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Think You Know Quiz by Cllr. Glen Reid

The Konnect Konundrum

- Norrie Davidson, a Kintore loon and a star of the Aberdeen FC team of the fifties, started his football career with which English club?

Scotland

- Which Scottish town is famous as a venue for runaway marriages?

- Which Scottish mathematician invented logarithms?

- Quintus Lollius Urbicus was responsible for building which defensive wall in Scotland?

General Knowledge

- Whose estate trademarked the title Queen of Crime?

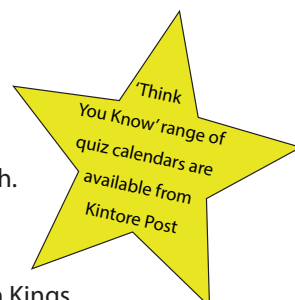
- Which award is known as the animals' Victoria Cross?

- What is the common connection between; Perry the bull, Borobi the koala, Clyde the thistle, and Shera the tiger?

True or False?

- Hallforest Castle was burnt to ruins by a Clan Buchan army from Inverurie in what is known as the Battle of the Garioch.

- Scotland Yard was originally the name of a medieval house used by Scottish Kings visiting London?



See page 15 for the answers!

Kintore at Christmas

It's been a busy few months around Kintore, we've had our annual fireworks, Remembrance Parade, A weekend of flooding and the Christmas Light switch on and now we are all looking forward to Christmas.

The turnout for the Light switch on, right, was as ever brilliant, despite a chilly night plenty of people enjoyed the food and catching up with friends. The tree, lights on the Town House and the lights around the village all look great.

Fireworks early in November was another brilliantly well attended night and with a few new additions of live music and a bigger BBQ it went down well. With plenty of stalls it was a good chance at this time of the year to have community groups do a little fundraising with a lot of goodies on sale.

Problems with flooding down in the centre of Kintore have been well documented throughout the years, during November there were a stressful few days for homeowners as the waters rose again. Luckily this time there was minimal damage to property but it took a lot of team work, neighbours helping each other and the community reaching out. Some new measures that were put in place by Aberdeenshire Council were seen with improved communication and follow up. There's still a lot to be done, and there's plenty to discuss, but it was certainly a warning of issues when we have events like this again.

Another long term project that's been ongoing is the refurbishment of the Royal Burgh signs around



the town. The signs were kindly removed by the team at Jim Reid Vehicle Sales and then expertly painted by Margaret McWilliam. If you have seen them you'll know how good they look, now back in pride of place as seen below, Gary Coutts getting the last of the signs back in place on a particularly clear, if cold, day in Kintore.

Getting the signs done is part of a larger project of work for the town. As you'll know the Town House is the subject of conservation and upgrading to be made usable for the community, doing this will require large amount of funding and the Action Kintore team, along with Community Council, have been taken advice in how to get Kintore more recognised for it's Heritage, and we'll be working on how to make this more visible.

Reflecting on 2022, it has been a busy one for the town, plenty of gatherings having missed them over the previous two years. Next year will be just as busy and a lot to organise, we're very lucky in Kintore to have many community groups, if you want to get involved in any, message our Facebook page for more information on who does what!



Jamie,
Chair - Kintore & District Community Council.

Darker nights, where are you?

Emergency services urges people to make their house numbers visible

With the clocks changing, this means darker nights and challenging times for the emergency services.

Can we find your home?

When a 999 call comes in, it is vital that the emergency services can find your address quickly, day or night.

Emergency crews regularly find house numbers and road signs obscured by hedges that have overgrown over the summer or paint work that has faded or no number at all. When it's dark, it's even more difficult to identify properties.

If your house number or name can't be seen from the roadside, there's going to be a delay getting help to you.

How can I HELP?

Have your house number or name clearly visible from the road and lit up at night to save those vital seconds.

Even better, get someone to wait outside a property, waving their arms to flag us down so that we know exactly where we're going. It may sound simple but it's a welcomed sight and saves valuable time.

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.

Thanks to the NHS' Act FAST campaign, it is well known that people who have experienced a stroke have a better chance of full recovery the quicker they receive treatment.

Emergency vehicles are equipped with sat-nav systems to help crews locate properties but if the house number cannot be quickly identified or is not known, responders spend vital time looking for clues on your street including numbers on neighbouring properties and rubbish bins. It is now even possible to update your location on Google Maps.

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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 simple few measures are put in place.

You cannot usually 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

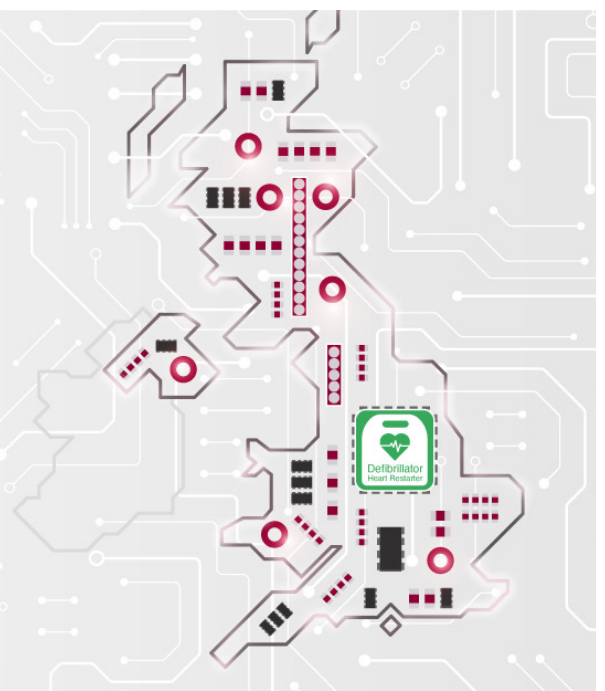
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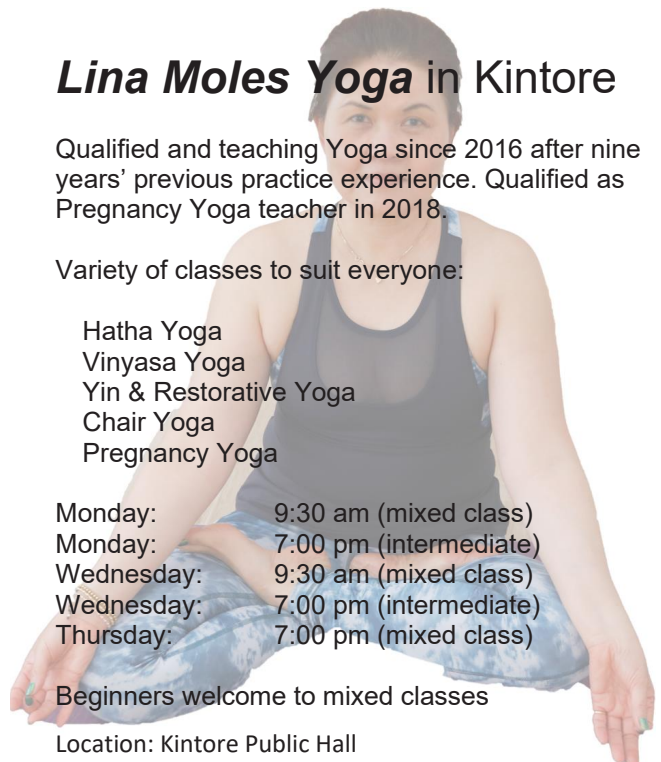
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Christmas 2022

This is the time of the year we find ourselves reminding you of the dangers of Christmas! Lots of potential hazards for pets to avoid around this year, but other than listing the usual hazards I find myself listing each year, (the summary is that chocolate, raisins, onions and garlic, and Lily flower pollen are all toxic to our pets, so be really careful!) there is one particular one I thought I should focus on.

Not to be accused of putting a damper on the festivities, I've got one more word of caution for you. It still surprises me how many pets we see suffering the ill effects of eating bones. Bones of all sorts have the potential to cause serious upset. I've heard all manner of old wives tales about some kinds of bone being fine and others not. I'm afraid that the experience in the field is that this simply isn't true. Bones are a ticking time bomb too, even if your dog has been fine the last 15 times that he ate a bone, there's nothing to say that this next time won't be the time that they need to come and see me for emergency surgery. We often see dogs who have completely snapped off the top of a tooth from chewing on a bone; and last week I had to treat a small cross-bred who had managed to eat the bone, but it was causing her absolute agony when she was trying to poo it out the other end. The real problem

comes when bones get stuck somewhere in the middle and block the stomach or intestines. These cases need emergency surgery with all the risks that entails.

So please think carefully before you give your dog a bone of any kind. There are so many wonderful synthetic and safe dog toys around now, that for me the days of the dog chewing a bone have gone. Now to end on a more cheerful note, what's happening at our surgery over Christmas? Well we still need to be here just in case any of our patients fall ill. Simply call the surgery number and you will get the mobile number of the vet on call. We are delighted to give advice over the phone, and would actually prefer to talk to a worried owner, than risk missing something that we could have examined and treated. Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year to all!

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Aberdeenshire Councillor's Report

Councillor Glen Reid

Kintore Flooding

I would first of all just like to say that my heart goes out to all those who were affected by the bad weather and secondly thank all of the community efforts, especially Kintore & District Community Council, who stepped up to help their neighbours, friends and community as a whole.

There are a couple of things going on just now re the flooding in Kintore and possible solutions etc.

The first is that I have been working with our senior flood engineer for the last couple of years on the issue of the Lochburn. He thinks he has a solution or an improvement at least to the current situation. It involves the culverts at the railway line and requires the permission of Network Rail (NR) and the local land owner. It has been extremely problematic getting NR to come to the table and authorise works. However, after I applied pressure to their senior management last year, their project team did begin meetings with Aberdeenshire Council's Flood Team. I initially sat in on these meetings, but as they are operational matters, I left it to the two teams to progress. However, about two weeks ago, when I heard there was bad weather forecast, I chased it up to find that our team had made little progress with NR.

I immediately wrote to their senior management at NR and have asked for another meeting ASAP to iron out any issues and progress this so that some improvement can be found for the residents affected on Northern Road. I have asked that the performance of the bund on Kingsfield Road be reviewed again. It has no doubt saved many properties, but there is leakage through it and it should be reviewed. I have also been pushing for a flood scheme study and then hopefully a flood scheme constructed for Kintore. The flood team

have agreed to take it forward to the Scottish Government to seek funding for it. Unfortunately, these studies and schemes take quite a while as there is bureaucracy involved. I know that this will not be the immediate solution that many people are looking for, but I am trying as best I can to improve this situation.

Kintore Buses

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

Quite a few constituents then contacted myself re some of the recent changes to the bus services and how they are affecting them. I have written to Stagecoach planners to ask them to consider reinstating a direct bus service from Kintore to ARI at the next review as many people are struggling to get to hospital.

Midmill School

It was pointed out to me that there is a huge area of the school grounds that are unusable due to rabbit holes. There is also a long grassy area, to the top right, which before the school was handed over to the council, was cut into a maze like play area for the children to run through. Neither of these two areas have been maintained and I have asked Education and Landscape Services officers to rectify this.

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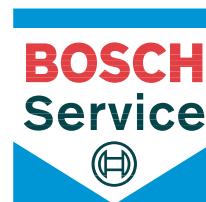
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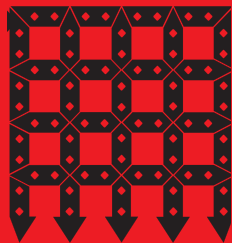
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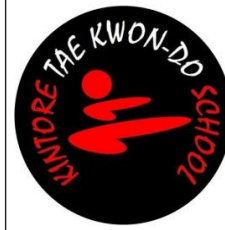
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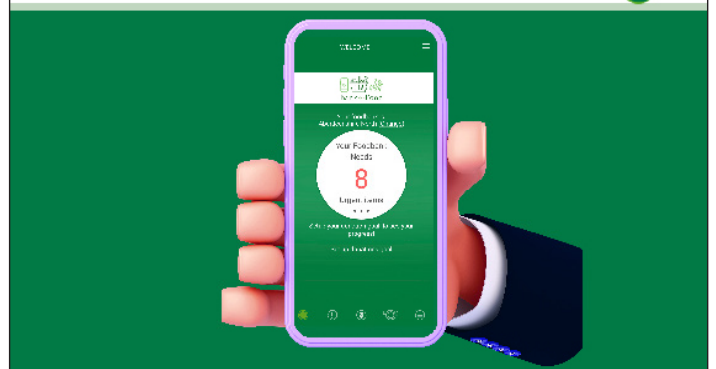
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Kintore Church

Message from Rev Neil Meyer



Grace in the Vale of Tears

"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light." Isaiah 9:2.

These words from ancient Hebrew prophecy are often quoted at this time of year to describe the joy of a benighted world in response to the coming of Christ, the Light of the World, at Christmas. Whether the light waits specifically for the darkest hour to make its appearance, or whether the light is simply more visible in stark relief against a backdrop of darkness is moot. What matters is that the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

As we head into Christmastime this year we are once again contemplating all sorts of darkness all around. War in Europe...again... and this time with the real threat of it boiling over with global consequences. Climate upheaval creeping closer year by year. And the cost of living rising faster than it has done in a generation.

The secret when you walk in the darkness is to look for the "great light". It is there, but you need to know where to look. A contemporary journalist in 1st Century Judea would likely have focussed attention on Roman oppression, the plight of displaced Judeans, the crippling poverty or the simmering hostility. There was

darkness aplenty. Who would have thought to look for "great light" in a stable outside an inn in a wayside village? Or who would have recognised "great light" in the face of a baby born there to a poor provincial couple? Yet the story of Christmas shines on 2000 years later as the Good News that God comes to us in our darkest moments.

Keep your eyes peeled this Christmas for the places where the light is breaking through. Look for charities who are making a difference for the hungry, the refugee, the weak and the poor. Look for the neighbours who are caring for each other. And if you cannot find such neighbours, BE such a neighbour. The blessings of co-operation, unity and community spring up from the centre of the dark vale of tears to bring forth light and hope.

May you know such light and hope this Christmas, whether as a giver or a receiver, or both.

Grace and peace to you all,
Rev Neil Meyer



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Plans for Town House approved...

But funding is the big challenge

For 275 years, Kintore's magnificent Town House has stood at the heart of our ancient Royal Burgh. When it was built – by the then Earl of Kintore when he was Provost of Kintore – it must have been a breathtaking signal of civic pride for what was a fairly small village, albeit one that had already had royal accolade for 700 years.

Sadly, the Town House has been closed off to the public for many years. The last time the council chamber saw any regular civic use was more than 20 years ago, when Kintore and District Community Council meetings took place in the historic surroundings.

Those graciously curved double stairways may be one of the most attractive features of this historic building, but they simply do not meet modern accessibility requirements. So the community council meetings had to move. Regrettably, the old Torryburn Hotel gives us a graphic, albeit extreme, indication of what can happen to a building that is left unoccupied and unused.

That's why Kintore community charity, Action Kintore SCIO (www.actionkintore.org) – the charity that created and manages The Bothie youth centre – embarked on an ambitious project to try to breathe new life into our Town House.

Plans have been drawn up to create a new access stairway and lift at the back of the Town House, in a glass annexe. Glass is a preferred method of adding essential facilities to a historic building, because it allows the original structure to be seen. Two examples that come to mind are the Acorn Centre in Inverurie and the cafe and restaurant at His Majesty's Theatre in Aberdeen.

A multi-purpose event space is proposed on the first floor of the west wing, with kitchen, toilets and an office below. The council chamber would be connected to the event space, for use as a "green room", seminar room, or bar.

The old jail cell, behind the door at the centre of the double stairway, is proposed as a display area to showcase exhibits illustrating aspects of local heritage. It is envisaged that the ground floor office on the east side of the building would be rented out to provide essential income for the upkeep of

the Town House. With a glass extension, it could become a cafe (either as a new enterprise or a satellite of an existing business). People could enjoy the historic setting of The Square in all weathers, where citizens of Kintore used to gather to celebrate at the Marymass Fair.

Earlier this summer, Aberdeenshire Council approved these plans. But the big challenge will be to raise the funding needed for the ambitious project – especially in the current financial climate.

"This approval is just the start," says Jamie Grant, chairman of Kintore and District Community Council. "There's a considerable amount of work to do, particularly the challenge of raising the funds to bring the plans to reality."

Brian Johnstone, Chairman of Action Kintore, added: "As a community charity, we would like to record our gratitude to all the organisations and individuals who helped us to get the Town House plans to this stage. Debbie Anderson, chartered conservation architect at Lippe Architects, has passionately progressed an excellent design in conjunction with Aberdeenshire Council planning department and Historic Environment Scotland to retain and preserve the full character on this historic building.

"Our sincere thanks go to all of the local contributors, including Aberdeenshire Council and the Architectural Heritage Fund, as, without their support we would not have this design to take forward for the community of Kintore and surrounding area."

Action Kintore sees the Town House project as a way to project the heritage of what is one of the oldest royal burghs in Scotland, while promoting Kintore's 21st century role as one of the ten largest towns in Aberdeenshire, with a vibrant community and a vital business sector centred on four bustling business parks. But, before any work can start, the big challenge will be to find the funding needed to turn the vision into reality.

If you can help Action Kintore take this project forward, get in touch by emailing info@actionkintore.co.uk.





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Kintore's Unsung Heroes



Following the really positive feedback we received from the article featuring Ainslie Reid MBE-Citizen of the Year, we have decided to include a new feature in each issue highlighting some of the Local Unsung Heroes we have in Kintore.

First up is Kintore's very own Street Cleaner , Ian Paterson.

Up at the crack of dawn catching the first bus from Aberdeen to Kintore, Ian is someone you won't actually see doing his job unless you are up and about early. I think we can all agree that Ian does a fantastic job keeping our streets of Kintore litter free, even picking the odd untidy weed now and again and if you have ever seen Ian enthusiastically pushing his litter cart in a morning and picking the litter you will understand why he manages to cover so much ground.

Who long have you worked for Aberdeenshire Council picking litter?

I started in Kintore about 10 years ago as a part time Litter Picker, ensuring the Square and the main concourse of Kintore is kept litter free.

How many bag's of rubbish do you collect during your morning in Kintore and has that increased in your 10 years?

At this time of year where there is quite a lot of leaves on the pavements and covering drains, I collected about 4 or 5 large black bags of mixed rubbish, however during the summer sometimes one large black does the job. When I started all those years ago there was quite a bit of rubbish to collect , so if anything there it's litter is likely on the decrease.

When you are going about you job do you meet many people in the morning?

Yes, I often meet the same people walking their dogs etc. I think most people have their own daily routines, so I tend to

say hi to the same people. The great thing about Kintore is everyone is so friendly.

Have you always been a Street Cleaner?

No, before starting this job, I worked for 18 years for Aberdeen City Council in Social Work Department working with the elderly, which I absolutely loved!

You say the job is part time, do you have any other jobs?

Yes, I help out at Jim Reid Vehicle Sales & Service by washing the vehicles in their sales yard every Wednesday and I also have a wee job at Dossett's the Butcher in the square, where I help out with some general cleaning within the shop and help keep the shelves stacked.

Do you like working in Kintore?

That's an easy one to answer, I love Kintore, although I'm Aberdeen born and bred and still live in Aberdeen , I think Kintore is such a lovely place, with lovely buildings, lovely flowers and lovely people.

Now that you have been introduced to Ian, if you see him in the future going about his work be sure to say hello or congratulate him on how clean the streets are, because a 'thank you' and bit of appreciation goes a long, long way.

Be sure to see the next issue for yet another interview with a 'weil kint face'

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Rotary Club of Kintore, Blackburn & Kemnay

Over the last six months, the Kintore, Kemnay & District Rotary Club welcomed in fellow Rotarians from the Blackburn Club, as part of this transition and merging the two clubs, we also moved to change the club name to be more representative of our demographic. Now named Kintore, Blackburn and Kemnay Rotary Club, we look forward to growing, engaging more within our communities and building on the good work we are already doing.

The club has been very busy over the last few months, after the larger events of the summer months, we have been helping out at various community events, helped at charity afternoon tea parties and also hosted our own one which was brilliantly organised by Carol Mackie, held in Hatton of Fintray. There was also a very busy weekend during the Kintore Fireworks, where we helped with set up and then marshalling on the night, which was very busy with a good turnout from the community.



One of our guest speakers recently was Emma Leith, who earlier this year attended a RYLA – Rotary Youth Leadership Awards – camp, it was great to hear her talk so passionately about the trip and the change it made for her. Look out for a special piece from Emma in an upcoming issue telling her story. Youth is a big part of what we do at Rotary, and over the next few months we'll be working with Schools on some of our awards, including Young Writer and Young Photographer.

At one of our last Rotary meetings, held in Kintore Church, we had visitors from Ythan Valley Rotary in Ellon, who also brought a special guest, Erik from RC Kharkiv International, Ukraine. As well as giving us a moving and personal insight into the situation on the ground, Erik also spoke of the inspirational work that Rotary are doing on the ground to help people. I'm sure you can imagine how much support is needed there, but for more information on how you can support look at our Facebook page, or the Ythan Valley Rotary one. With so many people out of their homes, and Winter coming closer it's vital that there is support to help the people of Ukraine during difficult times. Another distressing fact was the amount of children who are no longer able to go to school, we know what it was like over recent years when schools closed, but so many

there are destroyed with no prospect of opening as normal any time soon.



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 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

-Chelsea.

Scotland

- Gretna Green.

- John Napier.

- The Antonine Wall.

General Knowledge:

- Agatha Christie.

- The PDSA Dickin Medal.

- They are all Commonwealth Games mascots:
Birmingham, Gold Coast, Glasgow, and Delhi.

True or False?

- True.

- False.

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
2nd Sun	Messy Church	Kintore Church	15.30-17.30

Weekly Meetings

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	16.15-17.15
Mon	2nd Kintore Brownies	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

Some of the above may be subject to change due to school holidays



Girlguiding Kintore is made up of 2 Rainbow units, 2 Brownie units and a Guides and Rangers unit. We have a waiting list of girls desperate to join us but without the volunteers to run further units (or even just to help current units) they will have to remain on the waiting list. I originally started helping a unit when my girls joined Rainbows almost eight years ago. I have enjoyed watching girls come to the unit, have some fun and get some wonderful opportunities to grow and build confidence. The satisfaction you get is beyond words and if anyone is interested why not give it a go. You may have some skills you could pass on, even if you could attend an evening and demonstrate those skills the girls would love that. You do not even have to attend! Yes, you read it correctly. A support role can make a huge difference, for instance can you help at a fundraising event? Could you help on a trip? Could you help with annual accounts?

Our current concern is for our Brownie Unit, held at 6pm on a Monday night at Kintore Public Hall. Are you available to help in anyway as due to a change in circumstances, this unit will have to close at the end of December if no volunteers come forward.

What we've been up to.

Since the end of the summer holidays the units have been very busy litter picking, building bug hotels, creating Halloween fun, attending the Remembrance Parade, creating Remembrance crafts, fundraising at Kintore Fireworks display, sleepover at Skyline Trampoline Park, collecting and donating filled boxes for the Rotary Shoebox scheme, attending Blair Drummond Safari Park for 'Wander the World' event, camping weekend in Dunecht and much more. At the beginning of December we will be delivering items we are currently collecting to the Inverurie Foodbank hoping to make Christmas a little easier in many households.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas from Girl Guiding Kintore!

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- And of course you will be able to choose your own books.
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What else can you do?

Bookbug sessions are on a Tuesday at 10.30am and either a Wednesday at 13.30 or a Friday at 9.15 (whichever proves most popular) - these require to be booked, see below for details.

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

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

October school holidays please check lifelifeaberdeenshire.org.uk for details of any play or sports events either at Kintore Library or wider throughout LiveLifeAberdeenshire venues.

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

For further information or to book a Bookbug place or book a doorstep delivery appointment or Click and Collect slot at any Aberdeenshire Library please visit the website <https://lifelifeaberdeenshire/libraries/click-and-collect/> or phone 01467 532929 during office hours.

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KINTORE HISTORY

200 years ago - January 1823

Margaret Stewart of Camieston appeared before the Kirk Session. She had had a baby out of wedlock and couldn't marry the father, Alexander Gordon, because he had done a runner and joined the army. After paying a ten-shilling fine into the Poor Box, she was absolved.

150 years ago -

The AGM of the Donside Turnip Club took place on 27 Dec 1872, chaired by Mr Wishart, Bridgealehouse, Kintore.

100 years ago -

Provost John Smith, after whom Smithfield, Kintore is named, died on 17 December 1922. He had been a member of Kintore Town Council for 27 years, and Provost of Kintore for twelve years. He was the driving force behind the introduction of electricity to Kintore.

50 years ago -

Road safety was a hot topic with either speed bumps, radar speed traps or a pedestrian crossing at the Town House being proposed.