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Hello again Kinellar, it's another busy issue. The councillor update gives Glen Reid's surgery times if you need to see him in person and the good news that we finally have a Community Council. The P5 class at KPS are now in P6 and have sent an update about what they did next. The information page has been updated, there are a lot of activities at the Community Centre and beyond. Please let us know if we have missed any.

We are sure that in the coming months there will be Halloween and Christmas events happening so keep an eye on the public noticeboards around the village: outside the hall, near the top junction to Bishop Forbes Crescent and near the Benview Terrace junction. Social media and the Hall's website are other sources of info about what is happening in our community.

If you would like to read the Kintore Konnect newsletter you will find it on the Kintore Facebook page. For the Kemnay newsletter look at their village hall website on <u>www.kemnayhall.co.uk</u>. And you can let friends and family out with Blackburn know what goes on here, and read the Blackie Banter on our page at the Kinellar Community Centre's website on <u>www.kinellarcommunity.com</u>.

Jackie and Jenny

LOCAL COUNCILLOR'S UPDATE

Blackburn Community Council Re-establishment

I would just like to say a huge thank you to the people who put themselves forward to represent and help our community.

I posted on Facebook quite a few times because nominations were quite low. People stepped up and the community council will start with an amazing nine members.

As the Community Council was not previously operational and doesn't have a constitution, the process for reforming the Community Council will be a little different. The council will look to provide support over a longer period and to provide you with more detailed information. They have organised two meetings in the next few weeks which will provide an opportunity for all the new members to meet and discuss the operation of the Community Council, and then focus on the constitution and running of meetings.

Blackburn Bins Success

Due to new collection routes coinciding with the switch to a three-week collection rota and a reduction in lorries operating the Blackburn route, I received many communications from constituents unhappy about repeated missed collections.

I campaigned with officers to either reinstate the lorry that was withdrawn or put the most reliable lorry on the route to improve the service.

I'm pleased to say that they have reviewed the route and there will now be THREE lorries in the Blackburn area on a Wednesday. This change took effect from Monday 19th August and the plan is that those lorries should finish Blackburn by late morning.

Surgery Dates

I host monthly surgeries on rotation in the four main settlements of my ward.

There is no need to book, so please come along if you feel that I can assist you in anyway:

The Axis Centre, Newmachar	6.30 - 7.00 pm	09.09.24 & 03.02.25
Hatton of Fintray Village Hall	6.00 - 6.30 pm	14.10.24 & 03.03.25
Kintore Primary School	5.45 - 6.15pm	11.11.24 & 12.05.25
Kinellar Primary School	6.30 - 7.00 pm	09.12.24 & 02.06.25

Cllr. Glen Reid, Community Champion - LGiU Scottish Councillor Awards, East Garioch (Ward 12), 07388 956139.

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It's another eventful period for us at KCC. Lots of things are moving forward and we have received such a great support from the community. We are excited to give you an update.

We had a great build up and delivery of this year's Gala! Thank you to everyone who braved

the weather or toughed out the sore heads from the Scotland game to join us! We had a bigger concentration this year on having a good food and games offering. We raised an amazing £5000 that will help offset the everyday running costs of the hall. Thank you so much to all our stall holders and our fantastic volunteers. The gala couldn't happen without the amazing team of volunteers and the fundraising committee!

We had a great inaugural quiz night at the start of September. Paul hosted 16 teams participating and money raised will help with giving the hall a much-needed refresh! The team 'Shrek's a belter' won our first ever trophy that will sit in the Centre and be a new point of pride! Thanks to all that came and to Paul for his cheesy jokes and hosting skills.

We are thrilled to announce a new partnership with Gears Boxing! We have worked together to install some brackets for bags so classes and training can really ramp up and hopefully support them expand their offering. Please check out our website soon to find out more about their classes and upcoming events.

Kinellar Stars is back after the summer break. If you have a little one that is two that you'd like a couple hours of play based learning for them, please get in touch. We still have a few spaces left. Reach out to Kat on her email below.

We are still looking to recruit some new board members! If you have IT skills, a specialty in social media or are just keen in helping drive the strategic direction of the centre please get in touch with Danielle on her email below.

We also want to shine a special spotlight on two special people. First is Steve. He can be found down at the centre most days fixing one thing or another for us and we can't appreciate him enough. His hard work to patch up the car park and ensure the centre is somewhere safe and warm for us all is very much appreciated.

The second is a big congratulations to our manager Kat who has now been with us for a year! She has done an amazing job coming in during a very busy time, picking so much up very quickly and helping drive the centre forward. The board is so grateful for her hard work, dedication and creativity as such an asset.

We have more upcoming events and user groups listed. Please get in touch if there is something you would like to get involved in, or if you aren't seeing something that is for you, please let us know! We are always keen to support in setting up new user groups, activities and events to ensure we have something for everyone.

Centre Manager: Kat receptionkch@outlook.com Board Chair: Danielle chairpersonkch@outlook.com



Fintray, Kinellar, Keithhall Church has been very busy since the last edition of the Blackie Banter. In July I was invited to the end of term service for Hatton of Fintray School. It was a super afternoon, and I presented the P7 leavers with their gifts.

FintrayKinellarKeithall Church of Scotland It has not been the best of summers with very mixed weather, and I hope many of you were able to enjoy a break before all your new sessions started again.

The church at Fintray which is used every Sunday for services is thriving and we have a regular number of people coming Sunday by Sunday. On Saturday 14 September we held a Candlelit Supper in the Village Hall at Fintray and sixty people came along for a three-course meal with tea and coffee and shortbread. The hall was beautifully decorated and two young girls entertained with lovely dancing. It was a great evening, and everyone had a wonderful time with excellent food.

I am going on holiday but know that the church is in good hands. The service on Sunday 22 will be taken by Jarrod Meenan and the following week the Worship Group will lead the service.

We are having an Advent Study beginning on Wednesday 20th November at 2pm in the meeting room at the church for four weeks. We will then be looking forward to services at Christmas. All dates and times will be on the Fintray, Kinellar, Keithhall website or Facebook page.

Every blessing to all organisations and I hope all goes well. Thank you, Sheila.

Rev Sheila Craggs, Interim Moderator

KINELLAR PRIMARY SCHOOL: Kinellar P5 update, our successful fundraiser

In June 2024 the P5s at Kinellar School decided to follow up our school and community litter picks by organising a fundraiser for Keep Scotland Beautiful. We advertised the event and invited pupils from other year groups to come along to the Orange Area. We ran some stalls including very popular chocolate tombola and biscuit icing stalls, a book swap and a put the rubbish in the bin challenge. The fundraiser was a huge success! We appreciated all the donations from the Kinellar families; it <u>wouldn't</u> have happened if it were not for you so thank you! We were awarded the Environmental Shield by the school in recognition of our achievements. We gladly raised £691.19 and the money went to the Keep Scotland Beautiful Charity to help them with their work to stop littering in Scotland. Suzanne Roberts from Keep Scotland Beautiful said, *"This news has made our day. Thank you and all those in P5 who thought what we do was worth raising some money for"*.

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GIRLGUIDING

Kinellar Rainbows have started back for this short term with 5 new girls and a new Unit Helper, Kerry. We are working on a Communication Badge to help the girls get to know each other. This involves a variety of games and craft activities. We're looking forward to revisiting the Inverurie Men's Shed allotments next term to see how well our pumpkins have grown. We'll also be enjoying a Halloween party, doing Christmas crafts as well as another badge and ending the term with a Christmas party.



Kinellar Brownies: At the end of last term, we said goodbye to several Brownies who were the first to complete the full Brownie programme since we reformed post COVID. Two of those Brownies, Eva and Neve were awarded their Gold Award. We celebrated with an end of term trampoline party; the girls had a fantastic time. A new summer term brings a group of new Brownies, who have all settled it very well. This year we are focusing on our Know Myself theme where we will explore our community, our culture, our beliefs, and our values. You may have seen the Brownies on a walk around the village identifying places to have fun, keep fit and stay safe. Our second theme is Be Well where we will learn how to help others and what to do in an emergency. Activities outside of our programme this term include our district campfire, Christmas crafts, a cinema trip and an end of term Christmas party.

Kemnay Guides welcomes girls from age 10 from various local villages. Girls currently attend from Kinellar, Monymusk, Sauchen and Kemnay itself. This term the girls are working on their map and compass skills. Planning is also underway for the units 100th birthday in Spring.

All the units in the District of Kinellar, Kemnay and Kintore attended a Campfire this term and are planning a cinema outing next term. There are also plans for an outdoor event in May 2025. If you want your daughter to come and join the fun please register at <u>www.girlguiding.org.uk</u>.

Sue, Allison & Amanda



We members of our Club have been keeping ourselves busy around the villages, supporting local groups in their fundraising efforts. We have been assisting by providing bar staff for their functions, setting up gazebos for Summer Festivals, and selling raffle tickets. We also have a project called Funds4U, where local groups can apply for funds towards individual project costs.

Each year Rotary Clubs in the Aberdeen area support fund-raising for Charlie House, by selling raffle tickets – the grand prize being a new car. To date the local Clubs have been able to raise over £90,000 towards the build project.

We also support the Rotary Shoe Box Appeal, where we send boxes filled with presents donated by generous residents to children in need in Eastern European countries such as Romania and Ukraine. Many of the children live in orphanages, and these boxes are the only present they have ever received. The boxes are available now, our deadline for delivery to Dyce is mid-November.

In June each year, Aberdeen and local Clubs organise Kids Out, which these days is located at the Barracks, Bridge of Don. We provide entertainment and attractions for children with special needs, hopefully of a sunny day. It's so rewarding to see the smiles on the children's faces.

In addition to my Club responsibilities, I am also the Youth Services Team Leader for the north of Scotland – comprising a total of 88 Clubs. Our team looks after the youth competitions, including the Primary Schools Quiz, which I am sure some parents are familiar with. In addition, we have individual competitions such as Young Writer, Young Photographer, Young Artist, Young Environmentalist, Young Chef, and Young Musician. We come across many talented youngsters in the different age categories and are proud to have the winner of the Young Photographer in the United Kingdom Final 2024 coming from Kemnay Academy.

If you would like to know more about any of the above, or just want a chat, feel free to contact me, I would be happy to oblige.

Steve Wright email: <u>stevewrightrotary@btinternet.com</u>

PILATES AT KINELLAR COMMUNITY CENTRE: Tuesday 6 - 7 pm

Pilates is a form of low-impact exercise that focuses on strengthening muscles while improving postural alignment and strength. Pilates is popular for its benefits, which include improved flexibility, strength, balance, and body awareness, as well as its potential to reduce stress and enhance mental focus. Booking is essential. Contact Emma on 07989995119.

KINTORE LIBRARY: Tattie Holiday fun

Bookbug sessions for pre-school children are on Tuesday 15th 10.30 – 11.00 and Friday 18th October 9.15 – 9.45, older siblings are most welcome booking is advisable, but not essential, at livelifeaberdenshire.org.uk/events.

STEAMathon Session Wednesday 16th October 1.00 – 3.00pm. Calling all future tech wizards! Take part in a fun-filled session of hands-on junior scientist experiments and try out our cool coding kits. Fun learning for ages 5-14 years There is a charge of £2 per child. Please book one place per child.

Please note that this event is non-refundable.

On Thursdays between 13.30 and 16.30 we will have the toys and Lego out for drop in sessions.

Kinellar Baby & Toddler Group runs every Friday during term time. 9.30 am – 11.30 am at Kinellar Community Centre.

Cost is £4 per family.

We have a lot of fun activities planned in the run up to Christmas including:

20th September – Book Bug Session

11th October - Sports Day

1st November – Halloween Party

8th November – Bee Crafty

22nd November – My Child Art

29th November – Tempest Photography

7th December – Parent/Carer night Out

20th December – Christmas Party

<u>KINELLAR SWI</u>: We have had our first meeting of the new session when we enjoyed in-house entertainment. On October 7th we welcome Eve Crafts and on 4th November the Bucksburn Community Choir will be our guests. We meet on the 1st Monday of the month at 7.35 in the Kirkhill Suite. All ladies are very to come. We charge a small fee to help with the cost of room rental and refreshments. Please check out our Facebook page to get a flavour of our meetings (Kinellar SWI).

Disco

Chimer DiscoBoxing is a group fitness class that feels like a party!! Basic boxing combos and body weight exercises under disco lights. Working in pairs or in groups of

three, you get a full body workout, working at your own pace always. This is a key factor in this class to make sure anyone can join and keep up. Each class plan is designed to give a full body work out. This class is all about improving your mind as well as your body! Classes held in Kinellar Community Centre every Thursday at 6 pm and 6.30 pm. Chimera DiscoBoxing was created by Gill Lyon, co-owner and head fitness coach at Chimera Martial Arts based in Stirling. With over 10 years of experience coaching, Gill developed and had Chimera DiscoBoxing fully developed and accredited by Active IQ. *- Suzy*



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Please contact the email / phone number for more information on our trial classes, see the contact information on page 6.

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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: 8.30-10pm, Tuesday: 8.30-9.30, Wednesday 8.30-10, Thursday 8.30-9.30, Friday 8.30-8.30 Saturday 8.30-12.30, times may be different during school holidays.

Exercise classes included in membership or 'pay as you go'

Aerobics: Fri 10.40 - 11.10 am Yoga withYogaVik: Sat 9 - 10 am

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 Tue 6.00 - 6.45 pm

 Wed 7.00 - 7.45 pm
 Fri 9.30 - 10.30 am

 Core:
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 Bodycombat:
 Mon 10:05 - 10:50 am

 Bodybalance:
 Wed 8.00 - 8.45 pm

Gears Boxing Academy:

Sunday (competitors class) 10.30 am - 12.30 pm, Monday 7.45 pm - 9.15 pm, Thursday 5.30 pm - 7.00 pm Email: <u>Gearsboxingacademy@gmail.com</u> Email: <u>Gearsboxingacademy@gmail.com</u>

<u>Kinellar Star's 2's Group</u>: Monday and Tuesday 9.15am-11.15am, Email: <u>receptionkch@outlook.com</u>

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

Barre: Monday 6.30 - 7.30 pm

<u>Guitar Group</u>: 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 <u>djmclernon@hotmail.co.uk</u> 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:<u>makeyourmove85@gmail.com</u>, phone 07718882382, Facebook @mymheart, Instagram @mym85.

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

Music 4U Primary Kids: Tuesday 3.30 - 4.30 pm, www.m4u.org.uk Email: info@m4u.org.uk

1st Kinellar Scout Group: Explorers Tuesdays: (14-17 yrs) 7.00 - 9.00 pm 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.

<u>Kinellar Kuppa</u>: 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 amContact: melissa@splatmessyplay.co.ukFacebook: Splat Messy Play Aberdeen & Shire Instagram: splataberdeen

Danz Creations: Wednesday afterno	ons 07733 222852 <u>danzcreations@btinternet.</u>	<u>com</u>
3.25 - 4.25 pm - preschool	4.30 - 5.00 pm - highland (from age 4 years & P1 & P2)	5.00-5.30pm - 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+)		



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1st Kinellar Scout Group: Wednesdays

Beavers (6 - 8 yrs) 4.30 - 6.00 pm, <u>kinellarbeavers@gmail.com</u> Scouts (10 ½ - 14 yrs) 7.30 - 9.30 pm, <u>kinellarscouts@gmail.com</u> Cubs (8 - 10 1/2 yrs) 6.00 - 7.30 pm, <u>kinellarcubs@gmail.com</u>.

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 <u>suzy-l06@hotmail.co.uk</u>.

<u>Centre of Spiritual Light</u>: 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.

<u>Kinellar Toddlers</u>: 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 <u>Kinellartoddlers@gmail.com</u> 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. <u>teamwilsonfc@gmail.com</u> October Holiday camp Wed 23rd-Fri 25th October in Kinellar Community Centre. 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 for further information.

<u>Rotary Club of Kintore, Blackburn & Kemnay</u>: We meet on the first and third Thursdays of each month. Please refer to the 'Weekly meetings' section of our website for details. Contact: <u>secretary@kintore.rotary1010.org</u> 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 Keithall 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, fintraykkchurch@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 <u>livelifeaberdeenshire/libraries</u> or contact us direct on 01467 532605 or <u>kintore.library@aberdeenshire.gov.uk</u>. 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 ORX. Contact: <u>phase2fitnessaber-deen@gmail.com</u>. Membership and PAYG options available. First class is a free trial.

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