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Dear Editor,

Having watched a tv programme 'Scotland from the Air', I wonder why the Roman history of Kintore is unmarked. We should have a Northgate and a Southgate etc as so many towns in England have. We perhaps could rename Henderson Crescent Slave Crescent (this was the site of the slave compound in the marching camp)! We could have a series of ovens to mark the different nationalities who constituted the army-Persian, French, African, Italian etc. to add interest to the Burgh.

Another suggestion on a contemporary subject is a way to mark the achievements of our most famous living son Michael Clark whose work is being celebrated in an exhibition at the Barbican in London but who is probably mostly unknown in Kintore.

Lessel Rennie, Waterside

Dear Editor,

During the last eleven months the Guachill Woods have provided a very welcome location for people to get some outdoor air and exercise. People of all ages, walkers, joggers, mums with buggies and toddlers, disabled people and dog walkers. It would be fair to say the woods have provided a lifeline during the various lockdowns and restrictions as a result of the CV-19 pandemic.

It is therefore all the more disappointing to find a certain number of people (fortunately just a few) being selfish and inconsiderate by leaving rubbish behind them. Sweetie papers, crisp packets, plastic bottles, cigarette packets and glass bottles. The worst however are discarded face masks and dog poo bags. Why go to the bother of bagging dog poo then leaving the bag at the side of the path, or hanging it up ! I struggle to see the mindset of people who do this. Take your rubbish home.

The woods are a great community asset and deserve better treatment than this. It is not the responsibility of the Council to keep the woods tidy when it comes to human rubbish. We should all do our bit and take home our own rubbish.

M.A.Stephen

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Choosing A Puppy

I am often asked advice on how best to choose a puppy. As we all know, a dog is for life so it is a major decision and one you should spend time over, and involve the whole family with. The SSPCA also have reported a double increase in the rate of puppies being rehomed last year. This is apparently due to separation anxiety because pets are not getting accustomed to spending time by themselves and when owners are returning to work after lockdown, the puppies have not been coping well. So please consider this when choosing a pup and try and get them used to being alone if you get one during lockdown.

Many people will choose a breed that they have owned previously, one that a friend may have or simply a breed they like the look of.

However if you are considering a breed that you do not have any direct experience with, it's very worthwhile researching the breed first. It is probably also worth doing this before you go and see a litter of puppies, because we all know any careful research will go out the window as soon as you sit down on the breeder's sofa and the adorable bundle of licks and fluff is placed in your lap. At the very least, try and match a breed's energy level and exercise requirement with your own lifestyle. If you like exercise and take regular long walks then go for a high energy dog e.g. a medium sized working breed. Falling into this category are Labradors, Spaniels, Border Collies to name a few. If you prefer shorter walks taken less frequently, consider a more laid back breed. These tend to be the smaller breeds such as Lhasa Apso's, Shih Tzu's and Yorkshire terriers. It surprises many people to learn however that Greyhounds and Whippets actually require very little exercise. Mostly, they are content with a doze on a warm sofa in preference to a walk up Bennachie!

The majority of behavioral problems that we see stem from a core incompatibility between owner and puppy. When a high energy dog is not able to use up all of its energy (often because the owners lifestyle doesn't match its own,) the consequence is the dog becomes highly strung with pent up energy and excitement. Very quickly, this leads to destructive behaviors. For example, we often see behavioral problems affecting Border Collies. This is because they have been designed to spend 11 hours of every day rounding up sheep. They often don't cope well with moving into a town environment where exercise and running (and mental stimulation) are more limited.

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

Once you have chosen a breed you will have to find a pup. Many breeders advertise their pups for sale in local news such as this publication, or on Gumtree, or on their own websites, but you can also get lists of local breeders from the kennel club. Try and find a breeder via recommendations. Eventually you will want to go and see some puppies. Ask to see the mother, and father if possible. If they are friendly, calm and well behaved this could give an idea of the pup's nature when he or she grows up!

Ask about worming and feeding. A good breeder should be worming the pups every 2 weeks with a Veterinary wormer until they leave. It is usually a good idea to have asked for the puppies to be examined by a vet for a health check before you go to collect your new arrival. Bring all of this information along with you when you come to see your vet for the first appointment, and we will guide you from there. All puppies have to be legally microchipped by the breeder before 8 weeks of age and initially registered with them; you can then change the details to yours after you have your pup home.

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

Don't forget that Mrs Murray's Dog and Cat Home in Aberdeen and a few local rehoming charities are also looking for loving homes for many adult dogs if you would like to go straight for an adult!

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Kintore & District Community Council

Looking to the future after a difficult time

New team for the future

By the time you read this, Kintore and District Community Council will have had its long-delayed Annual General Meeting. As a result we expect to have elected a new chairperson, secretary and treasurer to take the community council forward.

It has been 19 months since the last community council AGM. For 15 of those months we have been operating without a chairperson, following the sad death of Fiona Cooper. Her death was such a huge loss for the community and the community council.

A difficult year for all

Little did we know that we would all be dealt another hefty blow in 2020. Coronavirus and the resulting lockdowns resulted in major changes in all aspects of our society. "Lockdown", "Shielding" and "Social Distancing" became part of our every day vocabulary. Events and holidays were cancelled. Meetings became virtual.

But, life goes on and through all this turmoil Kintore and District Community Council has not missed a single meeting. One of the community council's first moves was to join forces with Kintore Parish Church, Kintore Community Church and Kintore and District Community Council to set up 'Lend a Hand Kintore' to provide lockdown assistance for those who needed it.

It was so heartening to find such a positive response with so many volunteers coming forward to offer support. 'Lend a Hand Kintore' is still in place, ready to help with shopping, collecting prescriptions and just being there as someone to talk to, for those who need it. Contact 'Lend a Hand Kintore' on 07590 856 444.

As well as curtailing our everyday lives and leisure, the pandemic also resulted in the cancellation of much-loved community events like the Kintore Summer Festival, the Fireworks and the Christmas Lights Switch-on.

A really tough time for business

The restrictions have been a severe blow for our businesses. That's why we've been pushing the campaign #ScotlandLovesLocal at every opportunity. As the campaign points out, local businesses are "our brothers and sisters, our friends, our aunts and uncles and our neighbours".

People running these businesses take risks each and every day to create jobs and prosperity in our community. Now – more than ever – our Kintore businesses need our support. So, think local first. You can find out more about the #ScotlandLovesLocal campaign at www.lovelocal.scot.

Departures and arrivals

In recent months we have said farewell to some of our Kintore and District Community Council stalwarts. Sheila Gray and Ann Marston stepped down from the community council after both serving the community for some 23 years. Also stepping down were John Thomson and Derek Logan. Our thanks to all four for their years of community service.

In their place has come a rush of newcomers to bolster our numbers. First we welcomed Bill Duthie, Alan Milne and Jamie Grant. They were followed by Janine Cracknell, Donna Heron and, most recently, Moira Moran. So we have a good strong team ready to lead us through 2021.

Kintore needs to assert itself

That brings us to another issue. Kintore, as Councillor Glen Reid has pointed out, is now one of the ten largest towns in Aberdeenshire. Why is that important?

All too often facilities, resources and events are targeted at Inverurie as our larger neighbour. But, as one of the top ten towns in Aberdeenshire, we feel that Kintore really should be recognised as a substantial community in our own right – not as a satellite town of Inverurie. We want to see more focus on the needs of Kintore.

We were promised a Town Park and we need to fight hard to see that come to reality as the latest plans for the Midmill site have reduced the Town Park to a sports square, pavilion and small car park. After so many years of waiting for our Town Park, this is simply not good enough.

Flooding concerns are ever present

In January 2016, as many will remember all too vividly, Kintore was quite badly hit by flooding. Yet, we hear that the flood study for Kintore will not take place until 2026 – ten years after that flood. We need to press the case for earlier action as people are living in fear of every rainstorm in the meantime.

Reclaiming our Town House for the community

We should make what we can of our history and heritage. Kintore is an ancient Royal Burgh that received its first Royal Charter in the 12th century. Our predecessors knew the status that conferred on Kintore.

In the early part of the 18th century, they created one of the most magnificent statements of civic pride that any town could have – our wonderful Town House. Let's hope that the community rallies round the Action Kintore charity's aim to bring the Town House back into use for the community.

Thainstone is part of Kintore

People tend to forget the huge business community that we have here in Kintore. Our town has four business parks within its community council boundary. We have world headquarters, leading players in the oil and gas industry, plus aviation, motor trade and food. Within our area we also have Thainstone Mart, one of the largest agricultural centres of its kind in Western Europe.

Some of that is under threat from a boundary change proposal instigated by Inverurie Community Council. They have requested Aberdeenshire Council to transfer Thainstone into their territory.

It is hard to see the logic behind this. Surely Inverurie is already a large enough residential and commercial centre? There is also anger at their implication that KDCC were somehow unable or unwilling to discuss this proposal, when the truth is that we had no contact from them on this subject since 2019.

The residents of Thainstone seem keen to stay in the Kintore Community Council area and our community is clearly strengthened by the inclusion of the Thainstone Mart, Thainstone House Hotel, Thainstone Business Park and Kirkwood Commercial Park within our boundaries.

If we lose Thainstone, then we will be even more a community in the shadow of our bigger neighbour. That is not something we want to see happen to our town.

Ken McEwen

Vice Chairman, Kintore and District Community Council

'Golf between the ears' - An amateur's guide to happiness on and off the course - Brian Shanks

Almost a year on since the first COVID 19 cases lead to lockdown measures, as a golfer how grateful I am that it was for the most part a sport allowed by Scottish Government for being outdoors. How ironic it is that for the whole of January and into February most of the courses in the area have remained closed due to weather.

They say you are never too old to learn and at 61 having played or been involved in golf for almost 50 years, I won't be alone in admitting to outbursts of anger, throwing of a club and negative self-talk when things have not gone well. I have also fallen into the trap of it's not the player, it's the club and have changed equipment more times than hot dinners. I did seriously consider giving up the game at the beginning of 2020.

Along came Karl Morris, a sports psychologist and ex golf pro from Manchester who introduced the members of Kemnay Golf club to Mind Factor concepts at a workshop in February 2020. Luckily, it was one of the last he did live before the first lockdown in March. As an Executive Coach and Consultant working with client's goals and aspirations daily, how ironic that your own challenges can be the hardest to come to terms with.

Karl did not focus on the technical aspects of golf even though these play a part in golfer development especially if learning the game or aspiring to perhaps Professional level. Neither did he focus on the physical side which causes many to struggle with golf with issues such as back and muscle problems. Karl kept things very practically based on the enjoyment of the game and with the aim of having more good days than bad.

One of the first exercises took me back to why I took up golf in the first place and what the earliest sporting memories were. I was lucky enough to get many summer holidays as a young teenager staying with relatives in St Andrews, the home of golf. In those days of the early 70s, we did not have mobile phones, computers and the distractions that now restrict our enjoyment of the great outdoors. It's a worthwhile exercise to reflect on why you took up golf.

There is so much that goes on behind the scenes to enable golfers to be able to knock that little white ball towards targets and so often we forget about the committees, the greenkeeping staff, the fellow golfers who pay their fees and anyone else connected behind the scenes. On a personal level, I'm grateful that at 61, I'm still physically able, for the joy of scenery, the great outdoors, for the social company and for those 3-6 shots per round that I can reflect on that show I still have it..

One of the most challenging factors arising from the session was the concept of acceptance. It's easy to blame the club, the wind, the conditions, the tree, whatever the excuse. At the end of the day, I put it there no one else. It's a human factor around beliefs that either makes us feel invincible or that we are not worthy. It depends on which side of the fence you sit. I have learned through experience during 2020 that being able to come to terms with stray shots without reacting has led to a greater degree of enjoyment and restored my passion for the game.

Another of Karl's nuggets of wisdom is the ability to keep your score till the end of the round without the distraction of a score update after 9 holes! After the round, focus on the 3-6 shots you have hit so well, that it's easy to recall what they looked/sounded and felt like for you. Too often and I admit to being there, we walk off the course with a long face having missed that 3-foot putt on 18 to win the £5 prize in the medal. In a recent round, my playing partner was berating himself for a bad round in his opinion. When I asked him about the best 3 shots he had hit, he grunted. I told him I could recall around a dozen I could remember where he had good results at which he smiled. It changed the mood. All these subtle changes are 'game changers' in putting fun back into not only golf, but life in general.

I have now since used time during lockdown to become a Certified Mind Factor Golf coach through Karl Morris and produced a more expansive guide to self-help in golf than this article can cover. My plan as the new season beckons is to deliver presentations to local groups and clubs in NE Scotland that I'm confident will get the passion back into golf in a positive way and maybe impact on a few relationships along the way.

In summary, be grateful for being on the golf course, explore what is possible and accept the outcome whatever that may be. The body will organise itself around a clear intention, so if you can visualise the shot or feel what it would be like to hit a good shot you improve your chances and finally what were your 3 best shots today.

Should you wish a copy of my E Book free and or be interested in a virtual workshop for your club or group, contact me via e mail at Brianshanks8033@btinternet.com

Brian is an Executive Coach, Career Coach and Management Consultant. In his spare time, he is a Volunteer Golf Coach for Juniors at Kemnay Golf club.

Thank You

Anita Gauld would like to thank all her relatives, friends, neighbours and the VSA for all they have done during the past few months. Their kindness in doing shopping, providing lifts and clearing paths amongst other things is very much appreciated.

Kintore Church

Message from Rev Neil Meyer



Restless Hope

“Hope is not a strategy.” – Management dictum

“Where there is no vision, the people perish”

– Proverbs 29:18

Dear friends,

When the second Covid lockdown in Scotland was announced days before Christmas, my daughter lamented, “You can’t look forward to anything because it’s just taken away from you.” Yep, whatever plans we had for Christmas were scuppered.

As the vaccine makes its way through the population and talk of an easing of lockdown re-emerges, is there cause for hope again? Dare we hope? Or are we just setting ourselves up for yet another disappointment? And after all, what precisely can we hope for? It seems clear that the government won’t simply flip a switch and everything will return to the way it was “pre-Covid”. Our extrication from lockdown will be slow and the after-effects of the pandemic will linger.

So how does hope work – out here in the real world? Managers warn us that “Hope is not a strategy.” You can’t base future planning on an “If only...”. The Biblical definition that “faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen” (Heb 11:1) might sound as though Christian hope is nothing more than this sort of wishful thinking yet, if you read on to the examples of faithful, hopeful people listed in that chapter of the Bible, a quite different picture of hope emerges.

Firstly, hope is relational. People in the Bible grow in hope as they get to know God better. Wishful thinking is holding thumbs for an arbitrary outcome – like winning the lotto – over which no one has control. By contrast, hope grows as our trust in God grows. Secondly, hope is not triumphal but restless. Biblical examples of hopeful people were people dissatisfied with the status quo who dared to dream of a better, freer, more just future. Thirdly, hope invites participation. No sitting about waiting for the lotto results, hopeful people get stuck into the hard task of building the world they long to see.

“That is why faith, wherever it develops into hope, causes not rest but unrest, not patience but impatience. It does not calm the unquiet heart, but is itself this unquiet heart in a person. Those who hope in Christ can no longer put up with reality as it is, but begin to suffer under it. Peace with God means conflict with the world, for the goad of the promised future stabs inexorably into the flesh of every unfulfilled present.” (Jürgen Moltmann, *Theology of Hope*)

Grace and peace to you all,

Rev Neil Meyer



Messy Church in a bag has been going now for nearly a year! Apart from Messy Easter (which will be on Sunday April 4th), we run on the 3rd Sunday of the month and deliver socially distanced Messy Church activity bags to doorsteps. Photos and stories are posted on our Messy Church Kintore Facebook page. Neil’s Messy Message goes live on the Kirk website on Messy Church Sundays, with action songs and story. We love to see the shared photos of families having some Messy fun!

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KINTORE HISTORY



100 years ago

The Bennachie Mystery

In March 1921 the remains of a toddler were found in thick heather not far from Mither Tap, Bennachie. They were quickly identified as the body of Francis (Frankie) Stephen Hay, who had gone missing on 10 May 1914 from Dorlethan Farm, near Chapel of Garioch.

Little Frankie had been born on 8 July 1912 to Anna Hay, who was unmarried. Anna already had a son, and arranged for baby Frankie to be fostered by a family near Kintore until he was able to walk. The family, the Aitkens, lived at Fordtown, and took good care of the baby.

In May 1914, when Frankie was 22 months old, his mother took him back to the family home at Dorlethan. The wee boy didn't settle, and wanted to return to his foster-family. Less than a fortnight after he was brought to Dorlethan he disappeared. A huge search failed to find him, until, almost seven years later, his body was found on Bennachie. This area had not been searched at the time because it seemed impossible that a 22-month-old would be able to climb Bennachie unaided.

The inquest concluded that little Frankie had run away in an attempt to find his foster family in Kintore and had died of exhaustion and exposure.

Charlie House Children's Charity Fundraising Update

Kintore couple Alan and Sheila Williamson would like to say a massive thanks to all who generously donated to our Charlie House 1000 Mile Challenge 2020.

Our grand total for the year came to a brilliant **£4,465** and will help so many children and young people with complex disabilities and life limiting conditions in the North East of Scotland.

Like most charities Charlie House has seen their income drop by a huge amount and demand increase by 84% last year. We almost take it for granted our children will be born healthy and develop normally but sadly it's not always the case.

The help and support Charlie House give can be essential for families and children facing an uncertain future through complex disability and life limiting conditions.

Alan has signed up for the Charlie House 1000 Mile Challenge 2021 to walk 1000 miles this year and has a fundraising page at www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Alan-Williamson11 if anybody would like to support this amazing charity.

Regards, Alan and Sheila.



Think You Know Quiz by Cllr. Glen Reid

The Konnect Konundrum

- Which 'DD' is an archaeological site, dating back to the Bronze Age, at Kintore?

Scotland

- Who is the patron saint of Aberdeen?
- What is the first name of Trainspotting character Renton?
- What time does Edinburgh Castle's one o'clock gun fire on Sunday?
- The only rotating boat lift of its kind in the world opened in 2002 in Scotland, but what is it called?

General Knowledge

- Which European country has the longest total coastline?
- What is the capital of Malta?
- Which flightless bird is a national symbol of New Zealand?

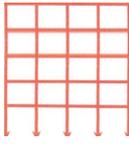
True or False?

Which one is true and which one is false:

- If the entire population of the world stood shoulder to shoulder, they could all fit within Glasgow.
- Proportionally, there are more twins born now than ever before.

**See page 15
for the answers!**

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



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Action Kintore update March 2021

The Bothie

The Bothie was closed for most of the winter months, but with some virtual contact with our young people. As we anticipate coming out of lockdown soon, we forecast a big demand from our young people attending the Bothie Youth Facility on the sessions we offer for The Junior Group P5-P7, Bothie Girls S1+ and “Young And Free To Speak” S1+ sessions each week.

Action Kintore

As well as running the Bothie, many of you will know of our plans to refurbish the Town House and bring it into use for all of the Kintore community. The board and members are delighted to advise of our formal application for a Community Asset Transfer of The Town House and the appointment of Lippe Architects and Planners to prepare the detailed design work for a planning application and listed building consent to proposed alterations.

We were required to make our own contribution to the funding we received from the Architectural Heritage Fund and Aberdeenshire Council for the design and planning application and are grateful to the following companies and individuals for their generosity:

Mr George Ross (JG Ross), Caledonian Transport, Kintore Post Office, Malcolm Allan Builders, Marine & Technical Limits, C&M McDonald, STATS Group, Kintore & District Community Council, Kintore & Kemnay Rotary, Muirend Energy (Leylodge Wind Farm), Rebecca Carr, Jim Reid Vehicle Sales, Scottish & Southern Energy.

We have a strong and enthusiastic board but as we move into the next exciting stage with Action Kintore, we are light on general support so are seeking some volunteers to join us who are interested in youth work and the Town House project.

So if you have a few hours per month and would like to assist us please get in touch and we have two positions we are keen to fill as soon as possible

VOLUNTEER WANTED TO JOIN US TO PROVIDE YOUTHWORK LIAISON AND SUPPORT.

If you have a few hours per month to work with the board and Youth worker Rachel Lewis to prepare and plan a series of Young People programmes for the school groups P5 up to S4.

No experience is necessary, just a willingness to help in planning an interesting range of events and assist with fundraising activities.

SECRETARY WANTED TO PROVIDE A FEW HOURS PER MONTH ADMIN SUPPORT TO THE BOARD.

We are seeking a secretary who has a few hours per month to attend our monthly meeting and provide secretarial support to the board and members for our Bothie and Town House projects. If anyone would like to attend a meeting to see what is going on, are generally interested in helping, or are interested in the two volunteer posts please contact brianjohnstone54@btinternet.com or telephone **07710 409629** for more information.

Aberdeenshire North Foodbank



Aberdeenshire North Food Bank continues to work hard to get food to those people in greatest need in these difficult and challenging days. At the time of writing, all of our food banks are closed due to lockdown and we are back to running a delivery service to get food parcels to our clients. We have also re-organised our teams of volunteers into discrete ‘bubbles’ to try to ensure greater safety for all. As conditions permit, the food banks will re-open for clients to be able to collect food in person so please do check our website (www.aberdeenshirenorth.foodbank.org.uk) for the current arrangements for the Inverurie Food Bank. Likewise, we would urge anyone who is struggling to put food on the table to get a referral to us. If you already work with an organisation such as health, education or social work they may be able to refer you or, if you don't, please contact your local Citizen's Advice Bureau.

From our Inverurie Food Bank in 2019, we provided food in our immediate area for 622 households, comprising 859 adults and 645 children, a total of 1504 individuals fed. The comparative figures for 2020 show that we provided

food for 825 households, made up of 1129 adults and 644 children, giving a total of 1773 people fed. This is an increase in usage of 17% over the previous year. Early indications are that demand in 2021 will continue to increase.

We are grateful for all donations of food through the permanent collection points in the village shops and nearby larger supermarkets, as well as for financial donations, all of which allow the work of the Food Bank to continue. A current ‘wish list’ of items we are short of is updated monthly on our website and is also available on Kintore Church's website. A recent initiative by some local residents has been the setting up of a collection point for pet food at the junction of Ladywell Road and the Health Centre path. We often find that those in food poverty will feed a much loved pet before they feed themselves so we try to ensure that pet food is available to those that need it along with their own food. So thank you for all of your support in all its different forms.

Councillor Glen Reid's Report

Green Routes

In response to an officer paper at Infrastructure Services Committee where they dismissed the suggestion of adopting a scheme similar to Perth and Kinross' Green Routes (which would provide safer areas for walking, running and cycling on rural roads) because they feared extra signage would distract drivers, I disagreed and proposed that we have a trial in Aberdeenshire. I'm delighted that officers have come back and agreed, with the trial beginning this Spring in three areas: Polinar Dam "loop" Inverurie (a recreational circular route from Blackhall Road to St James Place), Woodhead of Fyvie to Gight and the Ythan Trail (a long distance trail between Fyvie and Newburgh) and Fernie Brae Road, Cornhill, Banff (a circular walk in the Cornhill area).

The criteria for these trial routes are; rural route with a road width of no more than 4 metres, average speed to be 40 mph or less, evidence of existing demand/use for walking, cycling and equestrian purposes, and should link to existing cycling/walking infrastructure.

Officers still propose no reduction to the speed limits, but I and our group intend to address this at the end of the trial in the autumn.

Kintore Gritting – the primary and secondary routes.

I had been contacted by constituents re Stagecoach bus services not going around the main estate as scheduled, and instead just driving through the centre of the town, leaving key workers stranded and having to take taxis to their work.

Following discussions with the Commercial Director at Stagecoach, they apologised and revealed it was due to safety fears as part of the bus route is a secondary gritting route.

It is my opinion that the whole route of the main bus provision through Kintore should be a primary gritting route and I have requested that the two roads not currently included are upgraded to primary status. The request is currently being looked at.

Kintore Station

Following complaints from neighbours of Kintore Station about the level of volume from the tannoy and the intrusion of light pollution from the station and car park, I have been liaising with Network Rail and Scotrail for months. They have now reduced the tannoy volume to a level that is still within regulations, but also where it does not disturb neighbours in their homes. The light issues are ongoing and I am trying to resolve them.

Double yellow lines

Following complaints about poor junction visibility (Lochburn Drive/Northern Road, Kintore), due to parking on painted white hatched areas on Northern Road, I have persuaded council officers to replace the unenforceable white hatchings with enforceable double yellow lines.

Kemany Academy

I have written to officers within the Education department and asked them to either publish their plan or create a plan to address the ever growing pupil roll at Kemnay Academy. There are well founded concerns that, when the pupils are there and not home schooling, the accommodation is struggling to cope with the existing student numbers.

I have raised this issue repeatedly at Garioch Area Committee, but a plan has not been forthcoming. I know that officers will be aware of the problem, but it is time to share any planned solution or come up with one before we are in a reactive situation.

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)

Tel: 07388 956139

Email: cllr.g.reid@aberdeenshire.gov.uk

Think You Know Quiz by Cllr. Glen Reid

Answers

The Konnect Konundrum

- Deers Den.

Scotland

- St Nicholas.

- Mark.

- It doesn't.

- The Falkirk Wheel.

General Knowledge

- Norway.

- Valletta.

- The kiwi.

True or False?

If the entire population of the world stood shoulder to shoulder, they could all fit within Glasgow. **False.**

Proportionally, there are more twins born now than ever before. **True.**

Kintore Kemnay & District Rotary Club

At the Rotary Club of Kintore, Kemnay and District, we are continuing to adapt to our online meetings and celebrating Burns Night at the end of January was no exception. Our evening started in traditional style with one of our members, Sharon Hassan, playing A Mans a Man on the bagpipes, safely within her own sitting room. We then had a fun and very informative Burns night quiz, with more amazing music and toasts. Of course, a burns night would not be complete without finishing with a rendition of Auld Lang Syne. It was pleasing to see online many of our fellow Rotarians in the North East held similar nights over the course of the week.

Having online meetings for close to a year now, quiz nights and informative talks have become a regular occurrence. Recently we have had guest speakers from ALEC (Aberdeenshire Life Education Centre), the amazing work on board the Mercy Ships and the Ury Riverside Project in Inverurie. As well as this we have been blessed with some excellent talks from other Rotarians around the UK, and further afield. It has been an advantage of video calls, that we can invite people from all over the globe within a need for travel, and I'm sure this will be a regular feature for years to come, even when we are back to meeting face to face in our local community.

In the last issue, I mentioned that the Rotary Club have the old Train Planter, and David Fraser along with assistance

from Bill Duthie and others, have been busy getting it cleaned and painted. The weather over the winter has not favoured the work needing done, but we are now planning to have the planter in place at train station around Easter, once the weather hopefully settles.

While the winter months have been very different for us in Kintore this year, there was still some cause for celebration. As well as a successful shoebox collection, some of our Rotarians, along with other Aberdeenshire clubs, were present in the Bon Accord centre, selling raffle tickets for the annual raffle. While the situation did not allow for a car to be raffled, and ticket sales were low due to social distancing requirements, there was still an amazing sum of £20,000 handed over to Charlie House.

As mentioned at the start, we continue to meet regularly online, to share stories and hear from guest speakers. Over the coming months we have a visitor from Rotary Zimbabwe, the Sandpiper Trust as well as plans for an online Gin tasting evening. We have welcomed many guests, 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. Our meetings are the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month, at 6.45pm.

Jamie Grant

Kintore Kemnay & District Rotary Club

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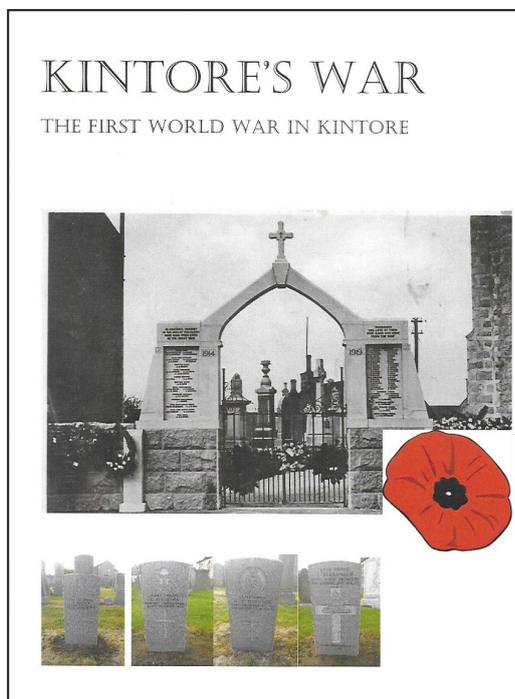
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Diary of Events

DATE	EVENT	WHERE	TIME
1st Tues	Kintore SWI	Kintore Public Hall	19.30
3rd Tues	Community Council Meeting (Ex Aug & Dec)	Kintore School	
Last Wed	Women's Group	Church Hall	
3rd Sun	Messy Church	Kintore Public Hall	10.00 with meal
<i>Weekly Meetings</i>			
Mon	Junior Group - P5, P6 + P7		15.30-17.00
Mon	Girls Brigade Groups		16.00-19.00
Mon	3rd Kintore Brownies	Kintore Public Hall	16.00-17.00
Mon	3rd Kintore Guides	Kintore Public Hall	
Mon	2nd Kintore Guides	Kintore Public Hall	
Mon	1st Kintore Guides	Kintore Public Hall	
Mon	Scouts - Cubs (8-10 years)		18.00-20.15
Tue	Scouts - Beavers (6-8 years)		18.00-19.15
Tue	Scouts - Scouts (10-15 years)		19.30-21.00
Tue	Kintore Knit & Stitch Group	Library	10.00-12.00
Tue	Bothie Girls (BGe)	The Bothie	17.00-18.30
Tue	Young & Fresh (11-15)	The Bothie	19.00-21.00
Wed	Kintore Rotary Club	Church Hall	14.00-16.00
Wed		Kintore Public Hall	18.15-19.30
Wed		Kintore Public Hall	18.15-19.15
Thu	Kintore Rainbows	Kintore Church Hall	15.45-16.45
Thu	1st Kintore Guides	Kintore Public Hall	18.30-20.30
Thurs	1st Kintore Guides Senior Section	Kintore Public Hall	18.30-20.30
Thurs	YOUR Group (All kids P7-S3)	The Bothie	18.00-20.30
Thurs	Kintore Rotary Club	Thainstone House Hotel	19.00 for 19.30
Sun	Kintore Community Church	Kintore Village Hall	15.00

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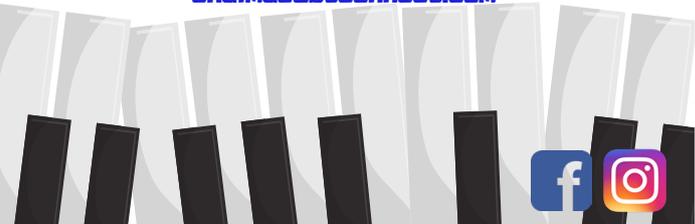
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