring forward their own proposals and suggestions for the development and use of land that reflect national and local outcomes.

Through the new CC, the council will keep everyone aware of the stages of the new LDP process and make sure that all of our residents are involved in the discussions as much as possible. That would also be the case should an LPP be taken forward.

I hope as many people as possible will get involved and let the council I know what they want for this area in the future.

Contact me on [cllr.j.gifford@aberdeenshire.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.j.gifford@aberdeenshire.gov.uk) or 07766 497856

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## **Blackburn & Kinellar Community Council Update**

In November 2024 we were delighted to re-establish the Blackburn and Kinellar Community Council. This marks a new chapter in bringing together our community to work on local issues, share ideas, and make a positive impact on the area.

The Blackburn and Kinellar Community Council is a small voluntary organisation set up by statute by Aberdeenshire Council and run by local residents to act on the area's behalf. It serves to represent and support the interests of residents – it is your voice at the local level. It provides a way for residents to influence decisions that affect our area, from planning and development to local services and amenities. We act as a bridge between the community and Aberdeenshire Council, ensuring that your concerns and ideas are heard and acted upon.

As well as acting as a bridge between the community and Aberdeenshire Council, our ambition is to support a wide range of activities which promote the well-being of the community. We would love to hear from you!

Blackburn and Kinellar Community Council's meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month at Kinellar Community Centre, at 7.30 pm. The dates of the meetings until the summer break are 12 February, 12 March, 9 April, 14 May, 11 June, and 9 July. We warmly encourage residents to attend and share their views or simply learn more about what we're doing. Whether you have ideas, concerns, or questions, you can also get in touch with us at [blackburnkinellarcc@gmail.com](mailto:blackburnkinellarcc@gmail.com) or connect with us via our Facebook page (search 'Blackburn and Kinellar Community Council').

We hope to see you at one of our upcoming meetings as we work together to address local issues and make a positive impact in our community.

Finally, very sadly our Chair, Mrs Dorothy Lamb, passed away in January. Dorothy's dedication to the community and her leadership of the Community Council were deeply valued, and she will be sorely missed by all of us.

*Emma Morrison, Blackburn & Kinellar Community Council Secretary*



Happy 2025! For KCC, this will be the 20th anniversary since the centre was built and opened. We are hoping this will be our best year yet, and as always, we have lots planned. We hope you will join us on Saturday 1 March to celebrate! Over the day we are hoping to offer taster sessions and introductions to our spaces and user groups. We will also be launching our programme of events and fundraisers for the year at this event, so it isn't to be missed. More details coming to the website soon!

For those of you that have been down to visit us recently, you'll have seen that the main rooms are feeling much fresher! The largest rooms have been cleaned and painted. We also bought brand new weights for our gym classes and the members seem to be loving it.

We will soon be saying goodbye to our 20-year-old heating system in the Leys Hall and new infrared heaters will be installed over January and February. This will be a big step up for us in the coldest months of the year and a big reduction in our electricity bills. This is all thanks to an amazing grant from the lottery fund and there are more upgrades to come. We also need to say a big thank you for all the support from everyone for the Christmas Fayre! We raised so much money we were able to purchase a full set of CCTV cameras. This has improved health and safety for staff and users - great news for everyone.

If you are looking to start the new year with a fresh fitness routine, we are here for you! The centre offers a range of memberships from £15 to £25 which includes access to our cardio suite, weights room and fitness classes. This way you can train on your own or with others for moral support. If you're not sure, come and try it out with a one-off pass to give it a try and see if it's the right fit for you. All details and prices are available on the website.

Feedback from our user groups and the community is so important to us, it's the only way we can keep the centre moving forward and relevant to the needs of our members. With this in mind, we met with our user groups in December to talk about how we can work better and closer together. The meeting was so positive with many great ideas shared and so much enthusiasm. Looking forward to the next one in the coming months.

Lastly, this is just a little reminder as well that we can't thank our volunteers and amazing staff enough. We are completely owned and supported by the community. The only regular income we have is from bookings, gym users and fundraising. Although our centre is supported by our local council in other ways, we rely completely on our community to finance the facility. You can help with little effort, but it has a big impact. Support can range from a donation to a raffle, signing up for our activities, helping at an event or even becoming a gym member. Head to the website for more information on all our opportunities to support. Thanks so much and look forward to seeing you all soon!

The Kinellar Community Centre Board and Team [www.kinellarcommunity.com](http://www.kinellarcommunity.com)



**KINELLAR SWI** Sadly, our January meeting was cancelled due to the weather and so we are looking forward to getting together on 3rd February when we will welcome Kemnay's Ukulele Group. There is a change to March's advertised meeting (3rd) when we will relive Steve and Helen Wright's adventures in Iceland, Greenland and Nova Scotia. For more information, please keep an eye on our Facebook page (Kinellar SWI) or get in touch with me on 01224 790735, Irene Pace.



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**The Cosmic Dome by Anna Moreland P4/3**

We were gifted a visit to the Cosmic Dome. The Cosmic Dome was a big tent. We went on the 7<sup>th</sup> January and we got to learn about planets and constellations. We had to get in quickly so it didn't deflate. It was like we were on a farm while the sun was shining. Then we got to see the stars. We learnt about the North Star and how it's the only star that doesn't move. The star on the shoulder of Orion is a different colour than the others. The Seven Sisters are really bright and never spread away from each other. Also we learnt that the sun is lower in winter and is higher in summer. Next we learnt about some planets. Some planets are bigger than others and some are smaller. It felt like we were in a spaceship and we were time travelling because time was going really fast. My favourite story was the bear story where a woman got turned into a bear. Lastly we got to ask our expert Eve lots of questions. The Cosmic Dome was special because you might not be able to see all the stars and planets from looking out the window but in the Dome you can see all the stars and planets.



At this time of year our Club gets quite busy, organising various annual events and assisting with other commitments. There are youth competitions to organise, including the Rotary Primary Schools Quiz, and we have in our local area 6 primary schools – Kinellar, Hatton of Fintray, Midmill, Kintore, Kemnay, and Alehousewells. The winning school will progress to the Area Final, the winners of which will take part in the District Final at the Beach Ballroom in June. It is great fun to run this competition, and the pupils enjoy the challenge.

In addition to the Quiz, we have other competitions where the youth can demonstrate their talents. These include Young Musician, Writer, Photographer, Artist, Chef, and Environmentalist. Winners of the District competition can progress to the National Final, and we are proud to have had local students progress through to the National Final and win.

Apart from these events, we are regularly asked by local organisations to assist with their fund-raising events, for example Summer and Christmas Fayres. We also assisted with the Fireworks event at Kintore in November. Other fundraisers include the annual Duck Race in Kintore.

Each year we invite local Clubs and organisations to apply for funding for specific projects of their own, and last year we received 16 applications, most of which were successful.

Apart from the above, our Club maintains the four Defibrillators located in Blackburn and Fintray.

Rotary is also involved with international campaigns, such as the End Polio Now project, and the Shoe Boxes, plus Sand Dams in Asia and Africa, Shelterbox, and flood relief. Rotary Clubs throughout the Northeast of Scotland were heavily involved following the recent flooding in Brechin.

If you are interested in any of the above, or just to find out more, please contact us at Kintore, Blackburn and Kemnay Rotary, or come along to one of our meetings to meet the members. You can contact me by email: [stevewrightrotary@btinternet.com](mailto:stevewrightrotary@btinternet.com). Steve Wright, Club President



### Kintore Library update news

Kintore Library, located within Kintore Primary school complex, and accessed through the reception foyer is open 15 hours a week, on a Tuesday morning 09.00 – 13.30, Wednesday afternoon 14.00 – 18.00, Thursday afternoon 13.00 – 17.00 and Saturday morning 09.00 – 11.30. *These hours are correct until 30<sup>th</sup> March 2025.*

You may have seen in the media that Kintore library is one of those libraries that are due to close. I would like to reassure folk that Kintore library will remain, though not necessarily in the form that it is at the moment. At the time of writing there are no detailed updates but library staff will ensure that Blackie Banter is updated for the next issue if at all possible, no doubt there will be updates on social media and in the press in the fullness of time. Kemnay, Inverurie and Westhill libraries remain unaffected by the proposed library changes and are available for use by any Aberdeenshire library card holder.



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The Cosmic Dome Visit by Lucia Rose P4/3 We went to the Cosmic Dome on the 17<sup>th</sup> January to see what it would be like in Space. The Cosmic Dome looked like a rocket on the ground but it was really just a big green bubble. Just standing outside of the flapping door, was a braided woman. She welcomed us all and asked if there were any questions. She waited a minute and then led us into the bubble-like dome and reminded us to try and get in quickly. Then she unzipped the door. As I got closer, the air got colder. When I looked inside at the sun, the sun wasn't at its big best yet. She told us to sit down and think when this might be. After a couple of minutes, someone finally put their hand up. She pressed a button on some kind of remote control and it started to get darker. Stars started to appear and you could even see the moon! It was amazing! Then she started pointing at the constellations and telling us all about them. Eve then pressed another button that showed pictures of them. Then she told us about the North Star, Beetlejuice and some other ones. Our trip to the cosmic Dome was one of the most interesting outings I have had.

Cosmic Kinellar, by Corbyn Lodge, P3K On a nice January day, the teacher of P3K said we were going see to a dome. So we headed up to the gym hall because the dome was there. We met a lady called Ellie. Ellie was from Techfest. We went inside the dome and it was spectacular! We sat down on the floor and the first thing we learned was about the sun and why it rises up. Did you know that the Earth takes a whole year to go around the sun? Then the next thing we learned was a story. It was about a God who fell in love with a lady but they didn't love each other. So the God turned her into a bear, but then thought she would get hunted so the God turned her into a star.



Fintray Kinellar Keith Hall Church of Scotland

Cannot believe we are now in 2025. Happy New Year to you all and health and happiness be with you. We had a busy end to the year after our Advent Study. We now have the cross from the Community Centre in Kinellar up on the wall outside Fintray Church. It is lit up and looks beautiful and many people coming to church or just walking their dogs in the area have commented how good it is.

We once again welcomed the children from Hatton of Fintray School to the church for their end of term assembly. It was lovely to see all the children singing with great gusto and some of the youngsters playing their musical instruments and the church gave each child a selection box as they left the church. We held a Christingle service in the church on Christmas Eve at 4pm and the church was filled with about seventy people. The children who came were given an orange and throughout the service the Christingles were made and then we lit them all and switched off all the lights in the church which gave us an amazing effect. The Watchnight Service was also well attended and helped the congregation celebrate the coming of the Christ Child once again. Thank you to Roddy for taking the service. We welcomed the New Year on the first Sunday in January with an informal communion service and were delighted with the number of people who came even though the weather and conditions were not very good.

We are looking forward to some events coming up later this year, but you can keep up to date by visiting our website or Facebook page. The services for February are as follows. 2nd, 9th and 16th will be led by myself and the 23rd will be led by the Worship Group. Come and visit us on any Sunday at 11am and you will be made very welcome by our friendly congregation.

Every blessing for this year.

*Rev Sheila Craggs, Interim Moderator*

**1<sup>st</sup> KINELLAR CUB SCOUTS** We had a busy couple of terms to end the year with covering all sorts of activities both in and outdoors including crafts, pioneering and a science night. Our evening of geocaching around the village in September was great fun. The cubs followed the clues which took them to their final destination and a small reward. We started the last term with a Halloween party, did a night walk around the local area, covered Remembrance and they all got creative at the Christmas craft night. The term ended with our annual visit to Inverurie Pantomime which saw all sections of the scout group attend. It is always the highlight of the scouting year and fun for both the young people and volunteers!

As we start the new term we have a more fun activities planned including a Burns Night, Lunar New Year celebrations and Pancake day!!

If you have a child aged between 8 and 10½ who would be interested in joining us drop us email at [kinellarcubs@gmail.com](mailto:kinellarcubs@gmail.com) or pop in to Kinellar Community Hall any Wednesday between 6 -7.30 pm.

We are looking for additional adult volunteers to join our friendly team to support us to deliver an existing programme for our young people. To ensure that we can run now and in the future we need your support. Can you help? If you have a passion for providing young people with skills for life whilst having fun then we would love to hear from you! No previous experience is necessary but a good sense of humour is essential. Full training will be given. We run every Wednesday 6-7.30pm. Drop us an email [kinellarcubs@gmail.com](mailto:kinellarcubs@gmail.com) or pop in past to see us any Wednesday at the Community Centre.



Girlguiding

**Kinellar Rainbows:** We finished last term with a District visit to Cineworld to see Moana 2 and a Christmas party. This term we are concentrating on our Take Action: Make Change badge including saying thank you, looking at the work of charities, our perceptions of Princesses, and our impact on our environment, all through crafts and games. We're also going to do some Snake crafts to celebrate the Chinese New Year and make a lovely present for Mother's Day.

**Kinellar Brownies:** We had a lot of fun at the end of last term with time spent crafting, we made tinsel wreaths with baubles and lights, hot chocolate stirrers with marshmallows and sprinkles and Christmas tree decorations and cards. We also went to see Moana 2 with the Guides, Brownies, and Rainbows from Kemnay, Kintore & Kinellar, great fun was had by all. We ended the term with a movie night in our PJs eating popcorn and sweets! For the remainder of this school year, we will be focusing on our theme Be Well. We will learn who to call in an emergency, what to say to the emergency call handlers and how to put someone into the recovery position. We may even mend on the odd teddy bears broken arm or leg. We will also spend time on non-programme activities including Robert Burns, Chinese New Year, Pancake Day, and Easter crafts.

**Kemnay Guides:** We welcome girls from age 10 from various local villages. The girls are currently planning a celebration event for the units 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Register your daughter at [www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-a-child/](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-a-child/) Don't be afraid to register your daughter for Rainbows at the age of 2 or 3, the earlier you register the more likely she is to get a space near her 4<sup>th</sup> Birthday!

*Kind regards, Sue, Allison & Amanda*

**The Cosmic Dome by Ella Pirie P4/3** We were amazingly treated on the 7<sup>th</sup> January 2025. We went to the Cosmic Dome. The Cosmic Dome is like a giant blow-up tent and we learned a lot about Space. First of all, we looked around and took a seat. It was winter in the dome. Then our helper Eve said she could touch the sun and in summer it was near the roof! Next Eve fast-forwarded to the night. We could see stars, planets and even the moon. It was very dark and sparkly. Then the stars started spinning. Eve said there is one star that will never spin. That star is called the North Star. Lastly, Eve said constellations are just groups of stars. My favourite constellation was The Great Bear. The back story was this...one time, this guy (I can't remember his name) wanted to marry a girl (I can't remember her name) but the girl was already married. The guy was so cross he turned the girl into a bear and beamed her up into the sky. But he didn't think it was fair her baby was all alone so he beamed him up too. I learned a lot that day. It was very cosmic!

## **BLACKBURN YFC – NEW LOGO**

Over the past few years, we have been making some big changes at the Club and one of them was updating the design of the Badge and bringing it up to the modern era. Coach Duncan from our 2013's team thought it would be a great idea to get the kids involved and create a new 'Tag Line / Motto' for the revamped Badge. This was to be in either English, Doric or Latin etc. and to promote the spirit of the Club. During the revision, a deep dive in to the back story of how Blackburn YFC was formed has brought to light another small change. The founded year was actually in 2010 when 3 dads started up the Club after running with the Kinellar Soccer Sevens Team!!


We had received quite a few entries from individuals and also as groups. After several hours of deliberation it was decided that the Winner would be:

**\*\*Charlotte Lawson - 2016's\*\*** with her inspiring motto of **\*BELIEVE TO ACHIEVE\*** which is a perfect fit for the spirit and history of Blackburn YFC.

Please join me in congratulating Charlotte on her inspiring words! To top it off, there's nothing quite like a sweet reward and for her efforts, she received vouchers for **\*Forest Farm\*** where she'll be able to celebrate with an Ice Cream or 3!!



**FUNDRAISING** Blackburn Youth Football Club are hosting a Casino Night at the Kinellar Community Centre on Friday 7th of March 2025. Come and join us and our professional croupiers to play roulette and blackjack. Fun will not only be had on the casino tables, but there will also be some great items up for auction, raffles, as well as other fun games. Each £10 ticket (plus booking fee) includes £20 of chips for use on the tables. More chips can be purchased on the night. They can be purchased using the QR Code or the link below. It's Bring Your Own Bottle and dress code is the club colours, Black and White!

Roll the dice  and have some fun whilst raising funds for grassroots football. These funds help cover costs for essential items, equipment and facility maintenance. It also enables the club to provide better training and support for our young players, fostering their development and love for the game. <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/blackburn-football-club>

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**COACHES WANTED** Blackburn 2019 team is now set up and the team are searching for coaches to come onboard. If you would be interested in supporting the team please contact Sarah Buckley – [secretary.blackburnfc@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.blackburnfc@gmail.com).

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### NEW AT KINELLAR COMMUNITY CENTRE:

#### **60 and over Wellbeing Class**

A new class will be starting at KCC soon, aimed at people who are 60 and over.

It will be on a Thursday around 1pm, free of charge, include light exercise & light refreshments.

*More details to follow, please call KCC to show your interest.*

### **SOME OF OUR LOCAL GROUPS**

Unless stated otherwise these groups meet at KINELLAR COMMUNITY CENTRE

Kinellar Community Centre usual opening times, school holidays may vary.

Phone 01224 790861, check website or Facebook.

Monday 8.30 am - 10 pm, Tuesday 8.30 am - 9.30 pm,

Wednesday 8.30 am - 10 pm, Thursday 8.30 am - 9.30 pm,

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**Kinellar Star's 2's Group:** Monday and Tuesday 9.15am-11.15am, Email: [receptionkch@outlook.com](mailto:receptionkch@outlook.com)

**Girlguiding:** Rainbows for girls aged 4 to 7. Mondays 4.30 - 5.30 pm

**Barre:** Monday 6.30 - 7.30 pm

**Guitar Group:** We meet most Mondays from 7.30 - 10.00 pm, depending how many can attend. Before attending for the first time, phone the Hall on 01224 790861 to confirm we are meeting that night. All levels welcome. Times may vary during school holidays.

**Kinellar SWI:** First Monday of every month at 7.45 - 10 pm, September to May. Contact Irene Pace 01224 790735.

**Wado Ryu Karate:** club times: Mondays Kids: 5.30 - 6.30 pm in the Caskieben Room / Adults: 6.30 - 8.00 pm in the Leys Hall

New starts always welcome – first two lessons free! Contact Danny on [dimclernon@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:dimclernon@hotmail.co.uk) or mobile 07712 565959

**Make Your Move:** Mondays and Wednesdays

Monday 4.30 - 5.00 pm kids (pre book by block, term time only), 5.15 pm class A adult, 5.50 pm class B adult

Wednesday 4.30 - 5.00 pm class C adult, 5.00 - 5.30 pm class D adult

Here are the contact details for enquiries re. children's class places and forthcoming holiday camps: [makeyourmove85@gmail.com](mailto:makeyourmove85@gmail.com), phone 07718882382, Facebook @mymheart, Instagram @mym85.

**Pilates:** Emma Duncan Tuesday 6.00 - 7.00 pm, Booking essential, phone 07989995119.

**1st Kinellar Scout Group:** Explorers Tuesdays: (14-17 yrs) 7.00 - 9.00 pm [kinellaresu@gmail.com](mailto:kinellaresu@gmail.com)

**Blackburn Indoor Bowling Club:** Tuesday evenings, from 7.15 - 9.15 pm, September to April. Beginners welcome, instruction given. Contact: Steve Wright – Secretary, 07584 170507.

**Kinellar Kuppa:** 9.30 - 11.30 am on the 1st Wednesday of each month. Adults £3.50, Children 50p. Why not drop in for tea, coffee and a cake or bake. Refills are free. Children are warmly welcomed. **ALL PROCEEDS TO HALL FUNDS: a simple way to support your village and get to know people.**

**Splat Messy Play classes** - for children from 6 months+ Wednesdays 10 - 11 am

Contact: [melissa@splatmessyplay.co.uk](mailto:melissa@splatmessyplay.co.uk) Facebook: Splat Messy Play Aberdeen & Shire Instagram: splataberdeen

**Danz Creations:** Wednesday afternoons 07733 222852 [danzcreations@btinternet.com](mailto:danzcreations@btinternet.com)

3.25 - 4.25 pm - preschool 4.30 - 5.00 pm - highland (from age 4 years & P1 & P2) 5.00-5.30 pm - tap (P1 & P2)

5.30 - 6.00 pm - ballet (P1 & P2) 6.00-6.30pm - highland (P3+) 6.30 - 7.00 pm - tap (P3+)

7.00-7.30pm - ballet (P3+)

**1st Kinellar Scout Group:** Wednesdays

**Beavers (6 - 8 yrs)** 4.30 - 6.00 pm, [kinellarbeavers@gmail.com](mailto:kinellarbeavers@gmail.com) **Scouts (10 ½ - 14 yrs)** 7.30 - 9.30 pm, [kinellarscouts@gmail.com](mailto:kinellarscouts@gmail.com)

**Cubs (8 - 10 1/2 yrs)** 6.00 - 7.30 pm, [kinellarcubs@gmail.com](mailto:kinellarcubs@gmail.com).

**Kinellar Badminton Group:** every Thursday from 7.00 to 9.00 pm all year round.

**Disco Boxing Aberdeen:** Thursday 6.00 - 6.30 pm and 6.30 - 7.00 pm Basic boxing combos and body weight exercises under disco lights. Classes are designed to give a full body work out and make sure anyone can join and keep up. For info go to Facebook: Disco Boxing Aberdeen or email [suzy-l06@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:suzy-l06@hotmail.co.uk).

**Centre of Spiritual Light:** Last Thursday of the month except December 7.00 - 9.00 pm. Donations at door for teas coffee and hall fees. I'm a psychic medium and on these nights bring through messages from loved ones that have passed over. Contact me on [gladyssellar@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:gladyssellar@hotmail.co.uk).

**Kinellar Toddlers:** Kinellar Baby and Toddler group meets on Fridays, term time only, 9.30 - 11.30 am, drop ins very welcome. For all preschool children, aged 0-5 and their parents, grandparents and carers. Contact [Kinellartoddlers@gmail.com](mailto:Kinellartoddlers@gmail.com) or Facebook Kinellar Baby & Toddler group.

**Team Wilson Football:** Fridays from 12.30 pm for 2-3.5yr old, 1.30 pm for 3.5-5yr olds, 3.30 - 4.30 pm for P1-P2 and 4.30 - 5.30 pm for P3-P5. [teamwilsonfc@gmail.com](mailto:teamwilsonfc@gmail.com). See Facebook or email us for full details.

**Saltire Kick Boxing:** Saturday 9.00 - 11.00 am. Classes for 3-6yrs, 7-9yrs and ladies only throughout morning. Check Hall Facebook, or phone hall.

### **THE FOLLOWING GROUPS ARE NOT IN THE HALL**

**Girlguiding:** Brownies for girls aged 7 to 10. Tuesdays 6.00 - 7.30 pm at Kinellar Primary School.

**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 [secretary.blackburnfc@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.blackburnfc@gmail.com) for further information.

**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](mailto: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.

**Fintray Kinellar Keithhall Church:** Sunday at 11.00 am, Fintray Church, Hatton of Fintray, Rev Sheila Craggs Interim Moderator for Fintray. Kinellar, Keithhall Church, 07884264724. Church phone: 01224 460056 , [fintraykchurch@outlook.com](mailto:fintraykchurch@outlook.com).

### **Kintore Library:**

Tuesday 9.00 - 1.30 pm, Wednesday 2.00 - 6.00 pm, Thursday 1.00 - 5.00 pm and Saturday 9.00 - 11.30 am. For further information about our full range of services, including outreach activities, please visit the website [livelifeaberdeenshire/libraries](http://livelifeaberdeenshire/libraries) or contact us direct on 01467 532605 or [kintore.library@aberdeenshire.gov.uk](mailto:kintore.library@aberdeenshire.gov.uk). Let us know if you would like us to visit your group or if you would like books but are unable to travel to the library. Please like our Facebook page Kintore Library and/or Aberdeenshire Library and Information Services

**Phase2Fitness:** classes throughout the day Monday - Saturday, Unit 1 Blackburn Industrial Estate, AB21 0RX.

Contact: [phase2fitnessaberdeen@gmail.com](mailto:phase2fitnessaberdeen@gmail.com). Membership and PAYG options available. First class is a free trial.

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