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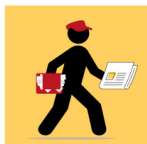


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EVENTS

Let us know about your event.
The next issue will be covering the period from **June 2023 to August 2023**. Please call or email us with details of any events during that period that you would like included.

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What we've been up to this Spring

On 30th March, SSEN Transmission welcomed members of Kintore & District Community Council, local Ward Councillors and neighbours to visit and see the progress on site.

We were given a presentation on the aims of the project and an up to date overview of how the siteworks and installation of large transformers was progressing and a drive through the site to see for ourselves the works. It will be the world's first 400kV Green Gas for Grid (g3) substation, it can only be good publicity for Kintore. Much of the groundworks and a lot of the necessary infrastructure is already in place. The project overall is not expected to complete until October 2026.

It will link into the network and includes connections to Blackhillock near Keith, Rothienorman, New Deer and Fetteresso.



It is an impressive sight, although much of the site is not visible from the roadside, it is apparently the equivalent of 11 full size football pitches.

This link enables you to understand their vision for the site, New Kintore substation at forefront of fight against climate change - SSEN Transmission (ssen-transmission.co.uk)

Members of the Community Council attend Community Liaison Group meetings every 3 months and we will publish latest presentations following meetings.

Many of you will be familiar with our former Councillor Martin Ford who served the local community for 23 years before retiring. He was instrumental in campaigning over many years culminating for the reopening of Kintore Station. Since it opened it has been consistently busy and is a great asset for residents and the business community in Kintore and District.



To thank Martin for his many years of service, Martin and members of the Community Council planted a copper beech tree in front of the Station which will serve as a reminder of his efforts and success in achieving this for local residents and the wider community.



Think You Know Quiz by Cllr. Glen Reid

The Konnect Konundrum

I was 'discovered' as a grave cover in the 19th Century and I feature; a fish, a cauldron, a crescent, a v-rod, and a beast, but what am I?

True or False?

1. Boris Johnson collects snakes and other reptiles.
2. Queen Victoria owned over 600 dogs.

Scotland

1. Who, in 1513, was the last Scottish monarch to die in battle?
2. Population wise, which is bigger; Aberdeen or Aberdeenshire?
3. Which Apple TV 2023 film, by Aberdeenshire director Jon S. Baird, was partially filmed in Aberdeen and featured the University of Aberdeen's Zoology Building and Seamount Court as 1980s Soviet buildings?
4. Current Aberdeen FC manager Barry Robson was born in which Garioch town?

General Knowledge

1. *Moves Like Jagger* by Maroon 5 (2011) is the UK's bestselling single never to reach number one, but which artist did it feature?
2. Which breakfast food was developed by Dr Bircher-Benner; cereal, muesli or pop-tarts?
3. First and second fermentation, lees ageing, riddling, disgorging, and dosage are all parts of the making process of which famous drink?
4. What's the common calendar connection between the following words; janitor, febrile, marriage, apricot, mayor, and junior?

See page 14 for the answers!

'Think You Know' range of quiz calendars are available from Kintore Post

Kintore celebrates King Charles III Coronation



His Majesty King Charles representative Deputy Lord Lieutenant Professor James N'Dow attended and met stallholders and participated in the festivities.

We would like to thank Ruby, Sandy and Debs Mckay, Eona-Jane, Allan and Claire from The Square, Jamie Grant, Rev. Neil Meyer, Emma and John (Dossetts Butchers) for organising the coronation street party. We would also like to thank Steven Brown (Omexum) for provision of toilets and generous donations as well as the many other local businesses who generously donated raffle prizes.

Girlguiding - what we've been up to

Lots and lots of fundraising! It's been a long time since Girlguiding could get back to international trips due to the pandemic, but after a huge amount of organising from our Adventures team, this year many of our girls will be attending in Holland or Switzerland. so we have been working har to fundraise for these trips as it is an amazing opportunity to learn and take part in different cultural activities.

The Big Fly Cup Event at Castle Fraser

This event was attended by Guiding Members throughout Gordon district. Learning the art of napkin folding, cupcake case flowers, how to make a cucumber sandwich blindfolded and games such as sugar cube, spoon race and teabag throwing. The aim was to present a Fly Cup Tray at the end of the event with the items that you had learned to make. They were judged and we are delighted that 1st Kintore Guides and Rangers won 2nd place. Well done!



1st Kintore Guides and Rangers raised money with an Easter bake sale and designed their own coronation cake



3rd Kintore Rainbows made owl biscuits and attended with 1st Kintore Rainbows and 3rd Kintore Brownies

All the Guiding units (and their families) contributed baking and their time to run stalls at our Kintore Coronation Street Party. It was a little cold, but it remained dry and the community atmosphere was great. We managed to raise more money towards the trips and gave a donation to The Bothie.



A huge thank you to Irene Bruce, mum of Brownie Lottie, who decided to organise a fundraiser for the 3rd Kintore Brownies. A bingo night and lucky squares was organised and £555 was raised for the unit. Amazing!



Through the Green Space project, 700 crocus and 300 daffodil bulbs were planted by the Guides several months ago. You can now see within East Park the shape of a Trefoil emerging. Beautiful!



Guides also erected squirrel boxes in Gauchhill woods to encourage their return after the loss of so many trees due to the recent storms.



Finally, in the last issue, we thanked the residents of Kintore who have popped their used ink cartridges into the recycling box at Kintore Library. The first full box was sent off and we received £49 for our units. This is very much appreciated as these are tough times for charities and every penny helps. Please keep recycling those cartridges.



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Keep your pets safe as Summer begins

Whilst we're all enjoying the start (hopefully) summer weather, spare a thought for our 4 legged companions who are still walking about with fur coats on! When the thermometer hits 26 degrees, I like nothing more than to shed some layers, and sometimes even brave a pair of shorts. Imagine how uncomfortable it would be though, to turn up to the local 'park run' wearing a scarf, woollen socks and a waterproof jacket.

Unfortunately, dogs are not always known for common sense. If their master says it's ok to go out chasing a ball in the mid day sun, then off they will go - sometimes to their detriment! Heat stroke happens when the dog's inbuilt cooling mechanism can no longer cool the blood, and the body temperature rises.

Dogs cool themselves by panting, they can't sweat (oh how we wish!) But with vigorous exercise and high temperatures, panting can only do so much. Once the blood reaches in excess of 40 degrees centigrade, collapse is fairly imminent.



What are the signs?

Your dog will be panting extremely harshly, and appear unwilling to move. If you were to feel his or her ears and nose, they are likely to be burning hot.

What treatment?

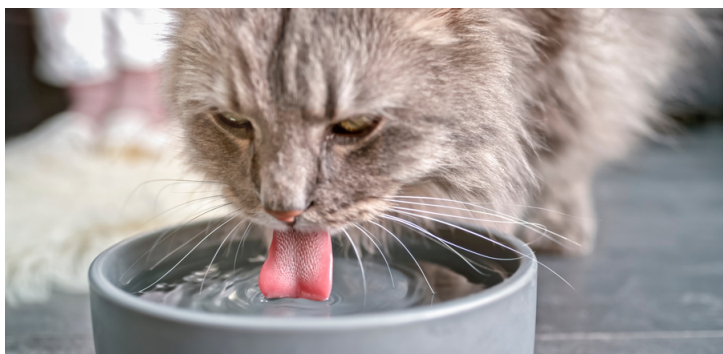
You need to cool him or her down as quickly as possible, and nothing works better than a good bucket, bath, or hosepipe full of ice cold water! As soon as you have performed this first aid, call your vet immediately. Heat stroke can be fatal, and is definitely considered to be an emergency.



How about cats?

Cats, thankfully, seem to be more sensible in hot weather. They will tend to go to ground and not run around, preferring instead to sleep on the most comfortable pillow around.

Make sure they have plenty fresh water to keep hydrated with though.



How to prevent?

Walk your dog early in the morning, or late at night, not in the heat of the mid day sun. Don't do ball throwing or fast running when it's hot like this outside, keep it to nice sedate strolling.

Don't leave your dog in the car unattended. Even with windows open, cars are killers. In this heat, it won't take much longer than 15 minutes of being left alone in a car to make a dog fairly seriously ill.

Armed with this warning: make the most of the sunshine!



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Or check out our Facebook and Instagram page - Bothie Kintore



Sustainable Roots, your local sustainable shop

Sustainable Roots Kintore opened on 01 October 2022. We are a sustainable living shop focused on reducing waste, providing what you need in any quantity you like, refilling wherever possible.

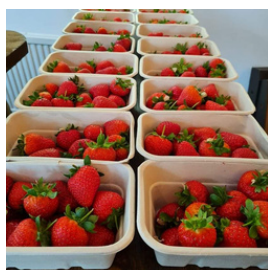
We are a local Terracycle collection point for many items that can't be recycled in your usual kerbside recycling too. Pop in to see which schemes we are part of, this changes a few times a year so popping in is the best way to see what's currently being collected.

We have a range of products available by weight including herbs, spices, pasta, rice, pulses, seeds, nuts, dried fruit and lots of sweet and savoury snacks. We have oils and dressings, Kombucha (fermented tea), oat milk, shampoo, conditioner, body wash, cleaning products and more on tap, all of which are to be refilled time and time again.



Fresh bread is delivered to Roots every Thursday and Saturday from The Bread Maker, a brilliant social enterprise supporting adults with learning difficulties based in Aberdeen. We also have a weekly delivery every Thursday from Vegan Bay Baker which brings in a range of fine pieces and bakes, which are all vegan friendly and are very popular with our customers who are intolerant to dairy products and our vegan and vegetarian followers.

While we're in strawberry season, we have deliveries of delicious local strawberries twice a week (Thursdays and Saturdays) from Seahills Farm based near Arbroath. Their berries come in home compostable punnets and are free from pesticides.



We offer weekly meal kits too which are very popular! Each week, we offer 3 or 4 different meal kit options. We provide you with everything you need weighed out so it's ready to go apart from the meat/protein and packed in sustainable packaging wherever possible. We have collaborated with Dossetts Butcher for our meal kits so each week they have the meat options available ready for you to buy separately to pair with our kits.

We offer some great recipes, tasty options you may not have tried to make at home before as well as simple 30 minute meals, ideal for a busy week night. Give our facebook page a like and a follow to see what we have to offer!



Roots is now a local stockist of Frenchic paint. This is a fantastic chalk based paint and works brilliantly for upcycling projects as well as decorating. We can order in the paints you want too, if we don't have stock of them to avoid shipping charges.



We've been blown away by the local support we've had so far and want to say a huge thank you to our local customers. If you haven't been in before, pop in and see what we have to offer!

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Aberdeenshire Councillor's Report

Councillor Glen Reid

Kintore Town House Refurbishment Project - £250,000 Award

I am delighted that the Place Based Investment Programme (PBIP) Panel, on which I sit, agreed with me and chose to support Action Kintore's funding bid.

This was initially recommended for refusal, but I read the papers and saw that the project had just failed. Regardless of the project, my job is to scrutinise and a project narrowly failing naturally attracted my attention.

I disagreed with the low scoring in two of the categories;

- Place-based evidence of need
- Impact (leading to transformational change)

I argued against the scores attributed in those categories, evidencing scores attributed to other comparable projects and I was delighted when fellow councillors and officers agreed with me and, following discussions with Action Kintore, approved the funding. This funding could very well be the difference in allowing this transformational project to proceed.

Kintore Town House commands a central position in the town but has been closed and unused for several years. The object of this project is to return the building to a usable community facility to serve the growing population of the area. The project will be delivered in two phases. Phase 1, and the subject of this application, will be to address structural and access requirements and adding back essential services such as toilets and a commercial kitchen as well as creating or reinstating flexible community spaces.

The building would be usable at the end of phase 1. Phase 2 would consist of a new linked café extension to add capacity and income options. Once again, I am delighted to have played my part in supporting this, and the other well deserving projects, gain access to this wonderful Scottish Government funding. I wish Action Kintore all the best in securing the further funding required and bringing this brilliant building back into the life of the community.

Kintore Fountain – Update/Unsung Community Stars

I have been pushing to get this recommissioned since I had to ask officers to close it last year after staff from Dossetts told me of an alarming build up of algae. When a cleaning product couldn't be identified, I asked that they contact Aberdeen City officers who have experience with fountains. Their assistance means that we now have the cleaning product (for the water within the fountain) and are ready for recommissioning. Before this could happen, the fountain had to be manually cleared of broken glass etc. and cleaned. Step forward Drew and Mike who, with very limited assistance from me due to my broken toe, gave up a chunk of their Sunday to clean it.

They did a cracking job and meant that it was ready for the contractor to carry out their recommissioning works. I had been pressing to have it back on in time for our Summer Festival and, although I don't want to jinx it, it's looking highly likely. Thanks guys.



Aberdeenshire Councillor's Report

Councillor Glen Reid

Finally - a Comfort Partnership for Kintore

Since I first became elected in 2017, I have been trying to get more public conveniences. I initially campaigned for toilets at the then soon to be built Kintore Station, but Network Rail/Scotrail and Aberdeenshire Council wouldn't agree to it.

Since then, I have pursued the Comfort Partnership scheme where a local service provider makes available a free of charge toilet facility to all members of the public during their normal opening hours, with no expectation that the users of the toilet facilities are expected to purchase any goods or services from them.

Whilst co-owner of The Crafty Café for three years, I tried to get the café added to the scheme, but due to budget restrictions it wasn't possible. However, I continued to argue that it was ridiculous that a town of almost 5,000 people had no public convenience, and I am now delighted to announce that The Crafty Café has been added.

The Crafty Café is working in partnership with Aberdeenshire Council to provide a free of charge toilet facility to residents and visitors to Kintore.

The Crafty Cafe is open:

Monday to Friday 10am to 4pm

Saturdays 10am to 2pm

This is great news for Kintore, the café and for visitors and I would just like to thank Council officers, and Margita and her team for helping make this happen.

I am pushing for signage, so that visitors know where the public convenience is, and I'm still arguing for a similar scheme in Blackburn.

Midmill School - Dog Poo/Waste Bin, Cycle Line and Training - Success

I was recently contacted by Midmill School Parent Council regarding the issue of dog poo on the pavement on Carnie Brae, Kintore and their desire for a bin to be located somewhere between the junction of Carnie Brae and the school path to hopefully encourage dog owners to pick up and dispose correctly.

They also informed me that the school are working on achieving a Cycle Friendly Award and are encouraging more pupils to travel to school actively by cycling instead of using transport. They had requested that, in order to encourage this activity, the council paint a line down the original pavement to show a cycle lane section. There have been several near misses between older children cycling and younger children walking on the same pavement.

I immediately contacted waste council officers regarding the bin, who visited and agreed that there are a large number of dog walkers in this vicinity and therefore a Litter/Dog waste bin was placed at the edge of the pavement leading from Carnie Brae to the school. I also contacted the officer responsible for active travel and, after some discussion, they have agreed to look at supporting the school with their cycle friendly status, including painting a line on the path. The line painting will need to be approved and delivered by Roads colleagues, but they don't see there being any issues with this other than timing. I would just like to thank Midmill School PC for bringing these matters to my attention and the officers for supporting their reasonable requests.

Aberdeenshire Councillor's Report

Councillor Glen Reid

Successful Appeal for Kintore United FC U-17s

I was contacted in December by Neil Paton, the head coach Kintore United U-17s, to inform me that the ADJFA had decided to fine the club and make the team forfeit their game against Cove Youth FC (19th of November) which he had cancelled on safety grounds. This was the weekend where a weather warning was in place for Kintore and the surrounding area, and Mr Paton had decided that; due to the weather in the build-up to the Saturday, the subsequent flooding and poor road conditions, he would not ask the team and their parents to travel into Aberdeen to play Cove Youth FC. However, the ADJFA did not accept his decision and ordered that the club pay a £50 fine and forfeit the match/points.

Mr Paton asked if I would support the team and write a letter that would be used in their appeal to the SFA. I was happy to support the team and wrote the following letter:

"Dear Sir,

I am writing to you in support of Mr Paton and his decision to not fulfil the fixture on 19.11.22 due to the prevailing weather conditions which were severe and frankly dangerous.

As one of the East Garioch local councillors, Kintore is in my ward and I reside there. I would like to bring to your attention that on Friday the weather was horrendous, with imminent flooding of properties forecast and a severe weather warning being issued by SEPA. Aberdeenshire Council's senior flood engineer said that in his 15 years of experience prior to that weekend, he had seen five severe weather warnings issued, but that weekend he saw five issued in just one hour. The advice was not to travel unless it was absolutely necessary and as much as I love and support football, it must take a back seat when we are talking about the risk to life. We have experienced two tragedies here within the space of one year due to severe weather, with a tree crashing onto a vehicle in Hatton of Fintray and a woman being washed away in Monymusk.

Both incidents occurred just a few miles from Kintore, both people tragically died and to ask parents to drive their children in these conditions is frankly a horrendous act of gross negligence. On the Saturday, the police and council closed multiples roads in Kintore due to flooding and it was so bad that landlocked Kintore, 15 miles from the coast, had the coastguard sailing up and down streets evacuating families. As the weather warnings were rescinded, only one locality in Aberdeenshire still had a severe weather warning on Sunday, and that was Kintore. I cannot emphasise this enough, but the conditions that we were suffering here in Kintore were horrendous. I can perhaps understand that you did not fully appreciate this at the time, but you have been made aware of it now, and surely must now appreciate that Mr Paton only did what any reasonable person would do in these circumstances and put the safety of those in his care first in the face of what were exceptionally dangerous conditions.

Thanks and best regards

Cllr. Glen Reid"

I am glad to say that Mr Paton recently informed me that common sense had prevailed and that the SFA agreed with Kintore United FC and overturned the fine and the game forfeit. I am dismayed that this matter had to be taken forward in the first place, and that volunteer's time, energy and money had to be wasted on such a poor original decision. However, I am delighted for the team and Neil, that common sense won and I wish them all well for the remainder of the season.

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

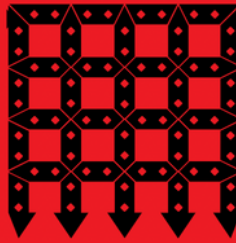
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Message from Rev Neil Meyer



Give us our Daily Bread

Then the Lord said to Moses, “I will rain down bread from heaven for you. The people are to go out each day and gather enough for that day.” Exodus 16:4.

I “met” the Derry Girls during lockdown. Originally released in 2018, it was only while trolling the TV channels during the endless days stuck indoors in 2020 that our family stumbled across the comedy series set in Northern Ireland during the Troubles. We fell in love and binged the entire series 3 times during Covid. Apart from being a great nostalgia-trip for anyone who lived through the 80’s & 90’s, the brilliance of the writing for the show lies in its ability to depict universal teen experiences against a very specific historical background. Living through momentous historical events, our protagonists just “get on” with being teenagers.

Perhaps it had particular resonance for us living through Covid. Perhaps it teaches us something about how humans live through any epochal events – namely, that we only appreciate their significance in hindsight. While we’re living through them, we simply get on with the business of living. So it must have been for the generations of the world wars, or the missile crisis, the oil crisis, the Bosnian War or the aftermath of 9/11. Nobody thinks they’re making history while they’re doing so.

One of the fundamentals of Christian spirituality is the idea of presence – being conscious or “present” in the moment without getting either trapped in the past or lost in the future.

This idea is expressed in the Lord’s Prayer in which Jesus taught his followers to pray “Give us this day our daily bread”. The origin of this prayer lay in the ancient experience of the Hebrew people who, after escaping slavery in Egypt, were led through the wilderness in which God provided them with a daily supply of manna (bread from heaven). Only enough was given for the day and the manna could not be stored for days. The result was that the people had to learn to trust God every day – day after day – for God’s provision. Hence the prayer: Give us enough just to get through the day.

The 2020’s may one day be remembered as the time we either won or lost the battle against climate change; the decade in which AI took over or the decade in which we solved war, poverty and third-world debt; the collapse of the Russian and/or American empires; or even, the end of the world as we know it. That is a matter for historians of the late 21st century to worry about. For us the task is simply to trust God’s provision of daily bread and then live daily lives of compassion, justice and grace.

Grace and peace to you all,
Rev Neil Meyer



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Kintore's Unsung Heroes

As a continuation of our popular Kintore's Unsung Heroes, we have yet another one of Kintore's 'weil kint faces'. For those of you who don't know Kenny Thomson here's a small feature highlighting what he has done for the Kintore Community over the years.

Do you come from Kintore?

I joined the police in August 1971. Joan and I married on 1 April 1972 (honestly!). We are both country folk, born and bred and city living didn't appeal, so we moved from a police house in Aberdeen, to East Park, Kintore on 19 October 1975, when our first son was a year old. Our second son was born the following year. They have long since left Kintore, but Joan and I still stay in that East Park house.

Kintore was a quiet village when we first moved, but with the construction of the Blackburn / Kintore bypass in 1998, came a massive housebuilding programme, which saw over 1000 houses built, mostly in the new Hallforest estate.

This came at a price to the existing population, due to the non-provision of community facilities and severe lack of other infrastructure. This should have come with the houses, especially for the hundreds of young people who found themselves relocated to Kintore, with none of the recreational facilities (such as cinemas, tenpin bowling and other sports) they had previously enjoyed whilst living in Aberdeen. Trouble quickly followed this large influx of youngsters as minor, petty offences annoyed local people.

What are your hobbies and interests?

With regards interests, following the fortunes of the Dons has been a frustrating experience over the years!

Driving and motor cycling have always been particular passions of mine, fuelled by fantastic training provided during my police service which allowed me to become a driving instructor and motor cyclist - and experiences of both stretching back to the late '70s.

In a seven year spell after I retired from the Service, I returned to driver training as a support staff member with Grampian Police. With very little paperwork and theory inputs and all practical, on the road work, it was the best job anyone could hope to have!

I thought it may be safer for me to give up motor cycling when Joan became ill, but we replaced my bike and her car with a BMW convertible which we both enjoy, and I therefore haven't missed motorcycling at all.

I've been a member of Craibstone Golf Club for many years, which has often been a frustrating experience, in much the same way as following the fortunes of the Dons! I have a great interest in our national poet Robert Burns and really enjoy delivering The Immortal Memory at annual Burns Suppers. With two sons and numerous grandchildren of various ages, there is always fun to be had in their company.

You've been really involved in the Local Community when did this start?

Rather than simply moan and groan about the situation following this large influx of youngsters as minor, petty offences increased, I and others got involved with KDCC (Kintore and District Community Council), to see if there could be solutions. Within a year of joining, I was chairing KDCC.

The first priority was to address the ongoing youth issues, and this took the form of organising a public meeting at the school and involving Robert Gray, head of Aberdeenshire Council Planning Dept, the local police officer (we had one then!), local Councillors, reps from youth organisations and KDCC, which organised the event. Over 200 people attended, mostly to vent their anger at the Council, in allowing the situation to develop!

From that meeting, came an awareness within the community of the problems being faced due to the large influx of young people to our town. That in itself was a positive development and also from it ultimately came the formation of Kintore United FC, which I believe now has 200 boys and girls, in various football teams, dependent upon ages.



Kintore's Unsung Heroes

We know you have been really involved with 'The Bothie' since its inception can you tell us a bit more?

We quickly understood that a meeting place for youngsters would be a massive benefit to the community and should be provided. Originally, young people met within a room on the ground floor of the Town House, but along with others (all now gone from Kintore!), I made plans to have The Bothie youth and community centre built on the site of the old public library in Allandale Gardens.



Can you tell us what 'Action Kintore' is and how it benefit's Kintore?

We formed the community charity Action Kintore, as a focal point and means through which funding could be sourced. It took several years to get work started, partly due to the difficulties of sourcing the £140K required to build it but in December 2013, it was finally completed and opened and has proved a very useful youth and community facility, used by a variety of groups and individuals.

The building (Town House) has a very tired look at present but is about to get a major makeover.

Tell us about your time with Kintore & District Community Council & Kintore Rotary Club?

I spent many years in KDCC, in various roles as Chair, Secretary and in 2018, when (Treasurer) Joan became ill, took over her duties until a replacement Treasurer was found.

During the years I spent in KDCC, the annual bonfire and fireworks event, always a very popular annual community event in bygone days, was resurrected and at its traditional site at the School Park. Post COVID, it has continued and is still managed by the Community Council.

Also managed by KDCC and in support of Ainslie Reid, Joan (as Treasurer) and I (as Chair) played active roles in helping establish the annual floral displays and assisting with the collection of donations from local businesses and the routine watering of plants etc.

The provision of several public access defibrillators within Kintore was also a KDCC initiative and we should be grateful for the fact most of the funding came from donations by businesses and individuals and that KDCC member and First Responder Alan Milne ensures they are regularly checked and fit for purpose.



Kintore's Unsung Heroes

In 2007, Kintore Rotary Club was formed, with me installed as its Founder President, due mainly to the fact I missed a crucial meeting where office bearers were selected! Club meetings were initially held in the Torryburn Hotel and that continued until the Hotel ceased trading as such and long before it reached its current sad and derelict state.

Rotary is the largest service organisation in the world, with over 20,000 Clubs and a million members. Locally it has been a force for good. One of the initiatives, in conjunction with KDCC was organising a series of First Aid and defibrillator training in the Bothie, spread over several months and also by supporting local organisation especially youth, but in common with many other organisations, it was severely impacted by the COVID pandemic.

I have always enjoyed being part of the Kintore community and have hopefully given something back for the peace, tranquillity, and friendliness my family and I have enjoyed here during the past 48 years.

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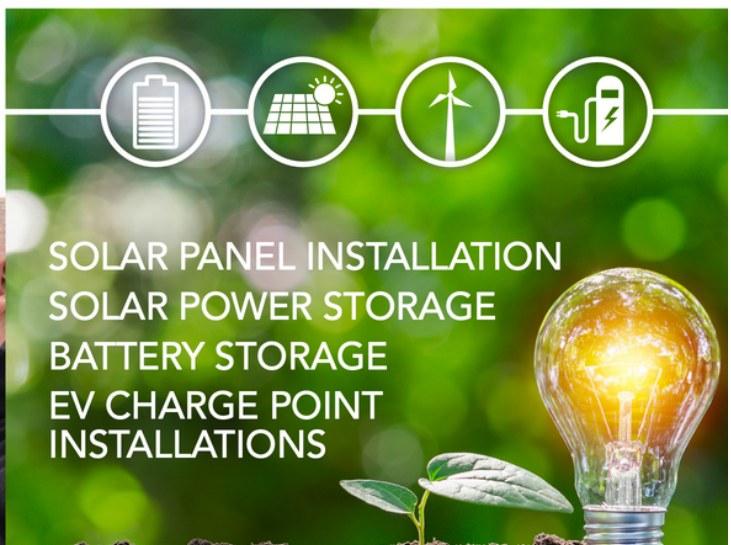
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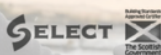
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Rotary Club of Kintore, Blackburn & Kemnay

The Rotary Club of Kintore, Blackburn and Kemnay has been a hive of activity over the last few months, planning for our usual activities during the summer has meant busy meetings and of course getting the first Topsy Tea Party of the season under our

belts, with several more to follow. We had a busy weekend during the Kings Coronation, helping out at the Kintore Street Party on the Saturday, and litter picking was arranged for the Monday, although the weather went against us.



Each year, the Rotary Clubs organise several competitions for school children throughout Scotland and the rest of the UK in various subjects, including Young Chef, Young Artist, Young Photographer, Young Writer, Young Environmentalist, and Young Musician. They compete against pupils from Primary and Secondary Schools throughout the North of Scotland, with some progressing to the UK finals. We had a number of entrants from schools in our Club area (which includes Kintore, Blackburn and Kemnay Primary Schools and Kemnay Academy), and the standard of entry was impressively high.

In the Young Writer competition, Magnus Hoyle came third in the Senior section, and Rebecca Cowan came first in the Intermediate section.

In the Young Photographer, Josh Rennie came first in the Junior section.

The winners of these District competitions go on to the UK finals. As mentioned, the standard of entry was very high, and these plus other entrants were recognised during the Club's Celebration of Youth at Kintore Church Hall on the 18th May, which was a well-attended evening, thanks to all who came.

During March, we also had our club heat of the Primary Schools Quiz held at Midmill Primary School.

Five teams took part - Alehousewells, Kemnay, Kintore, Midmill and Kinellar. The winners being Kemnay Primary School who received the club shield and moved on to the next stage of the competition.



June is going to be a busy month, the team will be present at the Kintore Summer Festival, which promises to be a day of fun family activities, and the following day (Sunday 11th June) we will hold our annual Duck Race, so look out for number sheets at the Summer Festival on Saturday.

We will also be taking a stall at the Blackburn Gala on 17th June, and will be available to provide information of all of our projects, both locally and internationally, so please come along and speak to us. We are also making plans to hold a litter pick with Kinellar Cubs around Blackburn during June, more details will be announced later.

As always, we have many speakers attend our meetings throughout the year, our next one is Abernecessities early in June, which is open for anyone to attend. We will also be running several collection points throughout the area, so keep an eye on our Facebook page for more details.

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

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The Kintore Pictish Stone (in Kintore Church, next to the entrance with info board).

Scotland

1. James IV at Flodden.
2. Aberdeenshire, with 261,470 people compared to Aberdeen's 220,690.
3. Tetris.
4. Inverurie.

General Knowledge:

1. Christina Aguilera.
2. Muesli.
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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
Weekly Meetings, Clubs & Events			
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
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) 19:30 - 21:00 (Weds)

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

Upcoming Events

DATE	EVENT	WHERE	TIME
Tues 6th June	Fun Run - 5K	Kintore School Fields (Next to Kintore Primary)	18:30
Thurs 8th June	Dog Show	Kintore School Fields (Next to Kintore Primary)	18:15
Sat 10th June	Kintore Summer Festival	Kintore School Fields (Next to Kintore Primary)	11:00-18:00
Sat 10th June	Eddie Rose Concert	Kintore Public Hall	14:00-17:00
Fri 30th June	AGM - Kintore 0-3 Group	Kintore Village Hall	19:00



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WEDNESDAY

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