

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER

May has been a fantastic month hasn't it? Beautiful weather and some fun activities going on in the village as part of our annual Gala.

We hope the rest of this Summer is as good.

Enjoy!

1ST KINELLAR SCOUT GROUP

Will be attending two camps before the end of the year. Our first ever Group Camp which will see the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts all join together camping in tents and hammocks at Daviot where they will be trying out some new activities including crate climbing, archery, making fires and backwoods cooking. Towards the end of the year we will join 1500 other Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers across the district at BA Country Stores for our Gordon Gathering-which looks to be fantastic.

You may have seen the Cubs practise their athletics skills over the last few weeks in the Park. Most of our Cubs have now achieved not only the Athletics badge but the Athletics Plus badge too.

On Wednesday 24th June the Cubs and Scouts will be hiking up to Tappie Tower, a Victorian Folly. Weather permitting we should see some great views from the top.

Although we have plenty of Sectional Assistants we are still looking for anyone aged over 18yrs who would like to join our leadership team. Please feel free to come along to Kinellar Hall on a Wednesday between 6pm-8pm.

Our AGM is on Monday 12th June at 7pm in the Hall-All Welcome

COUNCIL REPORT

Residents will have noticed demolition of the old school and schoolhouse has been completed. Construction of the new school is due to get underway before the end of May.

The 2017 council elections were held on Thursday 4 May, with the votes being counted and results declared on Friday 5 May.

Some changes this time were down to a revision of council ward boundaries undertaken since the 2012 election by The Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland. As of 4 May, the East Garioch ward (which includes Newmachar, Fintray and Kintore as well as Blackburn) is now larger than it was before. The ward has been extended to the west by moving its boundary much closer to Kemnay and Inverurie. Reflecting the increase in population, the number of councillors representing the East Garioch ward has also been increased – from three to four.

The six candidates who contested the election in East Garioch and the number of first-preference votes they received were:

Martin Ford (Green) – 850
Fergus Hood (Liberal Democrat) – 842
Dominic Lonchay (Conservative) – 1,429
Conor McKay (SNP) – 571
Glen Reid (SNP) – 688
Ann Thorpe (Labour) – 179

After application of the rules for a Single-Transferable-Vote election, the four people elected as the councillors for East Garioch were Dominic Lonchay, Martin Ford, Fergus Hood and Glen Reid.

I'm sure all the candidates would like to thank the 4,559 residents of East Garioch who voted. I'm also sure all four successful candidates are delighted to have been elected.

Speaking personally, I am tremendously pleased to be starting my fifth term on Aberdeenshire Council. It's a great privilege to have been re-elected again after 18 years as a councillor. So I would like to express my special thanks to those who put their confidence in me to continue as one of their local representatives.

As I write this just after the results were declared, it is too early to say which parties will form the new Council administration. No party has even close to half the total number of councillors, so some form of coalition there will almost certainly be. Whatever grouping emerges, I hope the Council as a whole will have effective working relationships between councillors of different colours, so there is a preparedness to accept suggestions and good ideas from all sides. There are undoubtedly going to be some tough choices during the next five years, so we need a Council that takes its decisions on the basis of evidence and in the public interest.

Cllr Martin Ford
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MEMORIES OF KINELLAR PRIMARY SCHOOL

The closure and recent demolition of the local primary school will have evoked memories of school days for many residents in Blackburn. The school opened on the 23rd August 1928 with an attendance of around 100 children. It underwent 3 extensions prior to the decision to build a new school in order to accommodate the increasing number of pupils. At the time of closure there was a school roll of around 350.

A couple of former pupils, Gordon Barron and Kenny Gill reflect on their experiences as school boys..... Gordon attended the school from 1944 to 1950 and Kenny from 1967 to 1974. The first headmaster or dominie, Gordon recalls, was Mr Sutherland a popular local figure whilst during the period that Kenny was at school the headmaster was Mr Dave Gibson, who many may still remember. In the 1940s there were 4 teachers but by the late 1960s this had increased to 6 with several specialist teachers visiting the school each week to provide art, music and games lessons. They both remember with some admiration how dedicated all the staff were although also recall the corporal punishment administered in the form of a stick or belt to those who misbehaved. Back in the 1940s the toilets were outside and boys and girls had separate playgrounds with a dyke between them although this had changed by the 1960s.

Kenny is the proud owner of the key which first opened the school. It is handsomely designed, inscribed with the name Lady Elphinstone-Dalrymple, who presented it to the school, and contained in a box lined with dark blue satin. He bought it online several years ago as a keepsake because his family had had a connection with the school for 4 generations. His grandmother attended the school during the first year it opened, moving from the previous school premises at the Leys Hall, his mother from 1945-1950, followed by himself and then his daughter from 1993-1998.

Both Gordon and Kenny have fond memories of their school days, with friendships enduring to the present day. The school day was much the same length as now and so were the school holidays, barring in-service days for staff. The October holiday was always known as the 'Tattie holiday' because many children worked on local farm picking tatties. Gordon remembers history as his favourite subject and that there was a small museum of stuffed birds, and coins together with other trinkets on display in the hallway. He also enjoyed gym lessons with the freedom of moving about. Kenny fondly recollects school outings to Stonehaven open air swimming pool and to Pittodrie to see an under 21s football match. He also enjoyed the weekly visits to Inverurie swimming pool made on Easton's buses

All these memories are well and truly in the past and while the community eagerly awaits the building of a new primary school let's hope that the memories made by future pupils will be as happy as those of Gordon and Kenny.

Jenny Chapman



KINELLAR PRIMARY SCHOOL

All the children at Kinellar School are continuing to enjoy their time at Midmill in Kintore. The buses are running smoothly and we would like to thank the community for their patience and understanding particularly in the mornings when children are getting on the buses. The old school has been completely demolished and the build has officially started. We have a completion date of July 2018 and hope to start the new term in August 2018 in the new building. We had a busy start to 2017 and were very privileged to meet HRH Princess Anne. Some of our staff and children were involved in the official opening of Midmill school and it was certainly a lovely day to remember.

We have also been taking advantage of some of the outdoor spaces here in Kintore. Many classes have climbed Tuach Hill and Primary 2 went in search of their Leonard the Lion. Luckily, he was found and the children took great delight in bringing him home to school after his many adventures. Some of the Primary 1 children went to Sainsbury's to learn about money and enjoyed spending their pennies. The next landmark to visit will be the remains of Kintore Castle. On a similar theme, Primary 6 are soon to embark on the first ever Kinellar School Camping Trip. We hope to make this an annual event. Primary 7 enjoyed their residential trip to Lendrick Muir. Edinburgh Zoo and Camera Obscura were amongst the favourite day trips from their Perthshire base.

We also met Mr Sean Swindells for the first time. He came to join us for our Easter Whole School Assembly and very bravely signed up for a question and answer session in order for us to get to know him better. He was put on the 'hot seat' and we asked him a number of questions. He did very well and children enjoyed a giggle at some of his stories. Well done Sean- good sport!

Sports day is another big event for us. This year, the Kinellar Parent Council have generously funded coloured T-shirts for all the children. The children all wear their own House Colour. Clinterty, Caskieben, Glasgoforest, Begglesley and Tappie compete for points in the races. **Contd on next page**

Kinellar Primary School Contd

Our Primary 7 children are making a transition to Kemnay Academy soon. They are looking forward to their transition days and the P7 party at the end of term. The Kemnay Academy staff have been working with us on a number of exciting transition events and have enjoyed experiencing learning approaches used in the Primary sector. On the subject of transitions, all Primary 5 children in the Kemnay Cluster were in full swing a couple of weeks ago at a Ceilidh held at Kintore Primary. The teachers taught the children a number of dances and the Primary 5s were able to make friends from Kemnay, Alehousewells and Kintore School. Primary 4 are in enterprising mode and are planning our Annual Garden Party for our School helpers. They will be entertained with music and served with afternoon tea.

Our Nursery are now well settled in their new accommodation at the bottom of the games field. For those of you who are wondering, the nursery building will be uplifted next year and the space left will be converted to a MUGA (Multi Use Games Area) at the end of the school build.

Soon, the very youngest members of our school community will be taking their first steps into Nursery and Primary one. We are looking forward to meeting our new families.

For all members of the community, please check our website for regular newsletters, photos of the above events and follow us on twitter.

At Kinellar School we always aim to work with the community as closely as possible. We have high expectations of our learners and always enjoy having people of all ages to work with/ volunteer to help our children become Responsible Citizens, Effective Contributors, Successful Learners and Confident Individuals. If you want to contribute to the life of the school (or would like to leave a compliment or area for improvement) please do get in touch with us by phone on 01224 472888 or via email kinellar.sch@aberdeenshire.gov.uk

KINELLAR SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL

During May the School was able to schedule the E-Safety & Cyber Workshops that we mentioned in the last Blackie Banter. These workshops covering 4 days allowed all age groups from nursery to P7s to learn about online safety and security in a fun and interactive way. The sessions covered social media, online gaming, security and cyber-bullying. The School was also able to host a very informative session for the parents as well which was very well attended. The workshops were part-funded by the Blackburn and District Rotary Club and we'd like to thank them again for their generous donation for a very worthwhile and relevant learning experience.

Everyone will have been keenly watching the demolition of Kinellar School over recent weeks and in the weeks and months ahead we will all watch the new School being built up. We are very pleased to announce that we recently set up an arrangement for the development of the new School to be filmed from a drone to give us all a bird-eye view of progress. Please 'like' the Kinellar School Parent Council Facebook page to get the next update soon, alternatively you can contact us on

kinellarschoolparentcouncil@yahoo.com.

Alastair Fleming

Chairperson

Kinellar School Parent Council

What`s Happening at Kintore Library

01467 634393

kintore.library@aberdeenshire.gov.uk

Mon + Thurs 2.30 - 7.00

Tues + Fri 10.00-12.00 + 2.30 – 4.30

Sat 10.00 - 12.00

We are open at these times all year round, including school holidays

KINELLAR COMMUNITY HALL

Over the past few months we have been working hard to upgrade our gym equipment to be able to give our gym users a better gym experience.

We have added a new Treadmill, new Weights, a Smith Machine & much more.

To celebrate these fantastic changes we will be running the following promotions:

6 Week pass - £32

10 session passes - £35 (usually £40)

NEW 3 MONTH PASSES

Single - £80 (instead of £96)

Student/ Concession - £55 (instead of £66)

Both the 6 week pass & 3 months pass allows unlimited access to gym & classes.

Kinellar Gala

The gala was a great success again this year. Despite its change of location it was still well attended making it a great event for the whole community.

A big thank you to everyone involved & who came along and supported it for making it the great day it was.

Kintore Library contd

Summer Reading Challenge "Be Drawn into a Good Book" runs from 22nd June to 26th August 2017, lots of lovely prizes of books for every child's age. Please ask for details.

Summer Activities During the Summer holidays the library will be running a series of activities & events, please look out for posters or check at the library

Do you spend a fortune on books, magazines and music downloads?

Did you know that there are toys available to play with at the Library?

RNLI :ANNUAL VILLAGE COLLECTION UPDATE

Having arranged and participated in fundraising for the RNLI for 30 years I am sad to say that new rules mean that the house to house method of fundraising is no longer permissible. Over this time we have raised a total of £23,867, thanks to the generosity of Blackburn residents and the support of the door to door volunteers. I have written to RNLI Head Office to express my disappointment that I was not directly informed of this change and had to find out when I applied to arrange the next collection. I feel this is a slight on our loyal team of collectors, residents and the local business community. I await their response. I wish to pay credit to the volunteers who have helped over this time, no matter what the weather threw at them and also to thank all of the residents for their donations.

John McGregor

BLACKBURN JOG SCOTLAND

Let me begin by offering my congratulations to the members of Blackburn JogScotland for the progress many of you have made. Who would have thought that Blackburn would have been so well represented at Run Balmoral? You jogged passed Balmoral Castle at such high speed that the curtains in the Queens stateroom moved your slipstream and her best china rattled!

So what next?

We finished our 'official' session at the end of the current school and start back on Wednesday 23rd August, meeting at 5.45 pm for Beginners (And I mean beginners!) and 6.45 pm for improvers.

The cost of the Sessions is £10.00 for each 6-week block, with your first session free. (There is no charge for those who have a monthly fitness membership pass at the Kinellar Community Hall.)

A few other things:

Blackburn JogScotland is not a competitive running club. The local area is well served with running clubs, most of whom have a great program of events of training meeting.

If a Wednesday night is not suitable, please consider going along to Kintore JogScotland, who have a more comprehensive timetable.

Want to know more or have any questions, please check out our Facebook page or send me an email.

Have a great summer!

Sean (Jog Leader) seanswin1@aol.com

KINELLAR TODDLERS

Welcomes new starts from all the surrounding areas and are always happy to see new faces. Join us at Kinellar Community Hall from 9.30-11.30am on Friday mornings (10am – 12pm in the school holidays) to meet new friends for you and the kids. We welcome all little ones from newborns to age 5. A healthy snack, milk and juice is provided for the wee ones, and vital cuppas and biscuits for the grown-ups. First session is free then £3 thereafter with £1 per additional child and under 1's are £1. Please come along and join our welcoming and friendly group.

Thanks to all who attended our Easter party it was a huge success. The kids loved all the party games even the young ones loved the egg and spoon race, and there was quite a party spread.

Our next event is Summer Outing on 23rd June venue yet to be decided.

We will sadly be losing our current Secretary Abby Murray after the summer holidays. We can't thank her enough for all her hard work over the last year a real treasured committee member. We wish her all the best when it's time for her to move on. We are always looking for mums to join our committee, it's a wonderful way of making new friends in the local community. If interested don't hesitate to ask.

e-mail kinellartoddlers@gmail.com or find us on facebook (Kinellar Toddlers) for more information.

BLACKBURN AND DISTRICT ROTARY CLUB

We in Blackburn & District Rotary are looking forward to summer and our various annual events thru' 2017. As part of Rotary International we have supported the Purple Crocus Programme of Polio vaccination to help eliminate this disease. So far 112,000,000 vaccines have been administered in many African countries.

Our annual support to the Gala was a great opportunity to meet and share with the whole community as well as being a major fundraiser for us. The funds we raise here are used to support local groups, every group is invited to bid for funds to help them with a project or purchase. To make it easier for local groups to be contacted, it might be an idea for the contact email address to be sent to the email address at the end of this article. The prize winners in our raffle this year were: 1st prize Anne Simpson 2nd Prize Colleen Black 3rd Prize R Lawie.

We are passionate about what we do and thank sincerely all our members, volunteers and all the other local groups, as well as other Rotary Clubs who support us. Next year 2017/2018 the theme is "Making a Difference"!

We have another major fundraiser later in the year, our now famous Intoxicating Tea Party which has been sold out even before the tickets were printed! So do start planning for 2018!

Check our website

Blackburn.rotary1010.org

or Rotary International's Website to get a real taste of what it's all about!
Or email

President@Blackburn.rotary1010.org

We meet at The Craigmile Lounge every Tuesday 6.45 -7.00 pm!

Do come along for a "Taster"!
Barry Craigmile, Press Officer.

KINELLAR KUPPA

Our community 'drop-in' coffee morning said a reluctant goodbye recently to one of regular helpers, Rosemary Biddie, who has been involved since we started in 2008. She and her husband have moved to Ellon. We shall all miss her and the support she provided but wish her and her husband all the very best in their new home.

Our volunteers continue to provide a weekly cuppa and a selection of home bakes on Wednesdays from 9.30-11.30 in Kinellar Community Hall although we will close during July from the 5th-26th for a summer break.

Everyone is welcome to come along and enjoy a drink and a chat.

We have toys and books to amuse small children.

For further information contact Jenny Chapman Tel: 01224 791649 or email: jenny.chapman@yahoo.co.uk

FINTRAY KINELLAR KEITHALL PARISH CHURCH

Dear Friends,

Let me ask you a strange question – how many of you enjoy paying tax? When you get your wage slip or pension statement, how many of you look at the amount of tax you have paid and feel you have done something good and positive and worthwhile? When you look at your P60 at the end of the tax year, how many of you feel an inward glow of satisfaction at the amount of tax you paid?

Recently at the request of a member of the family, I organised a small job on a property in Aberdeen. The work required was simple and straight forward. It took very little time to arrange. But what disappointed me was one individual who expected to be paid in cash and without a receipt. I was fairly certain this was for tax avoidance. If this was the case, it would have been undeclared income. (They did not get the job!) Of course, none of us like paying tax. But it is our income tax, national insurance and council tax that pays for roads and schools, hospitals and the armed forces. It is our tax giving that makes civilised society possible. There is a strong argument that tax avoidance is theft. Theft from the community and the denial of much needed resources. But there is a deeper truth here.

Some of Jesus most poignant and radical teachings concern our responsibilities to the people around us. The parable of the Good Samaritan is perhaps his best example. Using a simple but mischievous story, Jesus elucidates one of the key ethical teachings of the Christian Faith about loving and serving our neighbour. The same point is repeated in Leviticus 19:18 and Mark 12:31. We are to love our neighbour in the same way we love ourselves. The point of all this is that we humans are hard wired for relationships. We are designed and created to be mutually dependant on one another. We are not isolated individuals, who exist merely to fulfil our personal life choices. We have obligations to the people around us. We are part of a community and need to be earthed and rooted in the life of that community.

At the time of writing, the news has just broken of the terrible events in Manchester. By the time you read this letter, more will be known about the motivation of the attacker and identities of the unfortunate victims. What the news has also reported is the generous response of the local community. Muslim taxi drivers who turned off their meters and ferried family members from hospital to hospital as they sought news of their loved ones. People who opened their homes to complete strangers offering a bed for the night. There have been so many stories of acts of kindness and compassion in the face of this terrible atrocity.

Regretfully we do live in a world where bad things happen to good people. We cannot change this. But what we can do is enrich the lives of the people around us by remembering that we are interconnected. That our words and actions and choices don't just impact on ourselves. They impact on the people around us.

Wishing you all a warm and peaceful summer.

Rev Sean Swindells

Fintray Kinellar Keithhall Church of Scotland

Parish Office: 01224 790439, Mobile: 07791 755976

We are recruiting...

Fintray, Kinellar, Keithhall Church of Scotland are looking to appoint a part-time (6 hours a week @ £9.00 per hour) Coordinator to help in the setting up and running of a new Messy Church in Blackburn.

Whilst no previous experience of working for the church is required, you do need to possess strong personal and organisational skills and have a live Christian faith. A sense of humour is also essential!

Want to know more? Please contact Sean for a detailed Job Description at SSwindells@churchofscotland.org.uk



Blackburn Pharmacy

Dear Residents of Blackburn,

On behalf of all the staff we are delighted to welcome you to your new Community Pharmacy. We are located in the old Everest Tandoori near the Co-Op.

Our opening hours are Monday-Friday 9am-6pm and Saturday 9am-5pm.

We hope you find the new Pharmacy as a big positive for the residents of Blackburn and would like to inform you of the great services on offer, which are now available on your doorstep.

These services include:

- **A FREE prescription collection and delivery service**-We will pick up your prescription from Gilbert Road Medical Practice, Bucksburn Medical Practice (Dr McMann), Kintore, Inverurie, Dyce or Westhill and deliver to your door. This service is available to all. Alternatively, we will collect your prescription and you can pick it up from the Pharmacy at your convenience.
- **Minor Ailments Service**-This service is available to the elderly, children and people on benefits. We are able to provide medicines to treat a wide range of ailments including coughs/colds, head lice, thrush and pain FREE of charge.
- **Free stop smoking service**-This is a 12 week programme which includes a variety of nicotine replacement products.
- **Morning after pill**-This is available FREE of charge after a private consultation with the Pharmacist
- **Emergency supplies**-If you are registered with us and need your tablets in an emergency please speak to the Pharmacist.
- **Disposal of unwanted medicines**-You can bring your unwanted or out of date medicines to the Pharmacy where we will dispose of them safely for you.
- **Weekly medication trays**-If you are taking a variety of medicines regularly or are struggling with your medication we are able to supply a weekly pack to help manage your tablets. This service is also FREE of charge.

In order for us to continue to provide these fantastic services we need the support of the local community. Our ultimate aim is to improve the health of residents in Blackburn. In addition, we want to integrate ourselves within the local community as much as possible and will be working with all community groups to achieve this.

We are easily able to transfer your prescription from Christies or Lloyds in Bucksburn or any other Pharmacy without any disruption. For more information please come in or call 01224 790 999.

++Please note if you are with Gilbert Road Medical Practice and would like your prescription to come to Blackburn Pharmacy please state this when you order your repeat prescription++

We thank you in advance for your continued support.

From the team at Blackburn Pharmacy.

GARDENING MATTERS

A fine open winter gifted us with a rich display of spring blooms thro March, April and into May. Across the village it has been quite stunning: much enjoyed and rich reward for those who gifted of plants and bulbs in the recent past and for the volunteers who committed the time and effort in the original planting.

The ongoing maintenance of keeping weeds in check without resorting to the application of weed killing chemicals is a challenge. The 'Dutch Hoe' is the main tool for the job with a light touch of a rake to keep it tidy. Picking the right day – with the sun on your back – makes it a rewarding exercise. There is a bit of ground to cover, a little bit more help would not go amiss! What needs doing is self- evident, feel free to pluck out a weed or two as you walk past. Many hands make light work, if you have time on your hands why not join us? See you soon?

A few days back we had an interesting wee session with the local Beaver Group. Hand on, identifying the tools for the job, pricking out bedding plants and planting out more mature plants. Followed by a 'fly cup'. **Contd over page**

Gardening Matters Contd

Fellow volunteer Derek issued them with the challenge of a Prize Competition. Each Beaver has a few seeds, one pot and some compost to nurture over the summer holidays. Let's see who has the best plant at their first meeting after the hols.

There is still space for some perennial border plants in and around the Hall. If you can help please phone me on the number below.

In closing, I congratulate the Council for the quality of landscaping associated with the development of the temporary Nursery accommodation. I regret the loss of the magnificent ancient tree but understand the reasoning for it to happen.

John McGregor, Volunteer Gardener, 01224 790468

LEADER TRAINING AND COMMUNITY COUNCIL-ANYONE INTERESTED?

The other evening on the Facebook page "Keeping Blackburn Safe and Local News", there was a post highlighting a meeting which quite a few people expressed an interest in. I have copied the info from the Aberdeenshire Leader Rural Development Facebook page :

Make it Happen! FREE event all about Community and Social Enterprise, Station Hotel, Ellon, 13th June, 7pm. Attendance is free, but booking essential: <http://bit.ly/MakeltHappenAbshire>

In this conversation I mentioned that we no longer have a Community Council looking out for the needs of our village and again some people expressed an interest.

This lead me to think I should take advantage of being in the process of compiling this issue of the Banter and write something to spread the word to those who are not on that particular page or who don't use social media.

I find it strange that even though the village has expanded greatly it is harder than ever to find people willing and able to volunteer for the benefit of our many groups. I was really heartened to see a few people replying to that post. Maybe we can start getting things done for the benefit of all of us.

Please give it some consideration. If you are interested but don't know how to find out for yourself then email Jenny and I at the Blackie Banter address: blackie.banter@hotmail.co.uk . We will find out who to pass your details on to.

Jackie Smith

(currently avoiding committees but enjoying working on the Blackie Banter, hope you all enjoy reading the articles from our groups and volunteers. Any ideas for articles and info you'd like to see is always welcome as are offers of help with delivery or design and editing. Just email us.)



HEAT

In an effort to eradicate fuel poverty, the Home Energy Advice Team (HEAT) provides dedicated, ongoing support to improve the energy efficiency of homes and give access to affordable warmth. Tailored to the property and household circumstances, HEAT offers free and impartial advice to homeowners and local authority, housing associations and private rent tenants. HEAT provides in-home, in-depth advice through free home visits to help householders manage their fuel spend effectively while maintaining a warm, dry and comfortable living environment. To book a home visit call 0808 129 0888.



HES

Home Energy Scotland (HES) is funded by the Scottish Government and managed by the Energy Saving Trust. Telephone advisors give free and impartial advice on ways to save energy in your home, make your home greener and lower fuel bills. HES can help you take control of your energy bills, work out what funding is available to make your home more efficient, and see if you're eligible for financial support, benefits and incentives. HES also offers free and impartial advice on renewables and transport. Call 0808 808 2282 free to speak to a friendly, local advisor.

GIRLGUIDING

The Kinellar Rainbow groups are urgently needing new members after the summer. If you have a daughter aged between 5 and 7 years (or younger) please put her name on the waiting list at

www.girlguiding.org.uk/interested.

Our groups are on Mondays 4.30-5.30pm and Tuesdays 5.00-6.00pm. Come and have lots of fun doing crafts, games, badge work and other indoor and outdoor activities.

WESTHILL FENCING AND DECKING

WHATEVER YOUR FENCING AND DECKING NEEDS

- DECORATIVE/SECURITY GARDEN FENCING
- LAP PANEL FENCING
- STORM DAMAGE REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT
- WOODEN GATES, STEPS, HANDRAILS AND TRELLISING
- BESPOKE GARDEN DECKING DESIGNED AND BUILT

ALL MATERIALS TANAISED AND PRESSURE TREATED

Contact Roger Benton on:
01224 791646
07711 501795

Garden Waste – planting the seed for a cleaner Aberdeenshire

Spring has sprung and residents across the Shire are taking to their gardens, making them beautiful in time for summer. With that in mind, it's important that we advise/remind householders of the services we provide to help us all keep the area tidy, reducing the amount of waste sent to landfill while you perfect your garden.

Household Waste and Recycling Centres (HWRCs)

Rubble, earth and turf should be taken to one of our numerous Household Waste and Recycling Centres across Aberdeenshire, all you need to do is visit your nearest one and our helpful teams will take all that you bring.

Compost at home

If you don't fancy loading up the car, garden and uncooked food waste can be composted at home. We offer two sizes of composters available to buy at discounted prices. Householders can purchase up to two units which will be delivered for free

And, if you use the composter, it doesn't just mean free compost, it also means none of the waste goes to landfill – so everyone's a winner.

Don't leave a mess behind

Residents are reminded that disposing of garden waste over hedges into fields, leaving it on roadsides and bridges or tossing it on to riverbanks is unacceptable. All this is considered fly-tipping.

Leaving large quantities of waste lying around damages our region. It decreases the safety of our drivers and pedestrians and causes eyesores across what is a beautiful rural area.

Dumped garden waste, like any other abandoned waste, needs to be cleared which uses valuable waste management resources.

Together we can reduce our waste sent to landfill and help to improve our overall services.

If any resident has queries about their garden waste in 2017, please visit www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/waste/

Adverts cost £30 each or £100 for 4. If you would like to place an advert please contact us on blackie.banter@hotmail.co.uk



The Aurora Juice Company

Do you need a boost of goodness to kick start a healthier lifestyle? Tired of being tired? Looking to lose a few pounds?

Juicing could be for you.

The Aurora Juice Company, based in Blackburn, offers a full juice therapy service which uses the unique blend of healing properties found within the juices of fruits and vegetables to aid the body in achieving optimum health.

We have the only natural juice therapist in the Grampian area and can work with anyone looking to introduce juicing into their lifestyle. We provide consultations, individual plans, workshops and a full juice preparation service.

Contact us via Facebook, call on 07506 696789 or email enquiries@theaurorajuicecompany.com

Give your body a boost with juice.

Blackburn Taxis

Available 24/7

Early morning airport/train/heliport trips

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Prompt and reliable service

Spacious 4 seater black Skoda Superb hatchback

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www.blackburntaxis57.webstarts.com



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KEMNAY NEWS

End of June

Fleeman Productions, Doric Theatre Performance,

tickets from Kintore Library or at the door, date and production still to be finalised, please ask at the Library for details. End of July/beginning of August Aberdeen International Youth Festival - a visit from an African Youth Group, details to be confirmed, please ask at the Library for further details nearer the time