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for the June 2022 issue is
2nd May 2022

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At the time of writing, in early February, Kintore Library is now able to offer more opening hours for browsing (no appointment required) on a **Tuesday morning 9 – 13.30, Wednesday afternoon 13.00 – 17.00 and Saturday morning 9 – 11.30**, and on a **Click and Collect basis, (please see below), on Mondays 13.00-16.00**. These days and times are not set in stone and are likely to be altered in the future as things get back to near normal and staff return from redeployment. Staff have also returned to seeing pupils from Kintore and Midmill primaries.

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- Return items
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We are an over 55's club who meet in the 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 2021/2022 session started on the 1st December

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 please come along as all members old and new are most welcome.

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200 years ago

29 May 1822. The church in Kintore organised a collection for the "distressed Irish."

150 years ago

1 May 1872. Thomas Marshall, of no fixed address, assaulted PC Peter Wilson in Kintore. Marshall had been released from prison only two days before assaulting the policeman and may have assaulted him to get back into prison, which at least provided a roof over his head.

100 years ago

15 April 1922. A Kintore to Pittodrie 15 mile race was won by Aberdonian Ted Lawson, who completed the course in 1 hour, 30 minutes and ten seconds. The route was Kintore - Blackburn - Tyrebagger - Bucksburn - Woodside - Kittybrewster - Bedford Road - Bedford Place - Orchard Street - King Street - Pittodrie. According to the Aberdeen Journal "Great interest was taken in the race, the villagers of Kintore being out in full force to see the start, many cyclists accompanying the runners."

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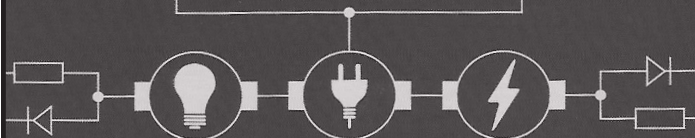
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Should I insure my pet?

In my consultations I often ask my clients if they have their pets insured. I get a wide spectrum of responses, from the proactive owners who have done all the research and chosen the best available policy, to the owners that are not sure why to even bother setting up yet another direct debit from their bank account, to the final category (I find this is the biggest category) where people have just plain given up after doing a quick internet search for "Pet Insurance" and being completely baffled by the sheer weight of information that hit their desktop, then understandably given up all hope! So in this article I intend to cut through the minefield and straight to the why's and wherefore's of pet insurance.

Firstly, what is pet insurance? When we vets talk about pet insurance, we usually mean medical insurance. This is like private healthcare insurance for people. It is a policy that means should your pet ever get ill, (subject to various terms and conditions and exclusions that may apply to any given policy) the insurance company will pick up the bill for tests and treatment for this illness. Be aware that there is always an excess to pay (like with your car policy).

Should I insure my pet? Yes is the short answer! 1 in 3 pets need urgent veterinary treatment each year. The average dog costs their owner in the region of £240 per year in vets' fees. As I'm sure many people know all too well, many dogs are unlucky and cost a lot more than that if specialist treatments are involved! There is of course no such thing as the NHS for pets, leaving you owners entirely responsible for meeting the costs of these medical bills. As medicine advances, there are more and more modern treatments available for our pets, including anti cancer

therapies, even MRI scans for pets! Modern treatments can often cost thousands of pounds, so consider insurance to be budgeting monthly for your pets' treatment, rather than being faced with a large unexpected bill all of a sudden.

Should I just pick the cheapest policy on a market comparison website? The short answer is no! If you go down this route you are very likely to be caught out by some clever small print which allows the insurance company not to pay for your pets' treatment. You must read the small print and be aware of what you are buying.

Unfortunately, as we are not insurance advisers we are not legally able to recommend an insurance company to you. Please avoid just buying the cheapest one from a price comparison website, we see this approach go wrong too many times, although I accept that it must be very tempting! Also bear in mind if you move from your current insurance to a newer one then usually they will not cover pre-existing medical conditions – sometimes if your dog has been in for a simple short-term sign like vomiting anything related to this even years down the line will not be covered by the new company.

I hope that goes some way to cutting through the minefield of pet insurance for you, of course your vet will be happy to advise as much as we legally can if you have any more detailed questions.

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Kintore Kemnay & District Rotary Club

I hope everyone has stayed safe over the past few months, with the ongoing pandemic as well as two storms either side of the festive period causing major power cuts in our area. It was a tough few days each time for much of our community, and while some of our members were affected we made sure to be there and help where we could.

At the end of last year, we had managed several in person events, but rising cases meant we had to cancel some events and go back to online meetings, but we've still managed to have some great social evenings. We were able to arrange a night of music at the Bennachie Lodge in Kemnay, as well as a very interesting trip into the Beach Ballroom in Aberdeen. We've enjoyed several speakers online as well as some great discussions on our plans for the rest of 2022.

There are lots of plans ongoing for this year, and we are hoping for some great social gatherings and a chance to raise money for our communities. We have a few community projects being planned, working close with the school and other community groups, and our team are primed to help at other community events. The annual Golf Day will also go ahead this year, look out on Facebook for updates and more details. Regular annual events in Kintore are also being planned, and Rotary will be well represented at these.

Look out for more plans as we see the easing of restrictions, our team are certainly busy planning and

looking at options, so there's plenty of exciting news to come.

It's going to be a busy year for our Rotary Club, and while we are always looking for new members it's even more important this year. The last two years have seen a drop in numbers with so many restrictions in activities, so there is a big push to encourage more people to get involved in Rotary. As well as being able to volunteer in your community, Rotary provides a place to develop new friendships, new skills and opens doors of opportunity. I would encourage anyone to give it a go, come along to one of our meetings or join online, we are making it easier to get involved without having to commit too much time, give it a go, you'll enjoy it.

The intention, when possible, is to meet at different locations in our area, for fellowship and discussions. 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. We are really keen to recruit more members to build the team we have and be able to support the community more. Our meetings are the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month, at 6.45pm.

Jamie Grant

Kintore, Kemnay and District Rotary Club

Twenty-three years is a long time in politics

This will be my last contribution to Kintore Konnect as one of the local councillors representing Kintore. After twenty-three years on Aberdeenshire Council, I will be retiring at the election in May.

Between 1999 and 2007, I represented Newmachar & Fintray ward as the sole councillor for that ward. With the new, larger, multi-member wards brought in with proportional representation in 2007, I became one of the East Garioch councillors that represented Kintore. At various times, I have served on most of the Council's different policy committees. Since 2009 though, I have been on the education committee with just one short gap.

It is both very challenging and an immense privilege to serve as a local councillor. I have been involved in many difficult decisions as well as having to address the unrelenting financial pressures placed upon the Council. I remain convinced that fundamental reform is needed of the funding arrangements for local government. I am alarmed that elected local government in Scotland has lost powers and autonomy in recent years to increased and centralising interventions from the Scottish Government. But I am delighted that Aberdeenshire Council has been able to deliver or facilitate some significant local improvements — most obviously a new building for Kintore School, the new Midmill School, a major upgrade of Kemnay Academy and Kintore railway station. Providing

support for volunteers to get The Bothie built on the former library site was, for me, another highlight of my time as a councillor.

I was 39 when I was first elected to Aberdeenshire Council. I am 62 now. My wife, Gina, retired last year. It's time to stop. I will though miss the Council terribly, but 23 years is long enough in any role. I actually do want to spend more time with my family.

I would like to thank residents for their support and all those I have worked with for the good of the area. I would not have wanted to miss being councillor for East Garioch for anything.

Cllr Martin Ford

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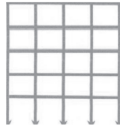


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Think You Know Quiz by Cllr. Glen Reid

The Konnect Konundrum

- What is the Gaelic name for Kintore?

Scotland

- Which Scottish castle is said to be the inspiration for Bram Stokers' novel Dracula?

- In 2021, who became Scotland's all-time leading try scorer after touching down 25 times?

- In 1996, at the Roslin Institute in Scotland, a sheep was cloned for the first time, but what was her name?

General Knowledge

- In which year did Elizabeth II become Queen?

- What is the collective noun for a group of giraffes?

- What is the capital of Switzerland?

- Where are the 2028 Summer Olympics going to be held?

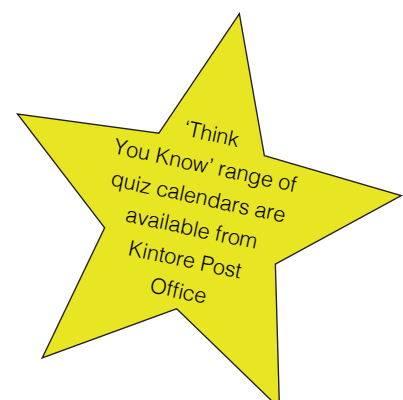
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Which one is true and which one is false:

- A giraffe's tongue is orange.

- According to her last wishes, Elizabeth Taylor arrived late for her own funeral.

See page 20 for the answers!



Aberdeenshire Councillor's Report

Scotrail/Kintore Station – Traffic Island

A few months ago, it was brought to my attention that the pedestrian crossing traffic island at the station is a hazard in its current condition. There is nothing drawing people's attention to it such as keep left signs/bollards as there would be on public roads.

A constituent crashed into the island, at night when there is less visibility, causing significant damage to the vehicle, and there have been other such instances. I have liaised with officers and then Scotrail and despite being initially rebuffed, I have now managed to get the Property Manager from Scotrail to attend.

There is a real safety issue here, the solution is very inexpensive and I hope that common sense prevails and Scotrail puts bollards in place.

Seagull Nuisance - Kintore Primary School and Surrounding Area

In late September last year, numerous constituents contacted myself to raise the issue of an increase in the seagull population and the nuisance they were causing to the locality.

I raised this with council officers and discovered that Kintore Primary School was not on their list of buildings for pest control. I rectified this and in October pest control contractors attended the school to fly birds of prey as a deterrent. They also began looking to develop a programme for bird control at the site going forward.

A programme of hawk flying twice per week throughout the breeding season will begin in March (start of breeding season) and will be supplemented by a nest and egg removal programme where required (subject to licence being granted).

The contractor will be monitoring activity onsite during their twice weekly visits and feeding back if adjustments are recommended. This programme will begin in March and continue through the breeding season.

I hope that this will give some peace of mind to those who have been affected in the recent past.

Kintore Knackery

For quite some time I have been in receipt of complaints from many residents concerning foul odour emissions from the LEO Group plant outside of Kintore which is in its commissioning phase.

I have been in constant supportive dialogue with residents and SEPA, who are the regulator, and I have been pushing for a date for the end of the commissioning phase so that finally it can be determined whether or not the plant can comply with regulations and residents will no longer have an endless situation where there are odour leaks impacting their lives.

SEPA have written to the LEO Group asking for a report on their commissioning activities at the Kintore rendering

site and requesting that they submit a plan setting out what steps they intend taking to prepare a full improvement plan for submission to SEPA in March 2022.

They will review the information they submit in relation to site commissioning and proposed odour reduction measures and take appropriate action.

They have also started a series of pro-active odour investigations in the vicinity of the site which will last for around two months to build a picture of odour impact and inform their strategy for addressing the odour issues being reported to us by the local community.

I believe that foul emissions cannot continue to affect residents lives so frequently. If you are affected by this, it is important that you report it to SEPA as action cannot be taken unless they are informed.

Midmill School Astro Pitch – Sunday Opening!

Finally, after four years of trying, Midmill School astro pitch is now open for limited bookings on a Sunday. I had managed to get it open Monday to Saturday relatively quickly, but this is the final piece in the jigsaw for that facility and the kids of Kintore and the surrounding area.

Town Park - Gym Equipment

There was a large public request online for some outdoor gym equipment located in Kintore, as there is in other settlements in Aberdeenshire. I went to council officers and there currently is no budget.

However, given the apparent lack of community support for the overall recreational proposals at the proposed Town Park, I have asked officers whether this could be partially addressed by including this equipment there to address this deficiency and enhance the overall provision. I am still waiting to see if this would be possible.

Happy to Chat Benches

As some of you may know, I have been working with Rachel Lewis, from the Bothie, on these benches. I am pleased to say that all six (four for Kintore and two for Blackburn) have been built by the Westhill Mens Shed and are about to be collected by the Council.

These are brightly coloured benches, located through our towns, where people can sit and converse with others, hopefully helping to tackle social isolation and some mental health issues.

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

Cllr. Glen Reid

Community Champion – LGiU Scottish Councillor Awards East Garioch (Ward 12)

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Kintore Church

Message from Rev Neil Meyer



Choose Company

*“As often as you eat this bread and drink the cup,
you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.”*

1 Corinthians 11:26

Dear friends,

“Company” – a beautiful word that has lost some of its sparkle through its long association with businesses, corporations, plc’s – companies. The word derives from the Latin com- “with” and panis “bread”, literally to eat bread with one another, as companions.

When Jesus was establishing his new fellowship of followers, calling them to be a community of reconciliation within a world of division and divisiveness, he knew that they would need more than a common creed to bind them together. So he instituted a community meal – for them to share bread together regularly – because he understood the tight bonds that can be forged around a table, transcending the language, gender, nationality or social status of the diners. The over-ritualising and over-formalising of the feast of Holy Communion by 2000 years of Christian religion cannot hide the fact that at its roots the Christian community was always intended to be a place where all could find companionship.

Loneliness and isolation have been a long time coming in Western society. Philosophical, social and economic forces have gradually chipped away at both the need for and the desirability of community since the Industrial Revolution and the mass migration from close-knit villages to the anonymity of vast cities. Yet until quite recently it has still been necessary to teach our children how to “behave in

company”, a skill they would need in education, business and life. Covid changed all that.

For the first time in history we now have both the technology and the social acceptability to each remain in our own hermetic bubbles. Sure, we all initially rushed to meet up with friends and colleagues again after being apart for so long during lock-down but once the dust settles a bit we’ll probably find that online meetings, shopping, working and socializing are not just less hassle, but also cheaper, less time-consuming and more eco-friendly than trekking across the country to meet in person.

Company (bread-sharing) is becoming less and less a necessary part of life. It is becoming a choice we have to make.

So let me appeal to you: In a world that is increasingly polarized and polarizing, choose company!

Whether for a coffee at one of our excellent local café’s or a pint at the pub; whether over an ice-cream or a scone; whether it’s teas after a church service or a sit-down dinner at home; choose company. You may not be ready to mix with lots of folks yet and that’s ok, but maybe you could commit to meeting with one lonely neighbour once a week or once a month.

Grace and peace to you all,

Rev Neil Meyer



Dates for your diary

Sunday afternoon March 6th

Messy Easter outdoor trail April 17th

Gradually we hope to have meetings in the Halls again (perhaps with limited numbers initially). It will be so good to see all the families again.

If you haven’t experienced Messy Church for yourselves yet, it would be lovely to see you.

You can find details and more information about our meet ups each month at www.kintorekirk.org or on Facebook Messy Church Kintore.

Friday Drop-In Cafe

A local Foodbank Collection Point will be available at Kintore Church Hall

From Friday 28th January

9.30am - 11.00am

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Kintore & District Community Council

So much has happened since the last issue it's hard to know where to start, storms and power cuts have been the major events, along with changing restrictions due to the pandemic. This has led to a busy few months for the Community Council team.

Planning

It's been quiet on the planning front, which is typical over the festive period anyway, with the ongoing monitoring of the Town Park applications being a key focus. We've also had great interaction with Whirlwind Renewables, they will be proposing a battery storage facility just beside the Broomhill Roundabout. This looks to be an interesting proposal and will bring a lot of benefit to Kintore, so keep an eye out on the Kintore Facebook page for any updates.

Storms

Storms have had a major impact on our community, with Storm Arwen at the end of November, we saw power cuts hit the whole of the Northeast badly. Most of Kintore at the time were lucky to maintain power, but the south and outlying areas were out 2 – 5 days for some people. Resilience became a topic of discussion, it's always hard to plan for all eventualities, and we are fortunate to have a community that rallied around each other and made sure there was support. From the local businesses who offered support, hot food and drinks, to the Church providing a place of refuge to anyone who needed it. Then into January we had further storms, Malik and Corrie, causing further damage and power cuts, this time limited numbers but still had people without for a few days.

The damage caused by all of the storms has been significant, large parts of our local forests and popular walks have been destroyed and it will take the land-owners some time to get on top of this. Signs have been put up, so we encourage people to be safe and allow time for the clean up to be carried out.

Resilience Planning

With regards to ongoing resilience, there are details on the Kintore website, but increasing the community resilience has been a topic of discussion at the last two meetings.

You will notice on the next page of this issue there is a form, a call for volunteers, which you can email in to us – info@kintorecommunitycouncil.co.uk – and we

can then hold on record anyone who would be capable and willing to assist in any times of community emergency. There is support available for resilience, either from the Council or providers such as SSEN who are currently in consultation regarding how they can support communities. Plans that the community council have discussed are to get the available support communicated easier to people who don't access the internet regularly. As most people will know, we have a stock of sand bags at the Public Hall, in addition the Hall also has a backup generator for when power is down. The Public Hall is the officially designated Rest Centre for Kintore. In the event of there being no means of telephone or mobile communication (as happened) there will be someone at the Hall every 2 hours on the hour, at 9am 11am, 1pm etc to assist anyone who calls there for help.

Local Resilience Number

Another idea that we are going to trial, is a local resilience number. This can be used to get in contact with a coordinator during a community event, for example, anyone needing community support during an event, whether that is flooding, storm damage or power cuts. Other events are covered within the resilience plan on the website. The number is **01467 464344**. Note that this is **not** for emergencies, it's to ask for assistance locally from our team of volunteers.

New Members

As a community council, we are currently looking for new members, so if you are interested in getting involved, please get in touch via the website or Facebook page. We continue to meet online, hopefully in person soon, anyone from the community is welcome to attend and listen to what is discussed. As part of the Garioch Area, the community council have support from Aberdeenshire Council, with our local councillors attending meetings to give advice and support. Our meetings are the 3rd Tuesday of each month, at 7pm. Email info@kintorecommunitycouncil.co.uk with any questions.

Jamie Grant, Kintore and District Community Council



Aftermath of the recent Storm Arwen - by Ken McEwen



KDCC Community Resilience Planning Call for Volunteers

Kintore Community Council is developing a Community Resilience plan which will be a comprehensive guide for use in the event of future incidents, whether they be weather related or occur as a result of major incidents or accidents.

Some of the ways in which you could help

Are you willing to assist with the preparation of catering and provision of hot drinks within KINTORE PUBLIC HALL ? With its own generator, it will be the main place of safety and a communications centre, where displaced people can go for heat, light, catering and company.	YES	NO
Can you provide transport (perhaps using 4x4 vehicles) for urgent support / errands / messages to vulnerable people? ** do you have access to equipment including lifting gear, chain saws, forklift trucks, JCBs, Manitou maniscop vehicles? ** These requests will relate mainly to businesses.	YES	NO
Are you willing to help place sandbags, assist with erecting domestic flood gates or similar manual tasks, to help those unable to do so?	YES	NO
Do you have a specific skill / s which the community can call upon during an emergency? If 'yes', what skills could you offer?	YES	NO

Please note that your assistance would be voluntary. If you are willing to help, please provide your contact details below, which will be held by the CR (Community Resilience) Plan Co-Ordinators and only used when necessary during implementation of the plan.

Name:	
Address	
Email:	
Availability (e.g. day and night, day time only, night time only, weekends only, etc.)	
Home Tel No:	Mobile Tel No:
Would you be willing to be a telephone contact in your area in the event of an emergency?	
Please add any suggestions or comments you would like us to consider	

Your interest and help would be very much appreciated. Questionnaires may be removed from this magazine, completed and be handed in at Kintore Library, or emailed to resilience@kintorecommunitycouncil.co.uk



Have your say on Inverurie taking over part of Kintore

Inverurie Community Council has submitted a proposal to Aberdeenshire Council to take Thainstone and Crichtie (the area shaded red on the map) away from Kintore.

Currently, the Kintore District extends to 37 sq km. The River Don has been the northern boundary between our two towns for more than 300 years. (The only change, relatively recently, was moving Port Elphinstone from Kintore into Inverurie.)

As one of Aberdeenshire's ten largest towns, Kintore is often treated as though it is a suburb of Inverurie, rather than as a substantial town in our own right. Taking Thainstone and Crichtie from us would surely only serve to diminish Kintore's status?

It would also lose us half of our business parks and take away the major agricultural centre of Thainstone Mart, along with the Thainstone House Hotel. This would impact on the Kintore economy and reduce employment opportunities in our town.

The second part of the consultation asks whether you believe Balbithan (the area shaded blue on the map) should be brought into Kintore District.

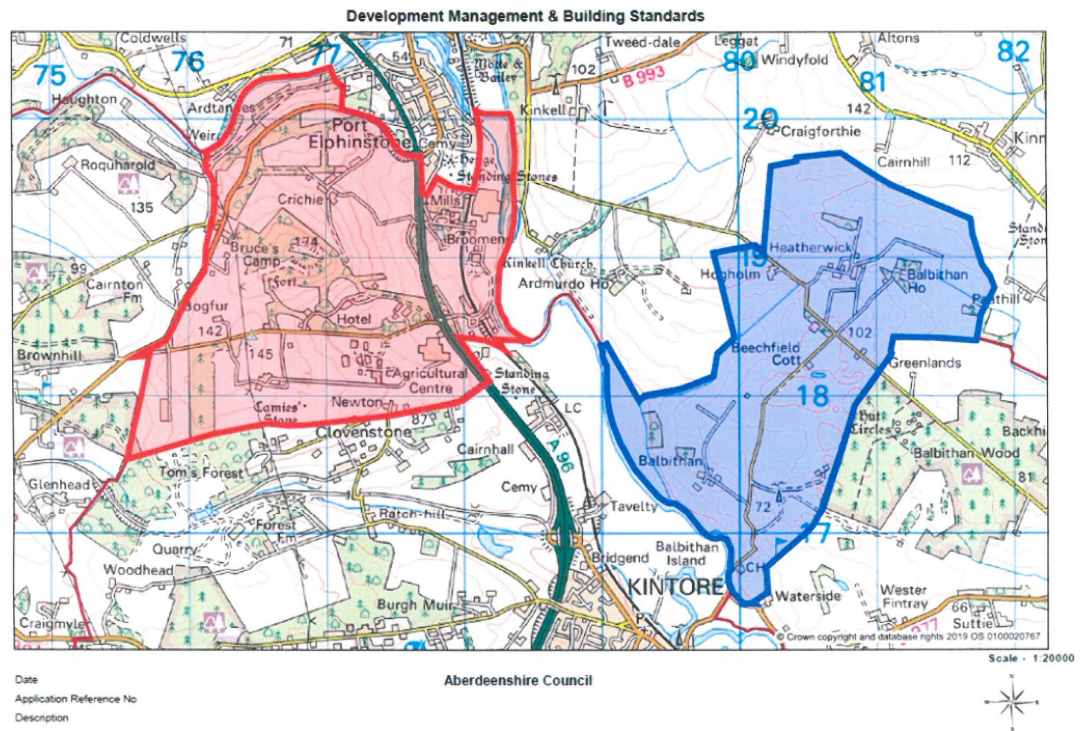
This could be one of the most significant changes to Kintore. So, please spread the word and encourage people to go to the Aberdeenshire Council consultation page, where you give your postcode and click 'yes' or 'no' to a couple of questions. (You have the option to add comments.)

The consultation is open until March 30 at <https://engage.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/community-council-boundary-consultation>. But that is a long address to type, so you can use the shortened web address below to take you to the consultation page:

bit.ly/kintore2022



Please see above QR Code which takes you to Aberdeenshire Council Boundary Consultation



A lucky escape!



The clear up after the storm



Call out for Volunteers and New Clients

**Are you looking for a new challenge and want to help your community?
Do you need help or do know anyone who needs help with transport or shopping?**

Royal Voluntary Service are currently recruiting for volunteers and open to receiving referrals for those who need help with transport, shopping, or social companionship. During the pandemic we continued to support vulnerable people in the community and our aim is to keep on reaching those in need.

Our dedicated volunteers help take people to medical appointments or social appointments. This can be to a hospital appointment; your GP; dentist; opticians or to visit a family member in a care home; a social group or hairdressers! We can take someone further afield to a hospital appointment such as to Aberdeen Royal Infirmary. We can also help with shopping by a volunteer doing your shop (shop and drop) or you can go with a volunteer (assisted shopping). If you would like to be linked to a friendly volunteer to call you regularly for a chat, RVS can find someone for you.

How do I refer:

We accept self-referrals or from any organisation / family member / friend / neighbour. We are happy to consider

referrals from people of any adult age. There is a charge for using the transport or assisted shopping service.

How do I volunteer:

To join our volunteer team, we are committed to ensuring our volunteers are trained to the highest standard and provided with ongoing support including COVID-19 safety guidance; PPE and expenses are reimbursed for mileage.



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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	Currently online	19.00
1st & 3rd Thurs	Kintore, Kemnay & District Rotary Club	Currently online	18.45
3rd Sun	Messy Church	Kintore Church <i>as per covid regulations</i>	15.30-17.30
<i>Weekly Meetings</i>			
Mon	Junior Group - P5, P6 + P7	The Bothie	15.30-17.00
Mon	Girls Brigade Groups (P1 up to and including S6)	Church Hall	17.00-18.45
Mon	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	15.00



KINTORE SUMMER FESTIVAL JUBILEE YEAR



Timetable of Events

7th May: Tippy Tea Party

24th May: Fun Run

26th May: tbc

27th May: tbc

28th May: Summer Festival

Stalls - Inflatables - Activities - Food and Drinks - Face Painting - Kintore Pipe Band - Live Music - Plus lots more

If you would like a stall at this years Summer Festival, please contact Val Forbes by email valforbes1@outlook.com or via Facebook





Jubilee Street Party

04/06/2022

Watch out for news for the 4th June - there is going to be a Jubilee Street Party in The Square (Car Park / Street)



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**Tuesdays- YAFTS for all kids S1+
7pm-9pm**




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Stylish parties that don't cost the Earth!

Now more than ever, life is busy and stressful, so worrying about the environment and the future of the planet can feel more than a little overwhelming.

Start with little changes. Parties produce a huge amount of waste but making the switch to reusables isn't that difficult.

1) Switch to paperless invitations

Digital invitations are a fab eco-friendly option. A simple text message or email is enough to give date, time, venue and any instructions. There are various design apps available if you want to get more creative. Or if you're pushed for time, there's a host of stunning templates by creatives on Etsy, ready for easy editing.

2) Ditch the throwaway decorations

Decorations can really make a party feel extra special and set the theme! How can you achieve that in an eco-friendly way? As a rule, avoid foil, plastic, latex, glossy or coated paper and anything with mixed materials as these cannot be recycled. And yes, that does include balloons. In place of disposable decorations, you could try fabric or paper bunting, streamers and pinwheels. Get creative with your child and make a centrepiece. You could even use items like toys or teddies that you have at home as themed props.

3) Choose reusable over disposable tableware

I think we're all aware these days that one-use plastic is a no-go, but in fact paper plates aren't much better. Recyclable plates can't be recycled if they are covered in food (go figure!) and lots of paper cups are laminated to stop leakage, again rendering them unsuitable for recycling.

For the most environmentally friendly approach to parties, the key is the simple switch from disposable to reusable. Whether that's using crockery you already have, borrowing a mish-mash from friends and family to make up numbers or hiring in for the event.

4) Cater to your numbers

Keep it simple, cater to your numbers and you'll easily avoid too much waste. If you have 10 children, one sandwich each is enough. Don't offer 5 varieties of crisps

or order a cake that feeds 50 if you don't need to. Avoid individual drinks and just make a big jug of squash. Present foods in creative ways to make them more interesting to kids; try using cookie cutters to shape fruit or sandwiches.

5) Pick your party games wisely

There are plenty of traditional games that don't need props and therefore avoid waste. Cut up an old duvet cover or draw on brown paper to wrap Pass the Parcel layers, rather than glittery gift wrap that can't be recycled. Use garden games you already have or create a scavenger hunt to keep the kids busy.

6) Banish party bag tat

There isn't a parent in the land that doesn't loath party bag tat, the stuff that hangs around the house before going in the bin and, ultimately, landfill.

Ditch the cheap plastic bits and opt for something useful and keepable. Books or games, hair ties, pencils and notebooks, duck feed, popcorn kernels are all lovely alternatives.

So, there you have it – six steps to achieving a low-waste children's party that is fun-filled, super-stylish and low-stress. Happy Partying!!

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Think You Know Quiz by Cllr. Glen Reid Answers

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- Stuart Hogg.

- Dolly.

General Knowledge

- 1952.

- A tower.

- Bern.

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