

Blackie Banter

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Hello again, it looks like summer has ended and autumn is beginning. Hasn't it been a glorious summer? There is a lot of information in this issue, thank you to the groups who have contributed, to the advertisers who enable us to print each issue and to the delivery volunteers who get each issue to you all. We know we don't reach everyone, but we have a slight online presence now with our page on Kinellar Community Centre's website. Please direct people to it.

Our Information page has a lot of groups listed but there may well be more that we are unaware of. If you know of any, we would love to include them.

Our next issue will be out in February so we hope you have a fantastic Festive Season. Finally, for those of you looking for a Firework display, Kintore Fireworks will be on Sunday 2nd Nov, 6-8.30 in Kintore Pleasure Park. - Jackie

LOCAL COUNCILLOR UPDATE

The Next Few Years

In previous articles, I have mentioned that the new Local Development Plan (LDP) is in the process of being developed and highlighted the opportunities for individuals, groups and communities to contribute to the process of developing the next plan – we are working through that five-year process that started when the current plan was signed off. The current phase of the LDP process is the “Call for Ideas and Sites” This is where prospective developers are invited to submit development proposals through Call for Sites and communities, stakeholders and partners can share ideas through Call for Ideas. A Call for Ideas and Sites was launched on 16th July 2025. The purpose of that is to help inform preparation of the next Aberdeenshire LDP. The Call for Sites will close on **31st October 2025**, with the broader Call for Ideas closing on **31st December 2025**. If anyone is interested in looking at this stage of the LDP process, there are links on the council website under [Planning](#).

It is great that the Community Council is back up and running and they would be very keen to know about any ideas that people may have for how this area should develop over the coming years – the new LDP process is the place to raise those ideas and hopefully get them included in the next version of the plan.

Financial Challenges

The Council set yet another very difficult budget back in February. The challenge now is for the council and all of our services to deliver what is possible within our increasingly restricted funding.

Balancing the budget, as we have to do each year, meant a huge range of reductions in spending across virtually all council services and subsequent reductions in services being delivered. At this time of the year, those financial cuts start to become apparent as the changes to services become obvious with things like some libraries closing, roads maintenance being cut back, fundamental changes to adult health & social care being announced and the Council Nursery at Aden Park no longer able to supply communities with bedding plants. The changes being seen range far and wide and sadly, this will not be the last year of drastic cuts like those taken forward this year.

I said previously but it's worth repeating, if projections are correct, by 2030 our over-65 year old population will increase by 28% while at the same time, our working age population and young children will drop by 2% each and the number of school-age children will drop by 7%. The council services that we will need then will have to be different from what we have now and the financial challenges that we all face now and in the coming years, add to the challenges ahead. We will of course keep everyone aware of changes as they emerge and make sure that all of our residents are involved in the discussions as they arise through consultation and engagement.

Our financial woes all sounds very depressing – and it is – but we should remember that our large Council will still be spending over £820 million of tax-payers money this year on providing the day-to-day services that we all rely on and also investing over £86 million in Capital Projects across Aberdeenshire. Those are big numbers – we just need them to be bigger!

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

ONLINE ACCESS TO THE BLACKIE BANTER, KINTORE KONNECT AND KEMNAY NEWSLETTER

If you would like to access the Banter online you can find us on Kinellar Community Centre's website where we have our own page. We are slowly uploading old issues to that page. Eventually you will be able to read every issue. Remember also there is a Facebook page called Blackburn Village History Book, Alan wants this to be an active page so everyone who has photos and memories to share can add them here to build up a story of our village.

For the Kintore Konnect, look up <https://kintore.org.uk>, when it opens select the 'There's more from Kintore' tab at the top.

For the Kemnay Newsletter look at their village hall website on www.kemnayahall.co.uk.

KINELLAR KUPPA

First Wednesdays every month, 9.30 - 11.30 am in Kinellar Community Centre

Kinellar Kuppa has been a community drop in coffee morning since August 2008. When it began it was very well attended by all age groups in our community. Over time people have gone back to work, moved away, Starbucks has opened and COVID hit. Now we operate monthly with a very limited group of volunteers who continue to donate their time and provide the fine pieces. We need community support to keep us going, either by attending or volunteering to help on the day. If you have a little spare time to join our rota, we would be most grateful. The commitment would involve 3hrs on a Wednesday morning once or twice a year. **We had our first coffee morning of the new school year on Wednesday 3rd September.**

Up until the Christmas hols we will operate on these Wednesdays: **1st October, 5th November, and 3rd December.**

We look forward to meeting you and everyone is welcome. Do come along for a drink, a chat and meet new people. We cater for all ages with toys available for children. **Please** come and support Kinellar Community Centre.



KINELLAR BABY AND TODDLER GROUP




Come and Join the Fun at Kinellar Baby & Toddler Group!

Looking for a friendly place to spend your Friday mornings with your little ones? Come along to the Kinellar Baby & Toddler Group, running every Friday during term time, 9.30–11.30am at the Kinellar Community Hall.

Our group is the perfect spot for babies, toddlers, and their grown-ups to play, explore, and make new friends. We've got plenty of toys, activities, and space for little ones to burn off some energy — and a chance for parents, grandparents, and carers to enjoy a cuppa and a chat.

Whether you're new to the area, looking to meet other families, or just in need of a change of scenery, you'll be made very welcome.

Drop in, relax, and let the kids have fun — we'd love to see you there!

-  Fridays (term time)
-  9.30am – 11.30am
-  Tea and coffee provided



Major path upgrade - we need your help! The Bailies of Bennachie are launching their biggest-ever project: restoring a 1 km stretch of the Timeline Trail - the main route to Mither Tap from the Bennachie Visitor Centre. Severely eroded, this path was deemed a top priority for repair.

With Forestry & Land Scotland unable to fund the work, the Bailies have stepped up, appointing the Outdoor Access Trust for Scotland to manage the £100,000 project. The work is currently out to tender and expected to take place over winter.

The Bailies of Bennachie are seeking donations from individuals and groups to help finance the project whether it is sponsoring a metre at £100 or giving a smaller donation. Every donation will be gratefully received.



To contribute go to the website and look for 'Donate' <https://bailiesofbennachie.co.uk>.

BLACKBURN BOWLING CLUB

The Club meets on Tuesday evenings at 7.15 pm at the Kinellar Hall, over the winter months. Our first meeting this year will be on Tuesday 23rd September, and will run until April 2026 (with a break for Christmas).

We do have various competitions throughout our season, but our main purpose is to have fun. New members are always welcome, even if you have not bowled before, and training can be given. If you wish to find out more, just come along any Tuesday, you will be most welcome. - *Steve Wright*

Blackie Banter is compiled by a very small group of volunteers, it is also delivered by volunteers, to around 1250 homes. Short items and letters are welcome and should be submitted as early as possible during the month prior to publication. Issues are published in Feb, June and October. Articles will be included, space permitting, at the Editors' discretion. Opinions expressed by writers are not necessarily those of the Editors. Contact us and email your articles to blackie.banter@hotmail.co.uk. Photos are welcome but will be black and white.

We require you to have the image ownership, and permission of anyone visible, before submission.



It's been a wild summer at the Centre. We have welcomed a new summer camp user group, hosted new pickleball sessions for our 60+ sessions and pulled together our rained-out Gala to host it in the centre on very short notice. We would like to give a big thank you to all our volunteers who worked tirelessly to shift the gala so quickly up to the centre following the amber weather warning. Our vendors, performers and partners moved so quickly with us to make the day a success for all involved. The event was cozy at times, but we are really proud of what we achieved together on 12 hours' notice. We managed to raise nearly £5,000 which goes directly to offsetting the running costs of the centre.

We think it's important to ensure that we are being transparent with our fundraising. The board and fundraising team have a £10K target this year, just to help the centre break even. The gala is a huge part of that making up the bulk of the fundraising for the year. This year the centre is projected to take around £120K to run. This total includes salaries for staff, heating, maintenance, gym rental equipment, gym instructors for our classes, running of our 2s group, licences, IT costs, accountancy fees, cleaning and so many other hidden costs that creep up.

As the centre is now in its 20th year, more and more repairs and major maintenance work is going to need to take place. The fundraising and grant efforts help us to try to keep up with list and offset the rising costs so we can try to keep our booking price as low as possible. We are currently exploring the installation of solar panels, improvements to the garden, and anything else we can do to help to make the centre more sustainable and offer more services.

The Men's Shed in the village has been a massive support in our maintenance recently. KCC has welcomed them as their starter home. They have been fantastic in helping us out with grounds work and minor jobs. The centre continues to look better and better and we cannot thank them enough for all their efforts. Please check out our website for more information if you are keen on getting involved in the new group in the village.

Please help us spread the word about our wonderful little 2's group; Kinellar Stars. As the window for use of this service is quite small, we are often finding a big changeover in kids annually which comes with the big challenges of getting the word out. So many of these groups have closed in neighbouring areas recently, we really are working on how we can find partnerships and promotions to support the service.



Upcoming Events: Looking forward to the 'Ber months, we have a lot going on. We will have recently hosted our second annual family quiz, our Halloween Family Disco is in the works (hopefully sold out!) and our big Christmas weekend. You will be able to kick off your holiday season with us on the 29th and 30th of November with a bus trip to Livingstone and the Christmas Fayre on the Sunday. The Christmas light switch on will be the evening after the fayre to end your weekend off. Scan the QR code to take you to our TicketSource page where you can always find all our current tickets and events. For local businesses and those interested, please reach out for sponsorship packages or other ways you can help. Looking forward to seeing you all down again at the centre soon!



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BLACKBURN AND KINELLAR MEN'S SHED

The recently formed Men's Shed is quickly taking shape, with weekly meetings now being held in Kinellar Community Hall. Open to men over 18, the group offers a friendly and inclusive space where members can socialise, share skills, and work on projects that benefit both themselves and the local communities of Blackburn, Kinellar, and the surrounding area.

While the formalities of setting up the group are still underway, members have already been busy with a growing number of local projects. Recent activities have included helping with grounds maintenance at the Community Hall, removing old floor tiles in the entrance area in preparation for new flooring, and clearing broken branches in a local park following the recent storm.

Looking ahead, the group is focused on securing a permanent base with workshop facilities, providing space for members to meet and carry out a variety of projects. The Shed is also keen to ensure that its activities complement, rather than compete with, local businesses. With that in mind, the group is eager to build positive links with local enterprises, with the aim of fostering mutually beneficial cooperation. If you'd like to find out more, the Men's Shed can be contacted at Blackburnmenshed@gmail.com. You can also find us on Facebook at Blackburn and Kinellar Men's Shed.

MUIR FRUITS UPDATE - Charity Berry Picking at Muir Fruits Raises Nearly £1,000

This summer's charity pick-your-own at Muir Fruit Farm, Kinellar, welcomed more than 230 bookings and raised just under £1,000 in support of the Lighthouse Support Centre in Aberdeen and International Justice Mission. Visitors came to the farm to pick Saskatoons and honeyberries, with many trying the fruits for the first time. It was great to see so many families and groups enjoying the fields and supporting worthwhile causes at the same time. We're grateful to everyone who came along, and to those who helped spread the word. The money raised will make a real difference both locally and further afield. Berry picking will return in July 2026. Updates will be posted on our website and social media pages nearer the time.



Ember Brings New Bus Service to Blackburn

Hi Blackburn. We're Ember, the UK's first all-electric intercity bus company. We've just launched a new service which stops in Blackburn, right outside the Leys Hotel. Whether you're going South to Aberdeen, North to Inverness, or anywhere in between, we'll get you there.

We're not like other buses. Ember is built from the ground-up to give you a seamless, reliable and comfortable journey. On-board you'll find extra-legroom seats, working toilets, fast USB-C charging and very fast 5G Wi-Fi. You won't find those in any other bus, or even your car.

We're running all day and night, with buses up to every hour in both directions. Whether it's an early start or a late finish, we're on your schedule and you'll never be left without a way home. You can see all departure times, track your bus and book a ticket on our website - ember.to.

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Fintray, Kinellar, Keithhall Church has been very active. In March we held a soup and sweet after morning worship in the Village Hall, raising £400 for Marie Curie. It was lovely to see not only church members but lots of people from the village and surrounding area. Another Lent Study Group was a success and then we held three Services during Holy Week leading to Easter Sunday. We had a service on Maundy Thursday where at the end of the service we left in silence and gathered at the cross outside the church to remember the sacrifice Jesus was making the next day. Good Friday was also very meaningful and then we had our Easter Service which was very well attended. I went to the school on Maundy Thursday and held a short service with the children and staff. The children all received an Easter egg. In May we had our afternoon tea and again we had good support from near and far and, with kind donations received and a top up from the church, we gave £600 to Christian Aid. I am going on holiday on 19th September for three weeks, but I leave the church in very capable hands. On 21st September the Worship Group will lead the service, the following week the service will be conducted by Jarod Meenan, and the final Sunday 5th October will be a Songs of Praise. Once back, it will be back to business with an Advent Study and then a lead up to Christmas. We hope to have a Christingle Service on Christmas Eve at 4 pm, and then the Watchnight Service at 11pm.

Blessings to you all - Reverend Sheila Craggs, Interim Moderator

GIRLGUIDING

The Rainbows welcomed 6 new girls this term who are all settling in well. We are working on the Camp badge exploring what you need for a camp holiday, how to pack it and how to take care of our nature and animals while we are in it. We're also going to do some food craft and practice the songs for the District Campfire at the end of September attended by the whole District. Next term we'll have Halloween and Christmas parties, complete another badge, do some Christmas crafts and go to the new Ceramic painting studio in Clinterty.

The Brownies had an incredible end to the school year with an astonishing 74 Brownie badges being awarded. This included 53 Skills Builders, 17 Theme Awards, 1 Bronze, 3 Silver, and 1 Gold award. After the summer break, we welcomed six new Brownies to our group, three of whom share the same name, just to keep our leaders on their toes! As we look ahead, we are excited to share our plans for the upcoming terms. In Term 1, we will be diving into the Take Action theme, where our Brownies will become environmental detectives. They will learn about the impact they can make and how to change minds for a better world. Term 2 will focus on Express Myself, along with engaging activities for Parliament Week and festive Christmas crafts. We are also very excited for our trip in September to Blair Drummond Safari Park as part of Girlguiding Scotland's Roar & Explore event. Our Brownies will have the opportunity to meet with other units from all across Scotland for a fun-filled day of animal encounters, keeper talks, and demonstrations.

Both the Kemnay Guides and Rangers are enjoying being back and are excited to tackle the new badges that were launched during the year. Some of the Guides are joining the Brownies to Roar and Explore. The Guides are planning outdoor cooking and swimming this term while the Rangers have various visitors teaching them new skills and crafts.

To register your daughter please visit www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-a-child/

Thanks,

Sue, Morag, Allison & Amanda



KINELLAR SWI

All ladies are welcome to join our group which meets on the first Monday of the month in the Kirkhill Suite at about 7.35 pm.

Refreshments are provided and cost £1.

In October we look forward to welcoming Barry Craigmile who will be talking about Guide Dogs for the Blind.

November will see us learning all about 'Scams' from Jill Ewen of the Royal Bank of Scotland. This is something we all need to be aware of so do come along.

More information is provided on our Facebook page (kinellarswi) or by contacting me, Irene Pace, 01224 790735.

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FIRST KINELLAR SCOUTS

Calling All Community Heroes – Our Beavers Need You!

Do you have a couple of hours to spare each week and a big heart for helping young people? Our local Beaver Scouts in Blackburn are on the lookout for new Beaver Team Members (previously known as Beaver Scout Leaders), and we'd love for you to join us!

Beavers are our youngest section, aged 6–8, and they're full of energy, imagination, and curiosity. Every week they come together to learn new skills, explore the outdoors, make friends, and of course have plenty of fun. From building bug hotels to cooking on campfires, it's a place where little adventures turn into big memories.

But here's the thing: we can't do it without you. Right now, we urgently need more adults to join our Beaver leadership team so that we can keep the colony running and give these young people the opportunities they deserve. You don't need to have been in Scouts before. You don't need special skills. All you need is enthusiasm, a willingness to get stuck in, and a sense of fun. Training and support are provided, and you'll be joining a friendly, welcoming group of volunteers who all want the same thing: to make a difference in the lives of local children.

Even if you can only offer a small amount of time, we'd love to hear from you. Every extra pair of hands makes a huge difference. If you'd like to find out more (with no pressure!), please get in touch with us at kinellarbeavers@gmail.com or pop along to one of our Beaver evenings for a chat. Together, let's keep the adventure alive for Blackburn's youngest Scouts!

Kinellar Cubs News

After a well-earned summer break, Kinellar Cubs have jumped straight back into action with a lively games night to kick off the new term. We were also delighted to celebrate Stephen receiving his **Chief Scout Bronze Award** – a fantastic achievement that shows real commitment and enthusiasm. Another highlight was welcoming our newest members, who were officially invested into Kinellar Cubs. A big warm welcome to the Pack!

Looking ahead, we've got an exciting and varied programme planned for the next two terms. Cubs will be:

- **Learning practical skills** – including creating maps and exploring our local area and services (give us a wave if you see us out and about!).
- **Developing awareness** – by discovering sign language, celebrating Yom Kippur, and finding out about how Scouting works in different parts of the world.
- **Having fun together** – with a Halloween party, a hike up Tappie, and (fingers crossed) a visit from Therapets.
- **Finishing the year in style** – with our much-loved trip to the Panto in Inverurie.

One of the biggest events on our horizon is the **Gordon Gathering**, a huge camp that brings Scout groups from across the North East together for a weekend packed full of adventure and fun activities. We can't wait! It's shaping up to be a busy, fun-filled year for Kinellar Cubs, and we're excited to share it with our community.



Despite it being the holiday season with all that it entails, we have managed to stay busy preparing for various projects. These can be local and international, and as a charity Rotary Clubs are themselves involved in various projects overseas. These projects can include creating safe drinking water supplies for villages in Africa and India; disaster relief in various countries like Pakistan and Myanmar; the ongoing fight against Polio worldwide.

More locally we have been present at village Galas and summer festivals, including Kids-Out fun day for special needs children at Bridge of Don Barracks and the Tall Ships in Aberdeen.

We meet twice a month, usually on Thursday evenings, in local venues. We invite local charities to give a presentation on their activities and help them where we can. We also provide grants to local organisations to help them buy equipment that they need for their operations. This year we were able to help 10 applicants spread throughout our villages.

With the new school year having just started, we will be busy organising the various competitions for our youth, including Young Photographer, Young Musician, Young Artist, Young Writer, and Young Chef. We are also preparing for this year's Primary Schools Quiz, which last year saw Kintore Primary School progress to the North of Scotland Final at the Beach Ballroom.

In additions to the above, we maintain and are Guardians for the three Public Access Defibrillators located in Blackburn:

1. On the wall at Blackburn Pharmacy
2. On the Workshop wall at Kinghorn Bodyshop in the Industrial Estate
3. On the roadside wall of Kinellar Community Centre.

If you would like more information about what we do, please contact me at stevewrightrotary@btinternet.com

Steve Wright – Club President

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 - 9.30 pm, Thursday 8.30 am -9.30 pm, Friday 8.30 am -8.30 pm Saturday 8.30 am -12.30 pm, times may be different during school holidays

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

Aerobics: Fri day 10.10 am - 10.40 am

Yoga: Saturday 9 - 10 am

Les Mills Exercise classes: included in membership or 'pay as you go'

Bodypump:	Mon 9.15 - 10.00 am	Tue 6.00 - 6.45 pm	Wed 7.00 - 7.45 pm	Fri 9.15 - 10.00 am
Core:		Tue 6.55 - 7.25 pm		
Bodycombat:	Mon 10.05 - 10.50 am		Wed 6.00 - 6.45 pm	
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: Gearsboxingacademy@gmail.com

Kinellar Star's 2's Group: Monday and Tuesday 9.15 am - 11.15 am, Email: Kinellar.preschool@hotmail.com

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

Barre: Monday 6.30-7.30 pm contact Emma on 07989995119

Guitar jam sessions: Mondays at 7.30 until 10 pm - All welcome

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

Wado Ryu Karate: club times: Mondays Kids 10+ and Adults 6.30 - 8.00 pm in the Leys Hall. New starts always welcome – first two lessons free!

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

Make Your Move: Mondays and Wednesdays

Monday 4.30 - 5.00 pm kids (primary ages), 5.15 - 5.45 pm adult class A, 5.50 - 6.20 pm adult class B

Wednesday 4.30 - 5.00 pm adult class C (FINTRAY HALL at 6.00 - 6.30 pm adult class D)

Contact details for enquiries re. children's class places: makeyourmove85@gmail.com, phone 07718882382, Facebook @mymheart, Instagram @mym85.

Pilates: Emma Duncan Tuesday 6 - 7 pm, Booking essential, phone 07989995119

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

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

Pilates By Ella: Wednesday Mornings 9.30 - 10.15 am, Saturday mornings 10.15 - 11 am. Booking essential, please either email: pilatesbyella@gmail.com or Instagram @pilatesbyella. Kinellar Gym membership discount available, ask at reception.

Kinellar Kuppas: 9.30 - 11.30 am on the 1st Wednesday of each month, 1st Oct, 5th Nov, 3rd Dec. 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. Newborn up to crawling 11.45 am - 12.30 pm.

Contact: melissa@splatmessyplay.co.uk Facebook: Splat Messy Play Aberdeen & Shire Instagram: splataberdeen

Danz Creations: Wednesday afternoons: 07733 222852 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 - 6.30 pm - highland (P3+)

6.30 - 7.00 pm - tap (P3+) 7.00 - 7.30 pm - ballet (P3+)

1st Kinellar Scout Group: Wednesdays

Beavers (6-8yrs) 5 - 6 pm, kinellarbeavers@gmail.com Scouts (10 ½ - 14yrs) 7.30 - 9.30 pm, kinellarscouts@gmail.com

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

(Church of Scotland) Kingshill Church, Community Reach-Out: Last Thursday of the month 11 - 11.30 am, join us for our service followed by a cuppa.

60plus exercise and wellbeing class: Every Thursday 1 pm. Free of charge, light exercise, teas and coffees provided afterwards.

Peterhead Fish Company: every Thursday from 1 - 1.30 pm. In the KCC car park. Keep an eye on Facebook in case of changes.

Kinellar Badminton Group: every Thursday from 7.15 - 9.15 pm all year round.

PizzaBox: 2 pop up dates left this season, 9th Oct and 6th Nov 5 - 7 pm. In the KCC car park. Keep an eye on Facebook in case of changes.

Soulsa: Thursday, 7.15 - 8.15 pm. Dance based workout suitable for all fitness levels. Contact Tammy dancefitnesswithtammy@gmail.com

Centre of Spiritual Light: last Thursday of the month except December 7 - 9 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 gladyssear@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 or Facebook Kinellar Baby & Toddler group.

Team Wilson Football: Fridays from 1.30 pm for 2-3.5yr old, 2.15 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 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 - 11 am. Classes for 3-6yrs, 7-9yrs and ladies only throughout morning. Check Hall Facebook, or phone.

THE FOLLOWING GROUPS ARE NOT IN THE HALL

Girlguiding: Brownies for girls aged 7 to 10. Tuesdays 6 - 7.30 pm at Kinellar Primary School.

Blackburn Football Youth Club: Training for age groups 2009-2019 take place at various football pitches in the local area with regular matches played on Saturdays & Sundays. Contact 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 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.

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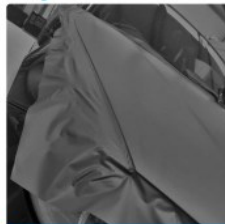


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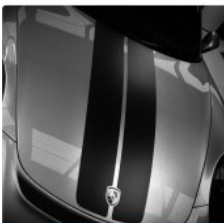
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