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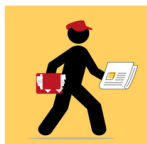


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Let us know about your event.

The next issue will be covering the period from **September 2023 to November 2023**. Please call or email us with details of any events during that period that you would like included.

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# Kintore & District Community Council

In early June, we appealed to the Kintore community to step forward and become members of the Community Council, we are delighted to say that we have three new members, although we have space for two more and also for associate members.

We are pleased to officially welcome new members Rachel Lewis (The Bothie), Claire Campbell (The Square) and Ashleigh Gall who is a digital marketing expert, she has been an associate member for around a year but is now formally a member.

In addition, we have the existing members, Ken McEwen, Alan Milne, Lesley Monaghan, Donna Heron, Jim Reid and Moira Moran.

We have had a changeover of Chairperson as Jamie Grant has left. Our new Chair is Moira Moran who has been on the Community Council for a few years. We are also pleased that Jim Reid who joined us last year has agreed to be our Vice Chair and Treasurer.

It's great to have these new members but we still welcome other members of the Community to come forward and help us out with our usual activities, and bring fresh ideas to the team.

We have lots of plans for the coming year including bringing back the Best Garden Competition and working with other local groups to make Kintore a better place to live and work.

The Square is now looking a suitable centrepiece for our town thanks to the efforts of Team Reid with restored benches and power washing of the fountain and surrounding areas of granite stone wall, thanks Jim and the guys.

We have just reached the first anniversary of our takeover of the Kintore Konnect magazine from Lorna Gillespie. We are still learning the ropes, and if you have any ideas for articles of suggestions for Unsung Hero piece, please get in touch.

We have lots of preparations and organising to do for our Annual Fireworks Event which will be on Friday 4th November, we will again be assisted by the Scouts and the Rotary Club to ensure an enjoyable event and look forward to seeing as many people as last year, which was very successful.

We do however need many pairs of hands to keep this annual event going so if you feel you can help us out in anyway please get in touch by email at [info@kintorecommunitycouncil.co.uk](mailto:info@kintorecommunitycouncil.co.uk)

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| Stella Artois             | £4.50 |
| Peroni Nastro Azzurro 0.0 | £4.00 |

### CIDER (330ml)

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| Thistly Cross | £4.50 |
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# Girlguiding Kintore News



I'm sure you thought Guiding takes a break over the Summer, but no, it can be one of our busiest times. We reported all our fundraising efforts in the last issue for the trips to Switzerland and Holland. These trips have taken place and the girls thoroughly enjoyed it and learned a lot. 50 members attended the Swiss trip, and they visited Maison Callier Chocolate Factory, La Maison Du Gruyere (cheese factory), Oberhofen Castle, Ballenberg Swiss Open Air museum, took a boat ride from Overhofen to Interlaken West sea, enjoyed a cable car and toboggan ride and some open air pool and zip wire fun. All in 7 days.

The Holland trip is the Haarlem Jamborette where over 4500 members of scouts and guiding gather from 27 different countries. Over 10 days of activities including hikes, sports, sailing, canoeing, arts, crafts, day at a theme park and it would not be camping without several evenings round the campfire. 7 members attended from Kintore and many more from our surrounding Districts.



The camp area was set in beautiful surroundings within a recreational area of Spaarnwoude, close to Amsterdam. One of the ceremonies that took place was the Red Hat ceremony.



Members enjoyed tastes from other countries and trading of badges. We swapped Irn Bru pens and dished up a large quantity of butteries from J.G. Ross, Inverurie. Amazing experiences for both international trips.



Finally... Last term Guides and Rangers enjoyed an ice-skating night, a paddleboarding night, a Gordon Goes Green camp at Aden country park, several litter picks around Kintore and much more!

3rd Kintore Brownies enjoyed science nights, a Disney themed night making fruit kebabs and joined 3rd Kintore Rainbows at the Scout Hut on the last night of term for races, toasted marshmallows and Gold Party celebrations.

## Achievements



Maisie and Isla from 3rd Kintore Rainbows have been working hard and achieved their Gold Award.



Girlguiding provides such amazing opportunities for girls in our community. If anyone would like to help, even in a small way, please register your interest on [girlguiding.org.uk/getinvolved](http://girlguiding.org.uk/getinvolved), speak to one of your local Leaders or pop along to Kintore Public Hall at the end of a session.

Meeting times are listed under Diary of Events within Kintore Konnect. It is very rewarding. We'd love to hear from you.

# What Kintore has been up to this Summer

## Kintore Town House and Square - Summer Clean Up

During the last few weeks our much loved centre of Kintore has received some much needed TLC.

It started with the refurbishment of the three original wooden benches following a request received at Kintore & District Community Council.



Our community sprung into action without a second thought. With the workforce, wood stain, new bolts and metal paint supplied by local business Jim Reid Vehicle Sales & Service who worked along with Burns Construction Aberdeen Limited who kindly donated the beautiful Accoya Wood need for the benches.



The only issue with fitting the new benches it then further highlighted just how filthy the granite, the slabs and the tar around the main square area was, which resulted in Team Reid and secret volunteers jumping into action again, pressure washing the fountain, the slabs and basically removing all the moss, debris and weeds from around the Millennium Stone and the trees too!



What a DIFFERENCE!

All cleaned up nicely it's great to see locals and visitors alike taking in the lovely flowers in the square and watching the fountain flow whilst sitting enjoying the new benches!

Well done to all involved.

Great Community Spirit and Teamwork.

## A Floral Display fit for a Royal Burgh

A massive Kintore Konnect thank you to Sue Parrott and her fantastic volunteers who have done our town and community proud again this year with a floral display, bringing brightness and colour to the streets and square of Kintore.

Well done all your hard work and commitment does not go unnoticed.

Truly a floral display fit for a Royal Burgh.



## 'Mr Kintore' shortlisted for Lifetime Achievement Award.

Affectionately known as 'Mr Kintore' our very own Kenny Thomson is one of the remaining three finalists who have been nominated for Aberdeenshire Council's- 'Inspiring Aberdeenshire Lifetime Achievement Award'

The winner will be announced at a glitzy ceremony in September and I'm sure you will join us in wishing Kenny the very best of luck. Well done and thank you Kenny for putting Kintore on the map in this special way, and for inspiring and continuing to inspire those around you.



Also, for all your hard work and dedication for The Bothie & Action Kintore.

You are already a winner in our eyes and truly inspirational.

From all the team at Kintore & District Community Council.

## Upcoming Events

|                                |                               |  |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|
| Kintore Family Fireworks Night | 4th November<br>18:00 - 20:30 | Pleasure Park<br>next to Kintore<br>Primary School |
| Christmas Light Switch-On      | 2nd December<br>16:00 - 18:00 | Kintore Square                                     |

# Action Kintore - The Bothie Repairs

It is very humbling when a local charity experiences the financial and volunteer support and contributions received from local companies.

The Bothie youth facility had experienced ongoing problems with the straw bale / rendering cracking repeatedly, resulting in the need for a more permanent solution.



We were fortunate to have help from **Baxter Design Company**, with their offer of reduced charges to establish a more conventional cavity blockwork solution. From there, we obtained building warrant approval, so began identifying the required materials. **Ryan Scott Building Services** was contracted to carry out the work.

We are extremely grateful to the following companies, who supported us in the provision of materials, free of charge:

- Malcolm Allan House Builders, Kintore - Concrete blocks
- Breedon Quarries, Kintore- Builder sand
- Scotia Homes, Ellon – Cement
- Garioch Plant Hire – Windows sills
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- Heras – Heras site fencing
- Monarch Developments – Supply of all scaffolding
- H & F Moir Engineering and Auchronie Farm – removal and disposal of 200 straw bales.
- Dalgarno Chemicals – supply of weedkiller to prepare the site.
- Boskalis Subsea Services - supplying a large storage container
- W & H Leslie, Haulage Contractors for transporting and positioning it at the rear of the Bothie.
- John Dossett, Butcher for supplying burgers and Square Bar for cooking them
- Moira Moran, Chair of Kintore Community Council, for organising and transporting the food for 8 volunteers

We also received favoured pricing from:

- Rembrand Timber
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We cannot express our gratitude enough to all these companies and individuals in supporting The Bothie.

This support ensures what funding we have can be utilised to deliver Youth Work services to the young people of Kintore and surrounding area. This project could never have been completed without the enormous hands-on volunteer effort of three Action Kintore members, driven by Kenny Thomson, supported by Drew Cullinane and Mike Shand. They were also supported by volunteers from local businesses - **CRC Evans, Kintore and SSEN Leylodge** who provided very willing hands in clearing the bales and moving materials.



Again, this support is amazing where local companies, assist local community projects, and an enormous thank you goes out to them.

Going forward, we have some fundraising to allow us to complete the external harling, but already we have a fully functional building again, promising low maintenance costs for the future.

**Immense gratitude to all concerned from the Action Kintore team, and particularly an enormous thank you from the young people of Kintore!**



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# Choosing the right puppy for you

I am often asked advice on how best to choose a puppy. Of course a dog is for life, so it is a major decision and one you should spend time over and involve the whole family with. Most people will choose a breed that they have owned previously, one that a friend may have or simply a breed they like the look of.

However, if you are considering a breed that you do not have any experience of, it is very important to research the breed well. Try and match the breed's energy level with yours. If you like exercise and take regular long walks go for a high energy dog e.g. a medium sized working breed. If you prefer shorter walks consider a more laid back breed.

The majority of behavioral problems we see stem from the fact that a high energy dog is not able to use it all up and the dog becomes highly strung. For example, we sometimes see behavioral problems affecting collies. This is because they have been bred to round up sheep, which takes up a lot of energy, and are therefore not suited to some domestic lifestyles.



If you have a breed in mind research it on the internet, there are a lot of good websites out there giving advice on individual breeds. However also speak to your Vet; we would have seen all different shapes and sizes of breeds over the years. We also can advise you on the more common medical problems to affect the breed you may be considering.

Once you have chosen a breed, you will have to find a pup. Many breeders advertise their pups for sale for example, online and you can also get lists of local pedigree breeders from the kennel club. Try and find a breeder via recommendations. Eventually you will want to go and see the puppies. Ask to see the mother, and father if owned by the breeder. If they are friendly, calm and well behaved this could give an idea of the pup's nature when he/she grows up! Also, ask about worming and feeding.

A good breeder should be worming the pups every 2 weeks with a Veterinary wormer until they leave. When pups are in for their first vaccinations, we always ask when they were last wormed so we can tell you when they are next due. Pups should obviously be fed a complete puppy food, however I have come across pups that have been fed adult food which has resulted in medical problems so do check.



If possible, take the whole family along once you have decided to choose a pup. A pup that seems interested in the whole family is always a good start. Whether to go for a bitch or a dog is always a personal preference and something your Vet can help you with.

Once you have signed up for the puppy, don't forget to puppy proof your home! The first few months can be hard work but great fun too. A puppy will give you years of companionship and will grow up to become a very much loved member of the family.

Do remember, however, that Mrs. Murray's Dog and Cat home in Aberdeen does a great job at re-homing stray dogs. They often have many stray or unwanted dogs, (cats and rabbits) looking for homes. So unless you specifically want a puppy do have a look around; I have seen some beautiful dogs in the practice having been re-homed from the dog and cat home!

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Or check out our Facebook and Instagram page - Bothie Kintore

# Kintore fully engaged with plans for Town Park

There can be no doubting the public interest in the plans for a Town Park at Midmill, Kintore. The recent announcement of the latest plans for an enabling development received a combined 10,000 engagements (not just views) on the Kintore and District Community Council Facebook page.

The reason for this level of interest is obvious. As the original Town Park brief recognised, Kintore lacks many of the facilities that the other nine of Aberdeenshire's ten largest towns take for granted. The Town Park plan needs to offer Kintore some redress to counter the Royal Burgh's chronic lack of community facilities.



Kintore and District Community Council, in their response to the latest plans, reiterated that Kintore lost a large area of public open space and sports facilities when the new Kintore Primary School was built. It sees no other current opportunity to provide public open space anywhere near the centre of Kintore. So, we only have this one chance to get this right for the people of Kintore. With continuing housing development the need is increasingly urgent.

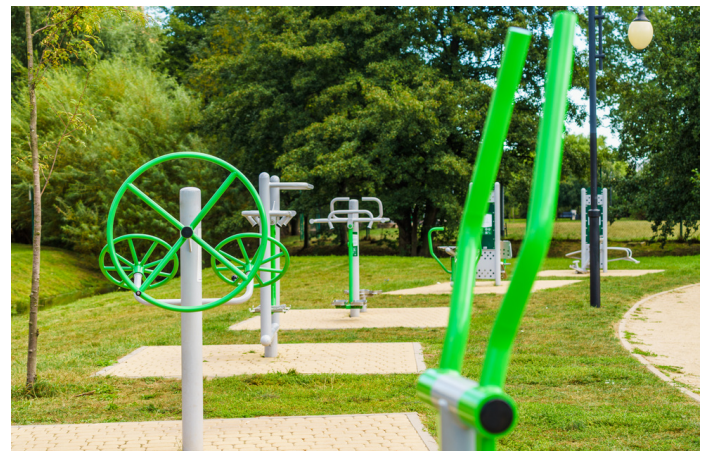
“The only beneficiaries of the housing explosion in Kintore are the developers in terms of business, Aberdeenshire Council in terms of increasing local tax revenue and landowners who have sold land for housing development. The losers are the Kintore residents who are suffering progressive deprivation as the ratio of outdoor amenity area to population declines,” the community council said in its submission.



Out of 76 written public responses to the planning application, only five were supportive.

One of the recurring points is that a Town Park should have attractive open space at its core. Landscaped parkland, with a picnic area, where the residents of Kintore could meet informally to enjoy the park and socialise with friends and neighbours.

Many objections questioned the need for more football pitches. But we know there are questions about the future viability of the pitches at Midmill, because of changes to ground levels being proposed by SEPA. The responses included suggestions of tennis, basketball, multi sport, outdoor gym and a skatepark. There were also concerns expressed about the adequacy of 20 parking places.



At the time of writing we anticipate an announcement that may mean Kintore will have tennis facilities on another site. A genuine consultation should examine all the above factors in determining the sports that should be incorporated into the Town Park.

Although the detail of the 184 houses has yet to be revealed, a number of objectors raised concerns that the housing mix did not seem to be in tune with an aging population, with an apparent total lack of bungalows. There were also questions about how many of the homes would meet disabled accessibility standards.



Increased traffic was an inevitable concern. More specifically, with the proposed roundabout, traffic from the B994 Kemnay road, plus the Town Park housing, will have priority over traffic from Kintore on the B987 School Road. The concern is that this could result in long rush-hour tailbacks for Kintore residents, heading for the Broomhill roundabout and the A96.



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## Councillor Glen Reid

### Lack of verge cutting/maintenance

Many residents have been in touch with me from Kintore, Blackburn and Newmachar to complain about the condition of the verges in their communities. I have been chasing, and chasing this item and was stunned when I received the following reply from the local Landscape Services Officer:

*"Good Afternoon,*

*The verges around all Aberdeenshire have been stopped for a budget restraint from Roads until further notice we will not be cutting the verges if you require any further details, please contact the Landscape Manager."*

I am sure that I will not be alone in finding this not only disappointing, but an unacceptable level of service from the Council. I therefore took the step to write to the Director of Environment and Infrastructure Services (see below) to express mine and my constituent's dissatisfaction, and to urge that this decision be reversed:

*"I am sure that I am not alone in being inundated with complaints relating to Landscape Services and what I thought was a reduction in the verge cutting service due to the £80,000+ budget cut. I have been chasing various areas that are looking incredibly unsightly and have just received the following response (see attached) from our local manager. I am stunned to say the least. This is one of the most visible services that the council provides and to completely stop it is causing many, many residents some great degree of upset. From what I can gather, this is an internal cost reduction between Roads and Landscape Services that was approved at the last budget, but not taken onboard by both depts until recently. I know money is tight, but I would urge that the decision to implement a complete cessation is reversed and either the normal or a reduced service is restored asap. I believe the full implications of this budget saving were perhaps not understood by the Administration when they took it and if you cannot decide alone, I would urge that you have a conversation with their leadership team to reinstate this service. I can happily send you on the plethora of photos of the frankly horrendous growth throughout my ward, but I am certain that you will have seen the evidence yourself when you have been driving throughout the Shire.*

*I look forward to hearing from you, and I am hoping for a positive response."*

### New A2B Bus Service for Kintore and Blackburn - Success

In May, at one of my surgeries, a constituent raised the poor level of provision of A2B bus services to Kintore in comparison with other areas in Garioch such as; Inverurie, Westhill, Turriff, Huntly and even Echt/Dunecht. I immediately looked into it, found it to be correct and wrote to the officer in charge asking for an urgent review to achieve a fair and equitable division of resources across Garioch:

*"When the decision, quite rightly, was taken to stop the Hatton of Fintray service, it was decided to redeploy the bus to Echt/Dunecht/Westhill. Why has no consideration been given to expanding the service provided in Kintore/Kemnay, and whilst I am on this, why is there no provision in Blackburn and Newmachar? There are significant proportions of population in these settlements with mobility issues and it seems that the resources are not being spread out equitably. I am seeking an urgent review of this and improvement to the level of service provided. I am aware that we have limited resources available, and that other areas may have a reduced service, but what we provide should be fair across Garioch/wider area."*



After many emails between the officer and I, the review has been carried out, and I received the following news yesterday:

*"I refer to your previous request that A2B dial-a-bus serve Kintore on a second day each week in addition to the current Wednesday shopper service (Kemnay – Kintore – Inverurie) which is detailed on the website at Inverurie rural A2B - Aberdeenshire Council. Having reviewed vehicle availability in the area I am pleased to advise that from next week, we will offer a shopper service from Kintore to Inverurie on Mondays, as well as Wednesdays. The service is available for residents who find it difficult to use other bus services due to infirmity or disability. We have written to Kintore customers to advise them about the extra day, and the service is open for bookings now. As can be seen in the attached guide timetable we are taking the opportunity to trial a shopper service from Blackburn to Inverurie, as this fits in with the Kintore service. This door-to-door service will hopefully benefit residents of Fechnie Brae sheltered housing and other older residents of Blackburn who find it difficult to walk to a bus stop or carry shopping. Passengers must book to travel by calling A2B on 01467 535333 and choose option 3 for general enquiries."*

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### Please see the timings of the service below:

Every Monday from 21.08.23

Blackburn - 1015

Kintore - 1035

Inverurie - 1100

Inverurie - 1240

Kintore - 1250

Blackburn - 1315

What I must say is that this service will be reviewed and, if it isn't used, it will be withdrawn.

I fought hard for a service to be provided to Hatton of Fintray, as they have such poor public transport, but not one single person used it and it was therefore redeployed. Please use this as this is a great addition to Kintore and Blackburn.

### **Underpass Project - The Happy Tunnel**

Kintore - are you ready? We need you, or to be more accurate, your children's help! Let's take community ownership of the underpass and make it into something we can all be proud of.

After two and a half years, Rachel (The Bothie) and I have finally managed to get everything organised to tackle the underpass. Permissions are in place with Amey (big thanks!), graffiti artists/teachers and all round good guys Outlines Collective (Kirsty & Naomi) were set up and raring to go.



The theme for the wall is Happiness. What makes you smile when you feel down, what do you enjoy doing, yourself, or with friends - what can lift your mood?

The painting will happen on Sunday the 3rd and 10th of September, from 9.00 am. There'll be snacks and music, chairs for spectators as everyone's welcome (all ages), and we'll all be there to paint and watch it take shape.

### **Speeding - In and Around Kintore**

In response to a social media post, I thought that I would just briefly summarise what has happened and is happening to address these issues.

Living in the community, I am well aware of the speeding that goes on. In my first term (2017-22) as a councillor, I asked for a traffic speed analysis to be carried out at Kintore School and it evidenced significant speeding at the three times when the 20mph part time zone was operational.

The council would not intervene with traffic calming so I, along with councillors Hood and Ford, raised a Member Promoted Issue to try and tackle the issue. I successfully argued and won the case at both the Garioch Area Committee and then at Infrastructure Services Committee and finally, after three years, it came in front of the Garioch Area Committee for the approval of the design of the traffic calming. Once chosen, it would have been constructed within 6 months, however, Conservative and Liberal Democrat councillors asked whether they could simply not approve any design and essentially stop it. When officers said that they could, EVERY SINGLE Conservative and Liberal Democrat councillor voted to stop it. I argued for it to be implemented, but lost the vote 6 votes to 8 votes.

This was just in January 2022 and this is why there is no traffic calming in Kintore. Three years of work was thrown out the window and disappointingly, two 'local' councillors voted against it. If they had voted for it, we'd have it built and doing it's job by now. However, that is in the past and I am still trying to tackle this issue. The council won't consider any speeding issue without evidence, and the evidence comes from officers conducting traffic speed analysis at the locations in question.

On the back of the success that I was having near Kintore School, I placed requests for traffic speed analyses to be carried out in the following locations (as constituents had raised them with me):

- 07.10.20 Midmill School, Kintore
- 29.09.21 Kingsfield Road
- 29.09.21 School Rd (slope down from Midmill School junction and Torryburn Hotel)

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Unfortunately, the council cut the resources which carry these analysis out and I have been chasing and pushing for these resources to be restored ever since. My pressure has paid off and resources was restored earlier this year. I have chased these locations three times this year, the last time being just last month (and I have just done so again, so four times now). I have also just last month submitted an analysis request for the Blairs stretch of road heading to Kemnay from Kintore. I will do everything I can to support and push for traffic reduction measures in all of the communities that I represent, and I welcomed the relatively recent addition of a rotational Safety Camera Unit on Northern Road.

### Nestrans E-cargo Bike for Sustainable Roots Kintore

When I joined the board of Nestrans last year, I became aware of a programme where they were allowing businesses to trial e-cargo bikes out. They had a fleet of six and the idea is that businesses get the bike for a substantial length of time to encourage them to move away from petrol/diesel delivery vehicles.

One bike was unallocated and I immediately suggested what I thought was the perfect business for it, Sustainable Roots Kintore. I spoke to both Nestrans and Carole Taylor (Sustainable Roots Kintore) and they both loved the idea. It has taken a while, but the bike arrived in the first week of August and Carole, her team (and myself) all had a wee try on it.

It is perfect for meeting the aim of 20 minute neighbourhoods and will enable Sustainable Roots Kintore to make local deliveries without impacting the environment.

If you see Carole or one of her team out and about, please give them a wee wave!



### New Zebra Crossing Update - Gauchhill Road, Kintore

I have been chasing and chasing this for some time and did so again as soon as I returned from leave as I know many parents are desperate to know the status with school restarting in a few weeks.

I received the following update from one of our principal engineers late yesterday afternoon:

*"I met with Hunter Construction today at the new Gauchhill Road zebra crossing works. They have started excavation on the south side footpath and we have SSE lined up for the 7th August to provide the electrical connection for the new crossing. We anticipate a three week programme for the main crossing works but it may be that some of the final road markings etc may have to follow on slightly later. The site is operating under traffic lights with half carriageway traffic flow and this seems to be operating well."*

As you know, I have been pushing for all the works to be completed before the schools return, but it looks like they may miss this by one or two days. This is slightly disappointing, but I'm sure, in the bigger scheme of things, the imminent completion will be seen as great news to assist the safety of pedestrians, especially children making their way to school and around Kintore.

### B994 Kintore and Kemnay (Blairs) Road Safety - Success

I wrote to senior officers within Aberdeenshire Council and the local Chief Inspector of Police Scotland, following serious concerns raised by constituents about 11 accidents within the space of five years at this stretch of road. I asked for an urgent safety review, highlighting the actions that they took/are still taking at Rosehall, nr Newmachar, when I wrote to them about a similar accident occurrence there. At Rosehall, council officers put a temporary 40mph speed limit in place until actions could be taken. They have since carried out a road retexturing that restored skid resistance to the road surface, and they are now refreshing the centrelines and edge lines. Since these actions have been taken and there has been no incidents and residents feel much safer. The Chief Inspector replied in agreement that he is concerned about this stretch of road and I have liaised with senior Roads officers. They have conducted a safety review and they concur with local residents and my opinion and are in the process of actioning the following:

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They have agreed to resurface the bends on this road section and have applied for funding from the Road Safety Improvement fund (internal Aberdeenshire Council process). They have issued a works order for further signage to be erected on the bend signs with advisory plates "max speed 40" as a warning to drivers. I do not have a date yet for the erection of the signs, but when I queried the timescale, they said, "As soon as we have available resources once the signs have been manufactured." I have had it confirmed that these signs will remain in place until the resurfacing works are completed.

After querying, they stated that they are confident in receiving the funding and after further pressing re the timescale for the resurfacing, I received the following reply, "It depends if we can do it with our own resources, or more likely have to put it to tender. Either way, unlikely to be this year."

This is a positive step forward and, although I obviously wish that this could happen quicker, I will press for it to happen asap. In the meantime, the speed reduction signs should help as they did at Rosehall. I would like to thank council officers and the local Chief Inspector for their assistance in progressing this matter.

### Bus Service Changes - Kintore

I was recently made aware by a constituent that Stagecoach Highland, who run the number 10 bus route, were proposing reducing the service provided to Kintore:

Presently, the 10b/10c (Mon-Fri) departs: 19.00, 20.15, 21.15, 22.15 and 23.20.

Proposed to become: 18.30, 20.35 and 23.00.

Presently, the 10b/10c (Sat) departs: 18.00, 19.00, 20.15, 21.15, 22.15 and 23.20.

Proposed to become: 18.30 and 20.30.



Unfortunately there was nothing that I could do re this, but through discussions with Stagecoach Aberdeen, they have made the following improvements which will compensate to a degree:

They have added a service 9 at 21:40 from Union Square to operate via Kintore (it will go straight through and will not serve Hallforest) and the 22:35 From Inverurie to Aberdeen will do the same. The 9 does not normally serve Kintore, but as this is a late journey, it will be a one off in this case to close a gap in the Timetable.

### Kingsfield Road - Dog Poo/Waste Bin - Success

Following complaints from residents about the amount of dog waste that was left on the pavements of Kingsfield Road, I had a quick check of the road, and, for such a long road and popular dog walking route, it did not appear to have any waste bin provision.

In asked officers to investigate and they concurred that there was a problem, and it was a suitable location for an additional bin. The bin has just been installed at the far end of Kingsfield Road, beside the grit bin as officers felt it was the "most unobtrusive spot for other pedestrians."

Please pick up after your dog and use the bins provided. To not do it is not just disgusting anti-social behaviour, but it poses a health risk as well.

Think of your community and do the decent thing – bag it and bin it.

### Cllr. Glen Reid

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## Health Walk in Kintore



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## THINK YOU KNOW? QUIZ

### The Konnect Konundrum

Are there more Kintore settlements in Canada or Australia?

### Scotland

1. What is known as the “Scottish Pompeii”?
2. When is Scotland’s official national day, St Andrew’s Day?
3. What two things, used everyday throughout the world, did Scot James Goodfellow invent?
4. Which Scottish football club plays its home matches at Gayfield Park?

### General Knowledge

1. What is the common geographical connection between these capital cities; Athens, Edinburgh, Lisbon, Madrid, Moscow and Rome?
2. What is the name of the Coffee shop in the US sitcom Frasier?
3. What is the currency of Norway?
4. What was the old name for a Snickers bar before it changed in 1990?

### True or False?

1. The world’s first international rugby match was played in Scotland?
2. Loch Ness isn’t the only loch with a ‘monster’?

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# Emergency, which service?

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Answering this question and the questions that will inevitably follow will help assist the Emergency Service to find you or your address more easily. This is especially important if you have a rural address or a house with a name rather than a number. Every second counts when it comes to responding, any time lost can be the difference between life and death therefore it's very important to be clear, calm, and concise with your replies.

## Emergency services urge the public to make their house numbers visible.

As the nights start drawing in it means shorter daylight hours and dark evenings and nights. This comes with its own challenges to identify a house name or number on a street for the Emergency Services. Put bluntly if your house name or number cannot be seen from the roadside then this could cause a delay in getting help to you.

### 5 Top Tips to become more visible to Emergency Service's during a night time callout.

1. Ensure your house name or house number can be seen from the roadside.
2. Trim any garden foliage which may prevent it from being seen.
3. If it's dark, make sure the house is lit up as it's easier to spot, especially in the early hours
4. If someone fit and able is with you, ask them to keep a look out for the Emergency Services, a simple and basic of waving your arms to attract their attention is a massive help.
5. It is now even possible to update your location on Google Maps.



It is a tricky situation when emergency services are ready to help somebody who might be minutes away from dying but their property number is not clearly visible. Losing vital life-saving minutes can be avoided if these few simple measures are put in place. In cases of sudden cardiac arrest, minutes can mean the difference between life and death. The likelihood of surviving decreases by 10% with every minute that passes without defibrillation. Usually, you cannot plan for an emergency, but you can prepare. All Emergency Services hope you never need them but just in case, PLEASE help us find you.

### Our Kintore Community Defib saves a life.

Our AED's (or Automated External Defibrillators to give them their Sunday name or to give their nickname Defib's) have been used a number of times in Kintore over the years but it's always great to share a positive result following their use.

Earlier in June this year, Henderson Drive resident, Eva Lamond and her family were enjoying some quality time together with her father-in-law who had been visiting from Perth when he suddenly went into cardiac arrest.

Eva's husband quickly ran 'bare footed' to retrieve our AED located at the school, whilst Eva and friends performed CPR. Their quick action, and timely use of the AED saved the life of Eva's father-in-law.

More poignant was the fact that had Eva's father-in-law taken ill when he was at home in Perth, his nearest AED was over two miles away, therefore the outcome may well have been very different.

Well done everyone involved.

### You too could save a life

AED's have built-in voice instructions which help many people make proper use of them in an emergency however, what happens when there isn't an AED close by or you have nobody else around. Would you be comfortable delivering CPR?

For those wishing to brush-up on their CPR skills, scan the QR code to the British Heart Foundation:



Thanks to the NHS' Act FAST campaign over the years, it is well known that people who have experienced a stroke have a better chance of full recovery the quicker they receive treatment. If you want to learn more on what to do, scan the QR code:



# Emergency, which service? cont.

## Kintore & District Community Council – Community Resilience Plan

Over the last 12 months KDCC have been working hard to pull together the very important Community Resilience Plan which is designed to automatically kick into life in the event of a local emergency, like localised flooding, power outages or any other natural disaster that may affect our wee community.

This plan is delivered by local volunteers who will work closely with the Emergency Services to provide local knowledge and assistance during a local emergency. This will provide better communication and will also be the first response to the likes of flooding.

KDCC have applied for some grants to help fund much-needed equipment which can be used until the Emergency Services arrive and could be the difference between life and death.

If you would like to find out more about how you can help or volunteer for Kintore's Community Resilience Plan, please get in touch with [info@kintorecommunitycouncil.co.uk](mailto:info@kintorecommunitycouncil.co.uk).

# Aberdeenshire North Food Bank

I wish I could tell you that things are quietening down at the Food bank in Inverurie, that donations are flooding in and that we are receiving fewer requests for food parcels from our community. How I wish that! However, you all know that every single one of us is feeling the impact of the current cost of living crisis, whether through our supermarket receipts, our visits to petrol stations or reading utility bills and it is no different when it comes to the Food Bank.

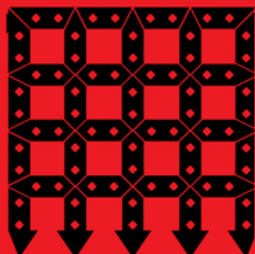
From January to June, 2022, the Food Bank in Inverurie provided 299 households with food parcels which fed 430 adults and 248 children. For the same period this year, 441 households, comprising 547 adults and 270 children, received food parcels from ANFB in Inverurie and surrounding local communities (Kintore, Kemnay, Blackburn, etc). In the latest month for which we have the statistics (July), the Inverurie volunteers despatched 54 food parcels to help 74 adults and 50 children. A more sobering set of numbers is that across our network of 5 food banks (Inverurie, Huntly, Ellon, Peterhead and Fraserburgh) in July 2022, we provided 284 households (406 adults and 149 children) with food parcels. In July 2023, we provided 438 households (591 adults and 205 children) with food parcels. None of these households wants to be getting help from a food bank, I am sure, but they are living in food poverty in our communities.

This does not make for happy reading, I know, but, while our donations are understandably down overall (so far this month we have taken in across our network 1663 kg of food but we have put out 3712 kg in food parcels), we continue to be extremely grateful for all donations that come our way, whether through donations of money via our website ([www.aberdeenshirenorth.foodbank.org](http://www.aberdeenshirenorth.foodbank.org)) or donations of food through local organisations or our supermarket collection points (in Kintore at the Co-op and at Sainsbury's).

We advertise our particular shortages monthly at our collection points and on our website, and we are so grateful when you give us what we need! At the moment, we have really good stocks of tinned soup and beans and of pasta but we are **ALWAYS** short of UHT milk and long-life fruit juice. The bottom line is that we Food Bank volunteers cannot do what we do without your ongoing support so thank you for being willing to help us through your donations. We, and the families who get the food parcels they sorely need, can only say a huge thank you for all that you do.



The advertisement features a green background. At the top left, there is a 'BanktheFood' logo with icons of a shopping basket, a person, and a QR code. To the right is the 'Aberdeenshire North foodbank' logo with a leaf icon. In the center, a hand holds a smartphone displaying the app's interface, which shows a 'Your Foodbank Needs' section with a large number '8' and a list of items. Below the phone, the text reads: 'See our needs in real-time', 'Aberdeenshire North Foodbank are proud to be working with BanktheFood', 'Download BanktheFood app for FREE using the QR code', and 'Follow Aberdeenshire North Foodbank and get regular updates of any items we need'.



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# Kintore Church

## Message from Rev Neil Meyer

### Welcome to Bennachie Parish Church of Scotland

On the 3rd of September 2023, a union of congregations will take place at Kintore Parish Church to form a new, larger parish: Bennachie Parish Church. The new parish boundaries will extend from Kintore south to Echt and west as far as Chapel of Garioch. It will encompass the former parishes of Kintore, Kemnay, Blairdaff/Chapel of Garioch, Monymusk, Cluny and Echt/Midmar. There will initially be 8 places of worship in the parish although the buildings at Blairdaff, Cluny and Midmar are set to close in the coming years. And there will be a team ministry comprising Revds Euan Glen, Sheila Mitchell and myself as well as our Assistant Minister, Revd Tose Shayamunda.

The union is part of a much larger restructuring process that the Church of Scotland is undergoing nationally. Earlier this year the participating congregations all voted in favour of the union and there has been a lot of work behind the scenes to join up all the dots administratively. The important thing I wish to share with you here though is how this change will affect you as members of the congregation and parish.

Firstly, weekly church services will continue at Kintore. We do occasionally close the service at Kintore in favour of a joint, parish-wide service but this only happens about 4 times a year and notices are posted of where the service will be held. Other important worship services at Easter and Christmas as well as our monthly Messy Church will also continue. Moreover the pastoral care of our parish, including weddings, funerals, Baptisms, school chaplaincy and care of the sick and poor will all continue to take place as before

So what is changing then? As a church organization we will benefit from being part of a much wider family, sharing resources, outreach projects and opportunities for fellowship, learning and spiritual formation. Local communities like Kintore will in turn benefit from having a team of ministers serving them. For the past nine years, I have had the tremendous privilege of serving the Kintore community. Your welcome has always been warm. I'm confident that you will be just as welcoming to Euan and Sheila as you have been to Tose and myself. We look forward to serving you and our neighbouring communities in the new parish together.



Rev. Neil Meyer



Rev. Tose  
Shayamunda



Rev. Sheila  
Mitchell



Rev. Euan Glen



#### Dates for your diary

**Sunday afternoons**

**Please check Messy Church Kintore  
Facebook page for details.**

**10 September**

**8 October**

**12 November**

**3 December Mini Messy**

**We start at 3.30pm with refreshments at  
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# Kintore Church - Walk the Parish Pilgrimage

On the 3rd of September, the congregations of Blairdaff/Chapel of Garioch, Cluny, Echt/Midmar, Kemnay, Kintore and Monymusk united to form Bennachie Parish Church of Scotland. Nothing unusual there – many congregations are entering unions all across Scotland. But this group of churches decided to celebrate their forthcoming union in a slightly different way with a Walk-the-Parish Pilgrimage.



The river Don which flows through the new parish along the foot of the Bennachie range in Aberdeenshire was one of the routes of St Machar's early mission to the local Picts in the 6th Century. On the weekend of 12-13 August, the congregations followed in the footsteps of some of these early Christian missionaries. Over two days a total of 40 members from all the constituent congregations walked all or part of a 31 mile trek from Kintore to Echt, stopping to worship at each of the eight church buildings in the new parish.



Seven walkers covered the full distance, many more participated in one or more stages and even the Presbytery Moderator, Rev Stella Campbell, joined in for part of the walk. Apart from the walkers, many more joined the services along the way, sharing in the prayers for the new union and providing refreshments for the journey. A fair crowd gathered at Echt church to cheer on the 20 walkers who finished the pilgrimage together and the weekend concluded with a lavish BBQ at Echt Hall.



The pilgrimage was led by Rev Neil Meyer and his daughter, Christine, who walked the Camino de Santiago from St-Jean-Pier-de-Port in France to Santiago de Compostella a year earlier.

Rev. Euan Glen led the team providing logistical support for the pilgrims and cheering them on at each of the pilgrim services along the way. And Rev Sheila Mitchell led the team that provided the hospitality at the BBQ on the Sunday. A real team-effort by the newly formed Ministry Team that will lead the congregations into the new union!


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# Kintore's Unsung Heroes

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At the end of June The Rotary Club of Kintore, Blackburn and Kemnay revealed local butcher John Dossett as winner of annual Citizen of the Year Award 2023. So we decided to meet up with John (pardon the pun) to find out a wee bit more about this quiet, humble local hero.

## Have you always been in Kintore?

**“Although I actually stay in Kemnay I always feel Kintore is my real home.”**

Born and bred in Kintore, John's family has an amazing connection with our town.

John's Granda was the Town's Officer for the Kintore Council until 1974 when there was a major change to Aberdeenshire Council. Based at the iconic Town House in Kintore Square where he would have collected the rent money from the town's residents and local businesses. A time when Kintore had its Doctors surgery within the Town House and a Provost of Kintore responsible for the Town. John's dad owned the Fish & Chip shop in Rosehill, Aberdeen and his mum was a legal secretary based in Kintore. He stayed with his mum in Kintore and spent his formative years locally, educated at Kintore School before moving up to the larger Inverurie Academy.

## Have you always been a Butcher?

“I started my butchery career right here in Kintore. Only a few residents will remember Sinclair McIntosh Butchers where the Turkish Barber is now, but that is where as a 14 year old I started work as the Butchers loon, progressing to the art of butchery at 17 years old but I've had breaks from being a butcher over the years working for Kennerty Dairies for a period and also being manager at Kelly's of Cults for a number of years”

Having worked for a number of employers over the years and burning no bridges when he moved job he built up a respect within the trade and local community so it came as no surprise when Kintore butcher Asti Neish decided to retire due to ill health in 2006 that he contacted his former employee John and gave him first opportunity to buy the butcher shop in the Square. John grabbed the chance with both hands, the rest as they say is history.

From taking ownership on the Friday night, he and his late wife Gillian worked all the hours possible during the weekend to ensure it reopened on Monday morning as J&G Dossett Butchers.



## Dossett's Butcher is known as the Local Family Butcher, but is it a true family business?

“Absolutely, three of my four children work in the business at the moment with my daughter Emma being the most well known to most customers. My wife Gillian and I started the business together 17 years ago and was very much involved with the shop right up until we lost her just over three years ago, which was as you can imagine was a massive upset personally, for the family and the shop.”

“We are lucky to have such a fantastic team here and regard them as my extended family”

## What is the secret sauce to a successful business?

“It's really quite simple, you have to consistently deliver the highest quality personal customer service and free advice at the same time as making sure you sell the very best quality local products available to you”

I'm sure we will all agree that John and his team does this consistently.

## At 67 years old are you looking to retire soon?

“I've got no plan set in stone, however I am looking to take more of back seat and free up some time to do some walking, fishing and looking after my two dogs when I am at age and fitness level that I can enjoy these”

## Lastly John, what did it mean to you winning the Citizen of the Year Award?

“I am delighted and humbled to have won this award. My wife Gillian and I started the business together 17 years ago and very much worked as a team. It was devastating when we lost her to cancer in 2020.

The community helped us all get through this loss with their patience and kindness which I could never fully repay but I always am grateful of.”

It was obvious during our conversation how passionate John is about looking after his customers. His knowledge of his local suppliers and of the butchery trade is absolutely amazing and despite being quite a quiet man his wit and humour is as sharp as the knives he uses in his shop.

# Kintore's Unsung Heroes

*Fit a fine mannie to get a news wi. Nae airs and graces and nae pit on, as we news'd using the Doric tongue at the same time as he supped up his hamemade stovies he was ha'in for his denner.*

A local legend for sure.

Well done John, wishing you many years of health and happiness and continued success as 'the best Butcher in Aberdeenshire' certainly in our humble opinion.

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# Rotary Club of Kintore, Blackburn & Kemnay

The Rotary Club of Kintore, Blackburn and Kemnay have had a busy few months over the summer. July is the start of the Rotary Year, and this year the Rotary theme is "Create Hope in the World". At our handover, Morag Thorburn handed over president duties to Jamie Grant for the upcoming year, it promises to be another busy one. At our handover we reflected on the successes of the past year, with multiple events organised and funds raised.

As a club, we were also very proud to attend the handover of District Governor to Jim Hatter, which was an event attended by many clubs within District 1010 at the Beach Ballroom. This was a great opportunity to meet with other club members, and discussing ongoing activities and new ideas. It was well attended and a great way to start the Rotary Year.



Our Club is supporting the local charity Abernecessities. They provide disadvantaged families with the essential items that no child should go without. From maternity bundles for mother and baby to nappies, formula milk, and clothing for young children. We recently had a talk at the Kintore Church Hall which highlighted how much this charity has grown and the benefit brought to the North East, it made us realise how much this work is needed and why we had to support.

You can read more about what the charity does by visiting their website: [www.abernecessities.co.uk](http://www.abernecessities.co.uk).

As you'll be aware, each year we appoint a Citizen of the year and we were delighted to welcome John Dossett and his family to one of our meetings, where we presented him with the Citizen of the Year award.

John was nominated due to the support he has given to the Kintore community for years, with many pies, sausage rolls and hot drinks handed out on chilly nights, supplying to local causes when needed and doing whatever he can to help all year round. I'm sure you will all agree, a very worthy recipient of the Citizen of the Year award!



June was a busy month, we had a very busy Kintore Summer Festival, providing games and raffled a gallon of Whisky, this was followed by the Blackburn Gala and we were also at the Kemnay School fair. At each of these the Rotary games proved as popular as ever. Another big event for us was the Blast from the Past at Thainstone, we launched the Rotary Car Raffle here, tickets are available from club members and we'll soon be in Aberdeen Bon Accord selling right up until Christmas.

At the Thainstone event we also had a surprise visit from "Booby the Barman" from Still Game, he was very interested to hear what Rotary is about and how we help our communities.



In the run up to the end of the year, look out for our news on the Facebook page, we have tipsy tea parties arranged, and will also launch our shoebox collection as well as our Funds for U applications for local charity organisations.

We welcome many guests, and if you would be interested to join in on a meeting or find out more about Rotary and how you can contribute within your community, find us on Facebook or send a message to [jamie.grant79@yahoo.com](mailto:jamie.grant79@yahoo.com). We are keen to recruit more members to build on the team we have and be able to support the community more.

Our meetings are the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month, normally at 6.45pm and just ask for location!

## Jamie Grant, Kintore, Blackburn and Kemnay Rotary Club

### Think You Know Quiz by Cllr. Glen Reid Answers

#### The Konnect Konundrum

Neither, it's a tie with three each; Australia (Kintore-Northern Territory, Kintore-Western Australia, and County of Kintore-South Australia) and Canada (Kintore-Ontario, Lower Kintore-New Brunswick, and Upper Kintore-New Brunswick).

#### Scotland

1. Skara Brae, in the Orkney islands.
2. 30th November.
3. The PIN (Personal Identification Number) system and the ATM (Automatic Teller Machine).
4. Arbroath.

#### General Knowledge:

1. They are all built on seven hills.
2. Cafe Nervosa.
3. Norwegian Krone.
4. Marathon.

#### True or False?

1. True.
2. True.



## KINTORE SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB



We are an over 55's club who meet in the Kintore Church Hall on Wednesday afternoons from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. during the Winter months. Our programme includes Scottish, County Western and Irish musicians and singers. Our 2023/2024 session starts on the 4th October 2023 and we are looking for new members to join our friendly club.

The annual membership fee is £10, so if you want to be entertained on a Wednesday afternoon and have some tea and biscuits, please come along as all members old and new are most welcome.

For more information please contact Meg Mackay on 01467 632455 or 07565503384.



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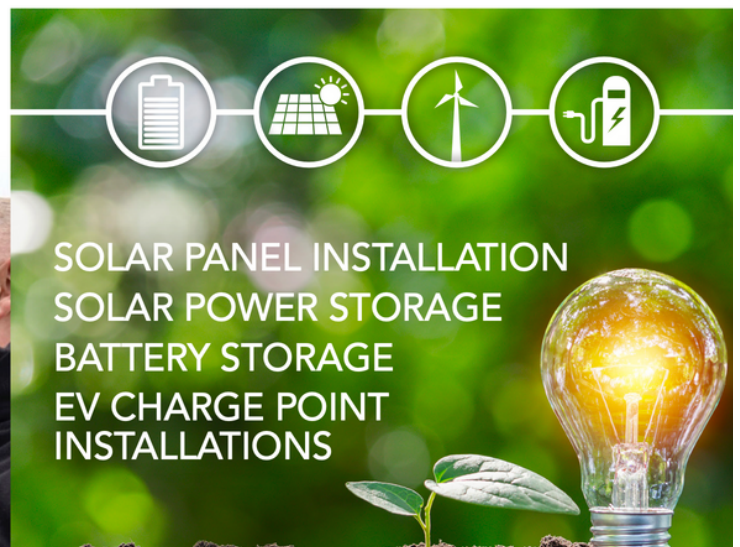
  
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# A hundred years of Kintore Pipe Band

Kintore Pipe Band are celebrating a belated anniversary this year, marking over a century of entertaining the local community. The band should have celebrated their 100th birthday in 2021, but the Covid pandemic put a stop to their planned events. Two years later than planned, the band are now set to celebrate this significant milestone with a Centenary Dance at the Thainstone Exchange on Saturday 30th September. Their big birthday bash will feature a three-course meal, music from Starsky, and, of course, a performance by the pipe band.

The band was formed by the Gordon Highlanders just after the First World War, making Kintore one of the few North-East bands to have survived and entertained year-on-year since the early twentieth century. Founding Pipe Major, Isaac Ogg, took up post in 1921. Following Ogg's lead, in the intervening century, the pipe band has been led by a total of thirteen different Pipe Majors (two of whom were brave enough to take on the job twice!). The current Pipe Major is Kintore local, Claire Napier - the first woman to lead the band.

A regular on the Highland Games circuit, the band also frequently plays at local festivals, fairs, corporate functions and weddings. The band has also previously travelled further afield, with performances at traditional music festivals in Belgium, Ireland, Italy and the Czech Republic, as well as participation in such prestigious events as the New York Tartan Day Parade and Shetland's famous Up Helly Aa fire festival. Currently comprised of 35 members, and with a healthy cohort of learners, the Kintore Pipe Band continues to thrive, promising a healthy future as it enters its second century of serving the local community. The band is run entirely not-for-profit, with all earnings being put back into the band so that they can offer free piping and drumming tuition for the local community, and cover the band's running costs.

If you would like to help the band celebrate their 100th birthday, tickets for the dance can be purchased online ([www.tinyurl.com/kintore100](http://www.tinyurl.com/kintore100)).

The band's Facebook page also has lots of information about the event and further contact details ([www.facebook.com/kintorepipeband](http://www.facebook.com/kintorepipeband)).



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# Diary of Events

| DATE                                       | EVENT  | WHERE                 | TIME  |
|--|--|-----------------------|---|
| 1st Tues                                   | Kintore SWI                                      | Kintore Public Hall   | 19.30                                       |
| 3rd Tues                                   | Community Council Meeting                        | Kintore Public Hall   | 19.00                                       |
| 1st & 3rd Thurs                            | Kintore, Kemnay & District Rotary Club           | Ask for location      | 18.45                                       |
| 2nd Sun                                    | Messy Church                                     | Kintore Church        | 15.30 - 17.30                               |
| <b>Weekly Meetings, Clubs &amp; Events</b> |  |                       |   |
| Mon  | Junior Group - P5, P6 + P7                       | The Bothie            | 15:30 - 17:00                               |
| Mon  | Girls Brigade Groups (P1 up to and including S6) | Church Hall           | 17:00 - 19:00                               |
| Mon  | 3rd Kintore Brownies                             | Kintore Public Hall   | 16:00 - 17:15                               |
| Mon  | 3rd Kintore Rainbows                             | Kintore Public Hall   | 18:00 - 19:00                               |
| Wed  | 1st Kintore Rainbows                             | Kintore Public Hall   | 18:15 - 19:15                               |
| Thurs                                      | 1st Kintore Guides and Rainbows                  | Kintore Public Hall   | 19:00 - 20:30                               |
| Mon & Wed                                  | Kintore Scouts - Cubs (8-10 years)               | Kintore Scout Hut     | 18:30 - 20:15                               |
| Tues & Thurs                               | Kintore Scouts - Beavers (6-8 years)             | Kintore Scout Hut     | 18:00 - 19:00                               |
| Tues & Thurs                               | Kintore Scouts - Scouts (10-15 years)            | Kintore Scout Hut     | 19:30 - 21:00                               |
| Tue  | Young & Free to Speak (YAFTS) (All kids S1+)     | The Bothie            | 19:00 - 21:00                               |
| Wed  | Health Walk                                      | The Square            | 10:00                                       |
| Sun  | Kintore Community Church                         | Kintore Village Hall  | 10:30                                       |
| Mon & Fri                                  | Toddlers Group - Kintore 0-3 Group               | Kintore Public Hall   | 9:30 - 11:30                                |
| Wed  | Bumps & Baby - Kintore 0-3 Group                 | Kintore Public Hall   | 10:00 - 12:00                               |
| Tues & Thurs                               | 2's Group - Kintore 0-3 Group                    | Kintore Public Hall   | 9:30 - 11:30                                |
| All Week                                   | Kintore Golf Club - Non-profit Community Sports  | Kintore Golf Club     | 10:00 - 20:00                               |
| Mon & Wed                                  | Kintore Taekwon-Do School                        | Kintore Parish Church | 19:00 - 20:30 (Mon)<br>19:30 - 21:00 (Weds) |

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|      | Tues        | Wed                          | Thurs        |
|------|-------------|------------------------------|--------------|
| 9am  |             | Fly & Chat                   |              |
| 10am | Sing-a-long | Knit & Natter                | Quiz         |
| 11am | Who's who   | Crosswords                   | Dominos      |
| 12pm |             | Lunch                        |              |
| 1pm  | Bingo       | Cards                        | Shuffleboard |
| 2pm  |             | Fly & Music from the decades |              |

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