

Blackie Banter

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It's almost Christmas again! We hope that this year has been a better one for everyone and that, if it hasn't, you have been able to find the support you need to get through it.

In this issue you will see that local resident Brian Woodcock is proposing he will set up a website for Blackburn and surrounding areas. You may have seen him reach out via Facebook. He has a piece in here too on page 2.

He approached Jenny and I to ask about including the Blackie Banter on the website. We are happy to use this platform as a way of sharing local information, we are aware that some people love getting this through their door and others put it straight in recycling. It is a struggle to raise the cost of printing and we are aware we are adding to waste paper!

With this in mind we are considering the option of having collection points in the village where people can pick up a print version of the newsletter and only delivering to those unable to access these.

We would however be most grateful for all suggestions on how we could best operate with both digital and print options available and not miss anyone out. So please get in touch and let us know what you think.

Contact details at the bottom of this page.

We could not do what we do without the support of our trusty delivery volunteers so once again a huge thank you to them.

And finally, as the Christmas lights go on around the village and the tree is switched on, please remember that this is all done by volunteers too. The lights need to be stored and maintained so, if you see a collection tin and have a couple of spare coins in your pocket, the whole village will be grateful for your support.

Festive greetings to you all,

Jackie and Jenny

LOCAL COUNCILLOR REPORT

Kemnay Academy

At Garioch Area Committee on the 22nd of November, I noted that Education officers were significantly overdue with their target to 'develop proposals to enhance and increase the accommodation at Kemnay Academy and consult with key stakeholders on emerging design.'

This is an extremely important development for the Kemnay Academy catchment area, I stated that it wasn't good enough and demanded an urgent update.

Fintray Road - Speed Indicator Device I have been pushing for the Speed Indicator Device on Fintray Road to be installed more frequently (it was installed again on the 2nd November) and I am pushing as best I can for it to be permanently situated there.

Blackburn Main Park/Pitch Repairs

Blackburn AFC brought to my attention in late June this year that the grass area used as a football pitch in the park had been damaged.

I liaised between the club and Landscape Services during the summer, trying to get a solution, but to no avail. Whilst I was still trying to get the council to repair it, I was approached by a representative of Blackburn YFC at my surgery in September, who explained that they felt disadvantaged not being able to play and train on the pitch in Blackburn.

I contacted the newly appointed Principle Landscape Services Officer for Garioch and explained the unfair situation that both clubs were in and asked for the pitch to be inspected as a matter of urgency and a repair to be carried out.

I am pleased to say that the inspection was carried out and Landscape Services have agreed to undertake remedial works to the grassed area which will improve it to the benefit to all users.

They are proposing to remove and infill with fresh soil the areas believed to have been damaged by salt and then to slit, sand and top dress the park. Unfortunately, this does require a necessary lay off period to let the new grass establish and strengthen, particularly when it is a surface which will be subject to heavy use. They appreciate that this may be of an inconvenience at the time however due to the level of use on the area they want to ensure that they are doing their best to have it recover and hold its condition in the future. The works will be undertaken after the last frosts next spring and will require the area to be closed off for a minimum of 12 weeks. This will require co-operation from all the users of this greenspace and they will be contacting everyone during this month to allow groups an opportunity to seek alternative locations for their activity whilst this area is receiving maintenance after which it will require a rest period.

I have passed on the details of both football clubs and Kinellar Hall to the Landscape Services team so that a user group can be formed along with the school. Can any other user groups please pop their contact details below or email them to me at cllr.g.reid@aberdeenshire.gov.uk.

Blackburn Busses

Although I/we managed to successfully save the Kemnay/Kintore/Blackburn connection through the X20, there were many other changes following Stagecoaches recent consultation.

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Quite a few constituents then contacted me re some of the recent changes to the bus services and how they are affecting them. I have written to Stagecoach planners to ask them to consider the following at the next review:

Rescheduling the X20 and the 9 so they don't both arrive in Blackburn at the same time. I believe this has come about as a result of our successful campaign to save the X20 Kemnay/Blackburn service but fear we will be faced with a similar situation further down the line. Neither the 9 or the X20 will be used too much if they both arrive at the same time and one may be lost in the future.

Should you require my assistance, please do not hesitate to contact myself through the details below:

Cllr. Glen Reid

Community Champion - LGiU Scottish

Councillor Awards

East Garioch (Ward 12)

Tel: 07388 956139

Email: crr.g.reid@aberdeenshire.gov.uk

Did you know there is a bus service called Ready To Go? It's an on-demand bus service that will pick you up at your local bus stop if there is not a bus due. To find out more phone 01467 535333, look online or download the app.

KINELLAR SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL

Kinellar School Parent Council continues to support the school development plans and we welcome all the new parents to the committee and all the new P1 parents.

We are continuing to raise funds for the School Garden project, and we would like to thank Archer and Asda for their fantastic donations. Elf Shelf, the School Discos and the Christmas Fayre are all coming up in December. We are also raising funds through the COOP Community Fund, please support Kinellar School Parent Council, and Easyfundraising, please select KSPC to support us. When you make online purchases.

We wish you all a merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year from all at KSPC.

Phil Brunton

KINELLAR SWI

Kinellar SWI is a friendly, welcoming women's group who meet on the first Monday of the month, from September to June, in the Kirkhill Suite at the Kinellar Community Hall. We enjoy learning new skills, hearing speakers from many backgrounds and, most importantly, having fun. Our first meeting of 2023 is on the 9th of January when we will be having a Beetle Drive.

For more information please contact Jenny Coleman on 07949504569.

DID YOU KNOW.....WHAT NATURE IS DOING AROUND BLACKBURN?

It's the time of year for winter visitors to arrive. Skeins of pink feet and greylag flying over. Flocks of thrush families going around eating this year's berries, redwings and fieldfares plus resident song and mistle thrushes. Check your garden for them, especially if you have apples and berries in it.

Also, check your bird feeders for bramblings mixed in with chaffinches. Hopefully this year we might get an influx of waxwings so check berry bearing trees and bushes for these bonny birds.

On frosty, calm nights, if you're out and about in the village, listen for tawny owls calling to each other. This is often heard in the Caskieben, dogwalk area.

I was asked to say about wildlife I have seen around Blackie over the years. I have seen lots of different things. Some of the Burn beasties I have spotted are kingfishers, goosanders, mallard, moorhen and grey heron. In and around Blackburn I have seen badgers, foxes, roe deer, pine marten, red kites, buzzards, peregrines, and spotted flycatchers among other things.

You never know what you will spot while out walking around Blackie so look all around and above.

Iain Ross

What happened to the thief who stole a Christmas calendar?

He got 12 months!

What did one snowman say to the other?

Is it just me or do you smell carrots?

What do you call a cat sitting on the beach on Christmas Eve?

Sandy claws!

What do you call an elf wearing earmuffs?

Anything you want, he can't hear you!

What happens if you eat Christmas decorations?

You get tinselitis!

BLACKIE BANTER GOES DIGITAL

The Blackie Banter is now available on an online platform.

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Blackie Banter

The current version of the **Blackie Banter** can be found below.

Click or tap on the page to turn the page. The controls that can be found above the newsletter will allow you to zoom in or out for easier reading; read the document on full screen; share via a web link; and the three dots at the right side of the control panel provide additional controls including a download button.

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Hello all and welcome to our 10th Autumn issue. It's been an amazing summer, hopefully it'll be a beautiful Autumn with all the changing colours around us. In this issue we have our new local Councillor introducing himself, he will take over Martin Ford's support for us by taking turns with Glen Reid to give Council updates. There are a lot of changes happening in Blackburn just now and some of them are mentioned inside. The closure of the P.O., the end of an era at the KGH with Manager Michael leaving, the precarious existence of our Hall, the real possibility of losing Kinellar Kippa. The article from the Hall reminds us just how precarious its existence continues to be. It is a huge business for a small village like ours to own and will probably never be able to survive without substantial and constant fundraising. When the Gala was reintroduced, the vision was to see it grow each year until it matched the fundraising ability of the Sheltie Stakes and would therefore provide the Hall with a steady income. Sadly, even though we are a much bigger village, that has not happened. So, we have a plea to the community of Blackburn, many of our groups are led by volunteers and many of them need the Hall to be able to operate. If we lose the Hall we also lose all of those groups. Use it, support it or there is a very real chance we will lose it.



INTRODUCING ONE OF OUR NEW LOCAL COUNCILLORS

For those of you who don't know me, I am Jim Gifford, newly elected Independent Councillor for East Garioch. Although I am new to East Garioch, I have been a councillor on Aberdeenshire Council since 2007 – previously representing the neighbouring Mid Formartine Ward. During that time, I have served in many groups and committees and held many Senior Councillor roles including being Council Leader twice covering a period of some six and a half years.

I brought many years of experience to my work as a councillor having started off life as a Civil Engineer and Land Surveyor. I moved offshore during the early days of Oil & Gas as a Hydrographic surveyor working mostly in underwater survey and inspection.

My wife Katy and I moved to Aberdeenshire in 1987 when I became a Project Engineer and then Project Manager with several O&G Service Companies. In 1996, I started a sign manufacturing business in Dyce which I ran until selling it some seven years ago.

Since then, I have been able to concentrate on council work while also having some outside interests – I was a past Chair of the Board of Governors at St Margaret's School in Aberdeen, I currently sit on the Regional Board at NESCOL (North East Scotland College) and advise on a Project Board at The University of Aberdeen.

Since the elections in May, I have been elected as Vice-Chair on our local Garioch Area Committee, I am a member of the Licensing Sub Committee and also Vice-Chair of the Sustainability Committee.

A Community Website 'Connecting Kinellar' will incorporate a digital copy of the Blackie Banter but we also intend to retain a printed version for those that prefer a physical copy.

The website is now live for feedback and can be found at <https://connectingkinellar.co.uk>

The website is not fully completed yet as it still looking for input in terms of the type of information it should contain and the starting point is merely a suggested layout. The current version contains a survey to get some feedback about what should go in it. It has been live since the 5th of November and there have been a number of responses already.

As well as containing the Blackie Banter, it is intended that the website will be the go to place for community information – what's on; local history; community and business directory; local information and local contacts; and anything else that is felt useful to know.

Please check it out and fill out the survey in order that the website can be finished off and start doing the job of getting and keeping the community informed. If you want any further information about you can email info@connectingkinellar.co.uk

KINELLAR COMMUNITY HALL:
Community owned. Run by Kinellar
Community Association (Board of members)
and staff

Here at KCH we are in full Christmas mode. The hall has been decorated and is looking very festive. We have a new hot drinks machine in reception, doing coffee, tea and hot chocolate so feel free to come in by for a cuppa and seat beside the 'roaring fire'. This year we have a post box for the children to post their letters to Santa. We have it on great authority from the North Pole that all letters posted in our post box before the 18th December will receive a reply from Father Christmas himself. We also have a colouring competition running through December for the children to get involved with. Please pop into the hall for a template.

We are hosting a Christmas tea on Wednesday 21st December 9:30am-11:30am and we would like to invite those of all ages into the hall. We will have the Christmas music playing, the kettle on and home bakes to enjoy. Christmas, for most is an amazing time of year but for some it can be very lonely so please feel free to come in for a cuppa and a chat.

We would like to take this opportunity again to welcome Debbie Pink our new Assistant Manager to the team. Debbie has been with us a few weeks now and is settling in great. As well as Michelle and Debbie you may have noticed some other new faces behind the desk. Scarlett, Zoe, Scott and Molly complete the team here at the hall, they can be found at the hall in the evenings and weekends.

As we say goodbye to another tough year we welcome yet another change. The management and board have been very honest this past few months about how much the hall is struggling financially and we really hope that 2023 will be the year that things start to look up for the hall. The hall will host some new events and bring back some old favourites. All we ask is if an event takes your fancy, come and join us and show your support.

The new year for most brings resolutions, and if yours involves getting fitter, remember a months gym membership at the hall is only £20 a month for a standard membership and £15 for a Student/concession membership. This includes some classes as well. See our weekly timetable on Facebook for those included.

The hall will close at 1pm on Christmas Eve and will re-open again on Wednesday 4th January 2023.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all in Blackburn and surrounding areas a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year when it comes.

From all Staff and Board members.

NOVEMBER UPDATE FROM FORESTRY AND LAND SCOTLAND

Forestry and Land Scotland (FLS) is working with SSE's (Scottish and Southern) network businesses – SSEN Transmission and SSEN Distribution – to increase power line resilience before the winter sets in.

Thousands of homes were left without power last winter following the storms that flattened swathes of trees resulting in a major failure of power supplies. Despite every effort some homes were without power for a week or more and it will take several years to clear the vast amount of storm damaged trees in the affected areas. In a joint effort FLS, SSEN Transmission and SSEN Distribution are working together to reduce the likelihood of such power cuts in the future.

One of the hidden impacts of this damage is that some trees have become unstable and more vulnerable to weaker winds. FLS are also working with SSEN to identify where such trees exist along wayleaves so they can be felled and remove the risk of causing further damage to power lines. Forests are designed so that wayleave edges are protected from wind damage. However catastrophic failure due to exceptional storms is both difficult to predict and avoid. Wayleaves vary in width and some are bordered by trees that exceed 30m in height which presents a risk should they be affected by extreme winds. Options are being looked at to design forests to minimise this risk with one being to plant smaller, native trees in these areas with the additional advantage of increasing the variety of habitat for wildlife and improving the biodiversity in our forests.

This year SSEN are investing above and beyond the committed £100m invested in our regions to boost the resilience of the electricity network, with £2m of additional targeted investment in tree cutting, inspecting around 2,000Km of network and clearing trees and vegetation from approx. 600km of power line between now and Spring 2023.

COTAG (Community Off-road Transport Action Group) is a registered Scottish Charity of around 44 community minded unpaid volunteers who work across Grampian region to support emergency services, NHS and local communities. The team is committed to providing support at any time of the year, at any time of the day, so training is vital and COTAG are very grateful to the FLS for allowing them to train at Aultmore where the Deep-Water Wading Pool lets their volunteers train for driving through flooded roads in a controlled environment whilst also practicing many other skills required to support those who need their help in extreme conditions.

The team is on hand to help in a wide range of scenarios- anything from transporting people and materials moving patients to and from remote locations, or delivering food, medicine and fuel. The social care network within the Grampian Region often benefits from COTAG's assistance when conditions affect the ability of Professional Carers to treat their patients in remote and rural areas.

KINTORE LIBRARY

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

Cosy Bosie project The library is a drop off point for knitted or crocheted hats, scarves, gloves, socks, cardigans, jumpers, blankets and so on. Your items will be distributed to those in the community who would benefit from your kindness this winter. Please see <https://tinyurl.com/552s49sh> for more details or pop into the library.

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

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

What else can you do at the library?

Bookbug sessions are on a Tuesday at 10.30am and a Friday at 9.15 - these require to be booked, see below for details.

Come and play after school sessions on most Fridays 14.30 – 16.30 during term time. Children need to be accompanied, but there are plenty of comfy seats for parents to catch up with their friends and have a cuppa, no booking is required.

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

Doorstep Delivery if you are unable to come to us we may be able to come to you, please phone us direct for details 01467 532605 or email

kintore.library@aberdeenshire.gov.uk

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

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

What can you do at home?

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

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

The **library catalogue** is where to go to reserve books of interest to you, which will be delivered to the library of your choice, you can also request the library service buys a book if it is not already held. **Online Databases** are also accessible, these are trusted sites and great for any homework help as well as being useful tools.

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

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

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

For more on Princh printing see:

<https://www.lifelifeaberdeenshire.org.uk/libraries/princh-printing/>



D istance Aware

Distance Aware badges and lanyards show others you need space.

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

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

Make Your Move

My name is Lizzy Rose, and I am a fully qualified dance fitness instructor with over ten years' experience in the business. I have recently set up my own business and moved away from the global franchise setting. MAKE YOUR MOVE runs on Mondays in Kinellar Hall, offering two separate 30 minute classes (5.15pm/5.50pm) for adults, 16yrs and over, and giving participants the chance to take part in either one or both sets. The classes are £4 for one or £7 for both and there is no membership required so ad hoc drop ins are always welcome. The classes are designed to be completely inclusive so regardless of your dance ability or experience in a fitness setting, you will be warmly welcomed and kindly supported to take part, get moving and thoroughly enjoy the process. Great music, friendly people, motivational atmosphere and a healthy, happy way to kick start the week every Monday evening! This is a small business with a whole lot of heart so why not start to take care of you from the inside out by Making your own first Move with us on Monday. ❤️ makeyourmove85@gmail.com 07718882382

Facebook @mymheart Instagram @mym85



Fintray Kinellar Keithhall Church of Scotland

Cannot believe we are approaching the Christmas season once again. In Fintray, Kinellar Keithhall Church we are beginning our Advent Sunday services and a study preparing ourselves for the coming once again of the Christ child at Bethlehem. It is for us the central focus for our celebrations at Christmas as we try to overcome the bustle of shopping for gifts, preparing to order food and welcoming families to come together.

On 11th November we had a wonderful celebration of the two hundred years of Fintray Church which saw a community come together as a family to share in the service in Fintray Church. We welcomed the Lord Lieutenant, the Provost, invited guests, congregation members and the children from Hatton of Fintray School together with many parents to celebrate the unveiling of our commissioned stained-glass cross.

It was a great privilege for me to be part of this celebration and to thank Brian Innes for the beautiful stained glass cross and Graeme Winram for the surround which showed the St Medan's Cup carved in the bottom corners. The children sang the hymn 'All things bright and beautiful' which delighted all those gathered.

After the service many shared a cup of tea and a chance to chat together. A lovely day which should have taken place in 2021 but due to Covid restrictions could not go ahead.

I hope that as you all prepare for Christmas you will maybe take a moment to reflect and remember the true meaning of this special season. There will be a short service in Fintray Church on Christmas Day at 10am and all are welcome to come along and if you come with children maybe they could bring along one of their presents that they received for me to see.

Take time to relax and prepare instead of dashing here and there getting more and more stressed. I hope you all have a wonderful time at home or visiting relatives when Christmas comes.

Blessings to you all and health and happiness for 2023

Sheila

Rev Sheila Craggs Interim Moderator

KINELLAR GIRLGUIDING

Rainbows ended last term attending a District Campfire singing songs and tasting S'mores. This term began with a Halloween party with crafts, music and games. They are now working on their Know Myself, Network badge including creating team machines, writing a message in cave art and making musical shakers. We are also having a District Xmas party and Cinema outing to see Matilda.

The Brownies have been learning the importance of staying safe while still enjoying the warmth of the fire, in preparation for the Girlguiding District campfire, where we enjoyed smores. We also learned how to safely strike a match and light a candle. Our busy term also saw us participate in the UK Parliament week where we created political parties, wrote a manifesto and held our very own election, the winners were the Girls Rule Party! 4 Rainbows visited us recently as they prepare to join Brownies in the New Year, all had a fantastic time. We are all very excited for Christmas with many crafts and celebrations including attending the district Christmas Party.

Sue & Allison

KINELLAR BABY AND TODDLER GROUP

Kinellar Baby and Toddler group have been very busy this term! We had lots of fun at our Halloween party at the end of October. We have been getting crafty and Christmas present-ready with My Child's Art and the Bee Crafty studio, and Tempest photographs. We have had a Bookbug rhyme time. Our Christmas party is on the 16th of December with a bouncy castle and maybe a special visitor!! - tickets may still be available. Next year we will have a visit from Childsmile on Friday 27th January to help us with caring for our little ones' teeth and weaning tips. Everyone is welcome to join us.

Kinellar Baby and Toddler group are a group of preschool children and babies and their parents, grandparents and carers who meet for play and chat each week on Friday between 9.30 and 11.30 at Kinellar Community Hall. Everyone is welcome to join us. £3 per family payable weekly. Find out more : Kinellartoddlers@gmail.com, Facebook: Kinellar Baby & Toddler group or just come along on a Friday.

1ST KINELLAR SCOUT GROUP

After a 3 year break we can finally proceed with the Scout Annual Jumble Sale. Please look out any unwanted items and keep for the Jumble Sale (no Electricals or Furniture). Donations can be accepted on Friday 27th January 2023 from 7pm. We are also looking for donations for the bottle raffle stall (any bottles such as toiletries, soft drinks, food, wine, spirits, beer etc) all bottles gratefully received.

The Jumble Sale will be held on Saturday 28th January 2023 between 10am-12 noon at Kinellar Community Hall - we look forward to seeing you then.

We would like to say a big thank you to the Coop Local Community Fund, Total Energies & SubSea7 for their kind donations. We will be able to purchase a larger tent, a gas urn and possibly a mess tent with the money we have been donated/awarded. We really appreciate your support, thank you.

Have a wonderful Christmas & New Year from all at 1st Kinellar Scout Group

SOME OF OUR LOCAL GROUPS. Most meet at KCH

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

Wado Ryu Karate club times:

Adults Monday 6.30-8.00pm

Kids Monday 6.00-7.00pm

New starts always welcome – first two lessons free!

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

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

Kinellar Stars: Contact kinellar.preschool@hotmail.com

We provide sessions Mon-Fri between 9.15am-12.15pm for council funded and non-funded children, aged between 2 and 5 years old. If you are interested in your child attending Kinellar Stars you can email us at kinellar.preschool@hotmail.com or find us on Facebook as Kinellar Stars 2's and Playgroup.

Girlguiding: Rainbows for girls aged 4 to 7. Mondays 4.30-5.30pm at Kinellar Community Hall.

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

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

Blackburn Indoor Bowling Club: Leys Hall, Tuesday evenings, from 7pm till 10pm.

Contact: Steve Wright – Secretary, 07584 170507

Blackburn & District Rotary Club: we meet alternate Wednesdays, Contact secretary@blackburn.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.

Danz Creations: Danz Creations is in Kinellar Community Hall on Wednesday afternoons:-

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

5.00-5.30pm - tap (P1 & P2) 5.30-6.00pm - ballet (P1 & P2)

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

1st Kinellar Scout Group: Wednesdays

Beavers (6-8ys) 4.30-6pm, kinellarbeavers@gmail.com

Cubs (8-10 1/2yrs) 6pm-

7.30pm, kinellarcubs@gmail.com

Scouts (10 ½ - 14yrs) 7.30pm-9.30pm, kinellarscouts@gmail.com Explorers (14-17 yrs) 7.30pm-

9.30pm kinellaresu@gmail.com

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

Kinellar Toddlers: Kinellar Baby and Toddler group meets on Fridays, all year round, 9-11.30, drop in any time, in Kinellar Community Hall. For all preschool children, aged 0-5 and their parents, grandparents and carers.

Contact Kinellartoddlers@gmail.com or Facebook Kinellar Baby & Toddler group.

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

Blackburn Football Youth Club

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

Abricabeats: Tuesdays 1pm - 2pm.

Team Wilson Football Coaching is on the following:

Monday

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

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

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

Thursday

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

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

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

Friday

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

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

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