

# Kintore Konnect



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Community

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Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year



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**Breaking News** - Kintore Christmas Light Turn On - 4th December 2021 at 4pm

**THE HUMMINGBIRD CAFÉ**  
AT THE RESIDENCE

*Freshly Prepared Warming Soups*  
*The options below will rotate on a weekly basis*

- Broccoli & Stilton (v,gf)
- Honey Roasted Root Vegetables & Ginger (v,gf)
- Curried Lentil, Parsnip & Apple (v,gf)
- French Onion (gf)
- Celeriac, Bacon & Barley
- Thai Green Coconut, Vegetable & Rice Noodle (vg)
- Spiced Turkey & Chickpea Broth
- Creamy Lentil & Bacon (gf)
- Minestrone (df)

*Festive Filled Sandwiches – Ask us for Toasted or Cold*  
*Hummingbird Festive Turkey & Bacon Club Sandwich*

- Hot Smoked Salmon & Cream Cheese Bagel
- JG Dosssett Pigs in Blanket, Stuffing & Tomato Chutney on White Bread
- Brie & Fig Jam on Brown Bread (v)
- Falafel & Winter Chutney (vg)

*Hot Pot Food Hubs*  
*The options below will rotate on a weekly basis*

- Pork Sausage Stovies
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Asian Beef Stew
- Lamb & Potato Stew
- Anbergine Parmigiana (v)
- Creamy Gammon & Mushroom Carbonara
- Vietnamese Style Vegetable (vg,gf)

*Handmade Sweet Treats – Please also see our specials*  
*The options below will rotate on a weekly basis*

- Our Signature Hummingbird Cake
- Traditional Christmas Cake
- Coconut Snow Balls
- Festive Shaped Shortbread
- Peppermint Brownie
- Yule Log
- Baileys Cheesecake
- Warm Mince Pies
- Scone of the Day with Butter and Preserve

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AT THE RESIDENCE

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Love, Team Carr x

# Kintore Kemnay & District Rotary Club

Firstly, we hope everyone has been keeping well and safe, it's been another busy few months and it's been great to cautiously start to get out and about a lot more. At the Rotary Club we've enjoyed meeting in person more regularly over the last few months. As well as meeting for walks, and picnics when the weather allowed, we've also been enjoying gathering for dinner and meeting at the Bennachie Lodge in Kemnay. At the time of writing, we're just away to host a traditional music night in the bar, hoping for a good turnout and the opportunity to tell people what being a Rotarian is all about.

We are now well into the Rotary year, approaching the halfway mark, and it's been a busy one so far. Being able to meet has made a big difference for activities and allowed us to plan too. During September we held our annual Duck Race after missing it last year, it was good to gather and put the ducks in the stream to race, we had great engagement on duck sales, so it was the first fundraising we had been able to do for a while. Since then, we've started to organise some of our regular fundraising events, the first Topsy Tea Party events are in planning now for 2022, as well as our annual Golf day. I'm sure plenty more events will follow!!

At this time of the year, we traditionally support Charlie House, selling raffle tickets to win a car. Thankfully we've been able to help in the Bon Accord centre and have done a couple of weekends and will be doing further days before Christmas, so if you are in town make sure to get a ticket to support Rotary and Charlie House. We've also been busy with Christmas Shoeboxes again this year, latest count there were almost 60 boxes filled, so many thanks to Kintore residents for requesting boxes for filling.

**Each year Rotary also organise various youth competitions, and this year is no different. We have the Young Photographer Competition, Young Artist and Young Writer all taking place. Entry forms are available and must be submitted by early February. Email us for more information, we're hoping to get lots of submissions again this year.**

A great benefit to meeting in person again has been our talks from local charities and organisations, we've had some great presentations and discussions while meeting and it's enjoyable to do this face to face. Our last talk, from Guide Dogs, was a particularly insightful one creating a lot of discussion. We're looking forward to being able to meet more charities and look at ways we can help them. With events happening again, we'll also be turning our attention to fundraising and are looking forward to more events happening next year so we can get back up to speed again. Watch our for our online fundraising too, we are here to support our communities as well as charities so keep an eye out for Rotary activities.

Getting together has been great, but we're still holding onto the online and hybrid meetings, as it gives more flexibility to our members. The intention, when possible, is to meet at different locations in our area, for fellowship and discussions. We welcome many guests, and if you would be interested to join in on a meeting or find out more about Rotary and how you can contribute within your community,

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Rotary Club of Kintore, Kemnay & District

find us on Facebook or send a message to [jamie.grant79@yahoo.com](mailto:jamie.grant79@yahoo.com). We are really keen to recruit more members to build on the team we have and to be able to support the community more. Our meetings are the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month, at 6.45pm.

**Jamie Grant**  
*Kintore, Kemnay and District Rotary Club*

**THE BOTHIE**  
*ringing people 2gether*

**We are re-opening some of our youth groups!**

**Mondays - Junior Group for P5, P6, P7 3.30pm-5pm**

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# Keep your pets safe over the festive season

As winter ever convincingly draws in, and our thoughts turn to Christmas trees and festive fayre, I thought I would provide a timely warning about some potential dangers to our pet Cats and Dogs which are (surprisingly in some cases) contained within all of our seasonal Christmas trolleys.

What is dangerous about Christmas Dinner you might rightly ask? There are several common household foods and items that if ingested, can cause illness in our beloved pet cat or dog.

The number one offender is our favourite Christmas indiscretion: Chocolate. Chocolate contains a chemical called Theobromine. This is harmless to us (apart from our waistlines) but can cause heart problems, and in severe cases, seizures if eaten by a pet. Remember and lock up those choccies, and as with all of these examples, if you are worried that your pet has eaten something potentially toxic, please call your vet immediately for advice.

Number Two on our most wanted list are Onions and Garlic (look to the turkey stuffing and the roast veg for these). In large quantities, these can cause anaemia (pale gums) and weakness in pets.

On the Third day of Christmas, please watch out for the humble raisin, which plumps out the plum pudding, and fills our mince pies. Please don't offer your dog a leftover

mince pie, because raisins in large amounts can cause vomiting, diarrhoea and even kidney failure in dogs. The cause of this toxicity is unknown.

Next a slightly less common Christmas treat: Avocado. This fruit contains a chemical called "Persin," which can cause vomiting, diarrhoea and breathing difficulty in our pets.

Finally a Christmas decorative item: Lilly flowers. Lilies are hugely toxic to cats causing kidney failure and severe depression just from ingesting a small amount of pollen. Cats will clean the pollen from their fur if they brush past a flower, thus facilitating ingestion (swallowing). So severe is this reaction that I (like many other cat owners I know) don't even have lilies in the house!

The last thing I want to do is to put a dampener on your festive celebrations, but with awareness and some simple precautions, we can all keep our pets happy and healthy this festive season. In the mean time, all of our best wishes for the holiday season.

**Charlie Carnochan BVM&S MRCVS**  
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On a Saturday browsing session, numbers using the library are on a strictly limited number basis, and you will need to be signed in for track and trace purposes.

You will be able to access the public computers and print from your own or our device, paying either with your card or in cash (correct change please), You may also photocopy (cash only – correct change please).

And of course you will be able to choose your own books. You will also be able to pick up hearing aid batteries / dog poo bags/ food caddy waste and battery bags.

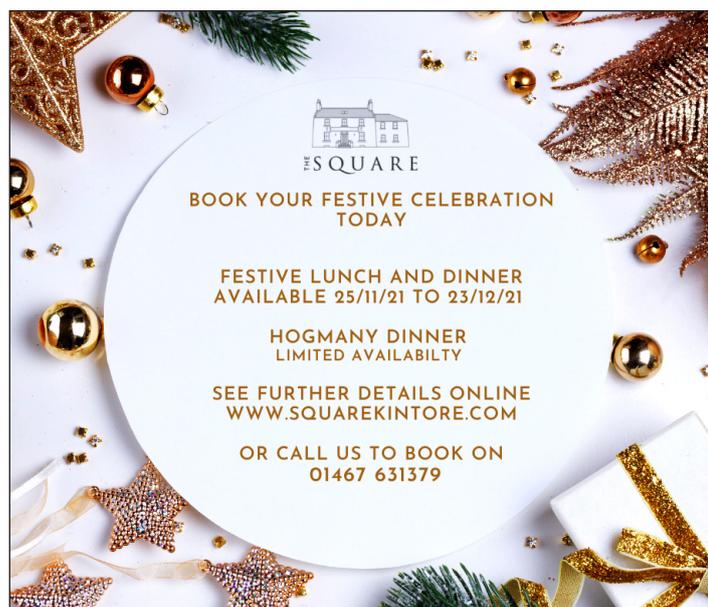
On a Tuesday Click and Collect slot, you will be able to

- Return items
- Collect a reserved item
- Collect a book bundle (which will be chosen by the librarian from your guidelines)
- Pick up hearing aid batteries / dog poo bags/ food caddy waste and battery bags

For further information or to book a 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. This is also the phone number for Live Life Aberdeenshire Leisure sites.

As many staff are still redeployed any future opening up of facilities will be on a phased basis.

Please like our Facebook page Kintore Library and/or Aberdeenshire Library and Information Services.



# Aberdeenshire Walks



## Dunecht Estate, Near Westhill

You can park for free along the verge of the road outside the estate, across from Jaff's Bar and Dunecht Garage.

*3 different routes we recommend:*

3km short loop round the grounds, past the house and through the golf course

9km walk round estate and Loch of Skene

11km walk round the grounds and then up Barmekin Hill  
Dunecht Estate is great because it's such a versatile walk with different length options for all ages and abilities! It's a lovely woodland trail and the estate itself is very accessible. Please be respectful of the estate as it is private property - the owners are very kind and allow people to enjoy their land.

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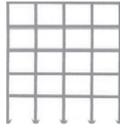
# Why are Socks the Perfect Christmas Present

I remember back to a few years ago when receiving socks as a gift for Christmas, and it seemed to be a little bit of a daft gift. I never understood why anyone thought that gifting socks was a good idea. I realised in the last couple years that socks are actually one of the best, if not one of my favourite, gifts to get, or give, at Christmas.

For this time of year, socks are incredibly practical. Over winter staying warm is incredibly important, so really socks are useful. Socks are easier to buy for people, as they have more general sizing than a t-shirt or jumper. Socks are good 'stocking-filler' gifts as they are small, and can be quite cheap. Often, around the holiday period, shops sell comedic or themed socks, featuring favourite TV shows or movies or Christmas related jokes. Last year I was gifted a pair with a Christmas turkey on them, and they were one of my favourite presents of the Christmas.

Christmas time is the perfect chance for a top up in the sock drawer for everyone. Whether they are funny Rudolph socks, or plain black sports socks, everyone needs socks, making them the perfect Christmas present.

Katie Henderson



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# Kintore & District Community Council

We hope everyone is keeping safe and well, it's been another busy few months for the Community Council team. With restrictions easing, it's been possible to move to hybrid meeting arrangements and allowed some members to meet in person for our monthly meetings. There has been 3 now, and a big thanks goes to Glen at the Crafty Café for hosting the last two meetings. It's also been great to have some good interaction with the community recently too, with attendance at our meetings as well as reaching out for support or help with issues, it's what we're hear for but still nice to see.

Planning matters have been fewer in recent months, but there has still been plenty to review and discuss. After the refusal of the Town Park application, there has been an appeal submitted, so there have been statements to send off to ensure the community is represented through the appeals process. There will be updates on the process on the Kintore Facebook page.

Recently we have been reporting issues with anti-social behaviour, and we have been pleased to see recently that there has been a reduction in reported issues from the local police. There had been an increase in police presence, and advice was being given to groups which has certainly made a difference. We still get reports of isolated incidents and have noted some problems with localised access problems, but working with Aberdeenshire Council and their support we are hoping that these will also reduce. Kintore has some great areas for walking and exploring, it's all of our responsibility to keep these areas clean and tidy and as nature intended.

Through our Facebook page, we've had several campaigns to raise awareness of the defibrillators that are placed around the village. The unit's play an important part in the community, while we hope they are not needed, it's a great comfort to know where they are if the need arises.

As I write this, we are busy planning the fireworks event, and it's been great to see the planning through and get the public engaged in gathering as a community. There are plans in place for the switch on of the Christmas Lights, and we are seeing other community events being arranged and planned which is great to see after more than 18 months of no public gatherings. It's great to see a buzz around the village again and we are looking forward to 2022 and many of our traditional events being back on the calendar!

Community resilience is another important agenda item for our meetings, we are lucky to have good council support, and as we are coming into the winter months it's important that we're prepared, and people know where to go for help. We are updating the resilience plans which are held by the council, so keep an eye out for any updates on our social media.

We continue to meet online, hopefully in person soon, anyone from the community is welcome to attend and listen to what is discussed. As part of the Garioch Area, the community council have support from Aberdeenshire Council, with our local councillors attending meetings to give advice and support. Our meetings are the 3rd Tuesday of each month, at 7pm. Email info@kintorecommunitycouncil.co.uk with any questions.

**Jamie Grant, Kintore and District Community Council**

## Central Aberdeenshire Federation of Halls

### *Vacancy*

The above group are currently looking for a Secretary/Treasurer who would assist in basic bookkeeping and secretarial duties for some remuneration.

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## KINTORE HISTORY



### 300 years ago

In December 1721 a new born baby was found abandoned in Inverurie. In an attempt to discover the mother all the unmarried women in the parish of Kintore had to report to either the schoolhouse in Kintore village, or Fordtown, whichever was more convenient, to have their breasts examined under the supervision of the Kirk Session. It was proved that the baby's mother did not come from Kintore.

### 150 years ago

In February 1872, houses in Kintore were flooded when the Don burst its banks.

### 100 years ago

Kintore enjoyed a variety of social events during the winter months. The Kintore Literary Society listened to a lecture on Sir Walter Scott, and had a magazine night. The Kintore Dramatic Club performed "Mill o Tifty's Annie" followed by a dance in the public hall. The church was raising money for the Organ Fund and organised a lecture on Mountaineering in the Pyrenees illustrated by lantern slides. Kintore had a Whist Club and a Women's Guild. The Golf Club also provided social events.

# Aberdeenshire Councillor's Report

Back in the summer, I reported on the position regarding the latest planning applications relating to the long-awaited town park. Since that time, the Council has refused both of the significant applications it had to consider. Amongst other things, the developer was seeking permissions to reduce the size of the town park and shift its location further from the town centre, to a peripheral position in the south-west corner of the site.

The councillors on the Garioch Area Committee considered these latest proposals from the developer very carefully. After extensive questioning and debate by councillors, the decision to refuse was unanimous. No councillor thought the proposals were acceptable. The two formal reasons for refusal were the smaller size and more remote position now proposed for the town park, both changes being contrary to planning policies relating to the site.

Unsurprisingly, the developer has lodged appeals against the Council's refusals. This means the applications will now be determined by a reporter from the Scottish Government Planning and Environmental Appeals Division. The Council will be defending its position and seeking to get the refusals upheld.

As I write this, world leaders have gathered in Glasgow for COP26. Some 200 countries are represented at the talks seeking to agree on cuts to greenhouse gas emissions by 2030. This has to be the most important meeting of this year, very probably of this decade. It may agree action to prevent catastrophic climate change. Or it may not.

Aberdeenshire Council agreed last year that it would cut its own greenhouse gas emissions by 75 per cent by 2030 (compared with a 2010/11 baseline). The target relates to the emissions the Council is required to report annually (as carbon dioxide equivalent) to the Scottish Government. It includes emissions arising from the Council's use of fossil fuels (e.g. for vehicles and heating schools and offices), due to electricity use (e.g. for street lights) and other activities the Council does in the course of providing services. A 75 per cent cut by 2030 is also the Scottish emissions target agreed by the Scottish Parliament. So if the Council does what it has said it will do, and the Scottish target is also met, the Council will have made a pro rata contribution to the reduction for Scotland as a whole. In my view, that is the least the Council should do. Otherwise, the

Council is relying on others to achieve a more than 75 per cent cut to make up for its smaller contribution.

While the science is clear about the need to drastically and urgently cut greenhouse gas emissions, the politics are far from straightforward. Emissions reduction on the scale needed will require major changes in areas as diverse as what we eat, energy supply, transport and how land is managed. Promising to cut emissions by some date in the future isn't a political problem, but making the changes required to actually meet those future targets is. Difficult decisions are required now if the reductions needed (and already agreed) are to be delivered in ten or twenty years time. Both the UK and Scottish Governments have committed to bold targets for reducing emissions but neither government has yet made some of the major policy changes that meeting those targets will require.

I am pleased Aberdeenshire Council has committed to a 75 per cent cut in its emissions by 2030. What matters though is that the Council delivers and actually achieves that cut. The Council has been taking action to curtail emissions for years, and in recent years the emissions reported by the Council have indeed been reduced. The approach taken to date though will not deliver a 75 per cent reduction by 2030. At the moment, the Council does not know how it will make the reduction it has promised by the end of this decade, or what that will cost. As its contribution to the global effort, the Council aims to have a fully costed plan by March next year for achieving its own 75 per cent emissions reduction by 2030. The full council meeting last June agreed £100,000 to produce a 'route map to 2030' identifying the different measures to be taken to reduce emissions, the reduction from each and the saving or cost of each abatement measure (£ per tonne carbon dioxide equivalent). That work is underway. So I hope and expect the Council will be able to agree a plan next spring which should enable it to deliver on the commitment it has already given on cutting its emissions. That will be significant progress though of course it will still require eight more years of effort and continuing commitment for a successful outcome.

**Cllr Martin Ford**

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# Kintore Church

## Message from Rev Neil Meyer



### **No Room at the Inn**

*“And while they were there, the time came for Mary to give birth. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.” **Luke 2:6-7***

Dear friends,

A key part in every Christmas Nativity play is that of the inn-keeper, the one who turns away the Holy Family from the inn and relegates them to a makeshift maternity ward in the barn – thereby setting the scene for the classic Nativity picture of the baby born in the manger. The lesson from this story is that, though there was no room at the inn, God came anyway.

There was no room at the inn – at least the inn-keeper was honest enough to say so.

The season of Advent – this crazy busy time leading up to Christmas – is not however a time of waiting for baby Jesus to be born. That already happened 2000 years ago. Advent is when we wait for God, in Christ, to come anew into our world with love and mercy and grace. The trouble is there’s no room for him.

Busy-ness crowds him out. Where on earth would we find time for such a divine presence when we are already running to standstill? Our lives are far too full as it is to squeeze in time for deep spiritual reflection. God comes anyway.

The complexity of the modern world crowds him out. It’s not just that we are busy, we are also wrestling with a world of staggering complexity where issues of job-security,

pandemic management, climate change, national politics and holding together our mental health while trying to put food on our tables all vie for our attention. God comes anyway.

Our own unpreparedness crowds him out. Maybe the idea that God wants to be a loving, peace-bringing presence in our lives appeals to us. But we feel nowhere near being ready for that yet. So much brokenness, pain, failure and anxiety must be swept away before we could let him into our hearts. For now, he’ll have to wait in the barn. God comes anyway.

Writer James Finley recalls attending a Christmas Eve church service as a child. The building was crowded and at the other end of the church a baby started to cry. “Is that the baby Jesus crying?”, he asked his mother. “Yes, it is”, she replied. “And I believed her,” he writes, “and today at 74 years old, I still do believe her.” He reflects on the truth that God still comes into our complex world today in ways as simple as a baby’s cry. “Christmas is us being awakened to the birthing of God into the simplicity of our hearts and the depths of our lives and the complexity of whatever the day might bring.

Grace and peace to you all,  
**Rev Neil Meyer**



Dates for your diary

**Sunday afternoon January 9th**

**Sunday afternoon February 6th**

**Sunday afternoon March 6th**

**Messy Easter outdoor trail April 17th**

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

If you haven’t experienced Messy Church for yourselves yet, it would be lovely to see you. You can find details and more information about our meet ups each month at [www.kintorekirk.org](http://www.kintorekirk.org) or on Facebook Messy Church Kintore.

## KINTORE SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB



We are an over 55’s club who meet in the Church Hall on Wednesday afternoons from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. during the winter months.

Our programme includes Scottish, County Western and Irish musicians and singers.

*Our 2021/2022 session starts on the 1st December*

We are looking for new members to join our friendly club. The annual membership fee is £10. So if you want to be entertained on a Wednesday afternoon please come along as all members old and new are most welcome.

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# Sustainable Kintore

We are a small group of volunteers affiliated to Kintore Parish Church and Kintore Community Church, who are trying to raise awareness of global justice issues, climate change, and are also working to improve our local, natural environment in Kintore. We would like to say a big “thank you” to everyone who has supported us in the last few months by offering advice and/or practical help and by just spreading the word and raising awareness. We would be delighted if more people would like to join us. More information can be found on the Sustainable Kintore Facebook page.

## So far, we have done the following

- Set up litter picking stations in a number of locations throughout the village and taken part in regular litter picking walks
- Organised the summer Garden Sculpture trail, encouraging residents to create garden ornaments out of recycled plastic and other materials.
- Encouraged and planted donations of bulbs and flowers throughout the village.
- Repaired the swing in Gauchhill Community Wood
- Encouraged people to grow their own produce
- Made contact with Aberdeenshire environmental and recycling services
- Had online discussions about the climate crisis and sustainability with local MP Richard Thomson and MSP Alexander Burnett
- Held a successful produce, plant and book event on 4th September
- Spread the word to Gordon Presbytery and other churches, notably Ellon Parish Church

- Led Summer Services promoting climate justice, COP26 and the work of Tear Fund and Christian Aid
- Collaborated with other organisations like Kintore Rotary, Kintore Library and the Bothy to promote environmental awareness
- Created a small library of environmental reading materials
- Have supported recent planning objections to the lack of green spaces in projected new developments
- Painted over the graffiti on the Castle Road underpass
- Promoted the Garioch Christian Aid Group Daviot Eco Trail
- Open days were held at Kintore Parish Church on Saturday 6th, Sunday 7th and Wednesday 10th November to coincide with COP26. There were stands featuring local sustainable businesses, local farmers and environmental charities, along with a selection of library books and other reading materials
- The church was lit in green throughout COP26, and rang the bells at 6pm on Saturday 30th October on the eve of COP26
- There was a special church service on Sunday 7th November.
- One of our members gave a talk about Kintore Youth involvement in Sustainable Kintore at the Aberdeen Interfaith conference on 30th October.

## At the time of writing, another initiative is planned

- We are investigating the possibility of planting fruit trees in the church garden

# Think You Know Quiz by Cllr. Glen Reid

## *The Konnect Konundrum*

- What opened in Kintore in 1837 and ran for almost 100 years before merging with an Aberdeen rival?

## *Scotland*

- Which Scots word means; pale, off colour, sickly-looking?

- Which 1949 Scottish comedy film about an island community, based on a novel by Compton Mackenzie, was remade in 2016 and filmed mostly in Portsoy?

- How many times has Scotland hosted the Commonwealth Games?

- Which Scottish city is known by the nickname the Fair City?

## *General Knowledge*

- What is the closest non-UK capital city to London?

- In 1917, Finland declared its independence from which country?

- What does the ‘SD’ in SD card stand for?

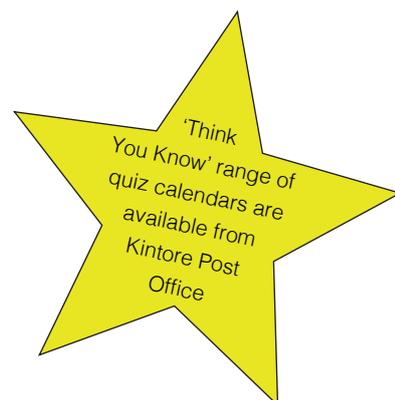
- What does the Beaufort scale measure?

## *True or False?*

*Which one is true and which one is false:*

- There used to be a canal in Kintore.

- The raincoat was invented by a man from Kintore.



**See page 17 for the answers!**

# WIN A £10 GIFT TOKEN

All children up to 10 years of age can enter this competition. Please hand in your entries to your local butcher, J&G Dossett by 1st February 2022. Well done to the winner of issue 45, Owen Smith, aged 8.



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# Diary of Events

DATE	EVENT	WHERE	TIME
1st Tues	Kintore SWI	Kintore Public Hall	19.30
3rd Tues	Community Council Meeting	Currently online	19.00
1st & 3rd Thurs	Kintore, Kemnay & District Rotary Club	Currently online	18.45
3rd Sun	Messy Church	Kintore Church <i>as per covid regulations</i>	15.30-17.30
<i>Weekly Meetings</i>			
Mon	Junior Group - P5, P6 + P7	The Bothie	15.30-17.00
Mon	Girls Brigade Groups (P1 up to and including S6)	Church Hall	17.00-18.45
Mon	Kintore Scouts - Cubs (8-10 years)	Kintore Scout Hut	18.30-20.15
Tues & Thurs	Kintore Scouts - Beavers (6-8 years)	Kintore Scout Hut	18.00-19.00
Tues & Thurs	Kintore Scouts - Scouts (10-15 years)	Kintore Scout Hut	19.30-21.00
Tue	Young & Free to Speak (YAFTS) (All kids S1+)	The Bothie	19.00-21.00
Wed	Health Walk	The Square	10.00
Sun	Kintore Community Church	Kintore Village Hall	15.00

For Christmas Services please check Kintore Church website [www.kintorekirk.org](http://www.kintorekirk.org) and Facebook Page for special events and up-to-date details

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## Christmas Panto's

### INVERURIE

#### Sleeping Beauty

9th - 24th December 2021  
Inverurie Town Hall

### ABERDEEN

#### Beauty & the Beast

4th December 2021 - 2nd January 2022  
His Majesty's Theatre

#### Sleeping Beauty

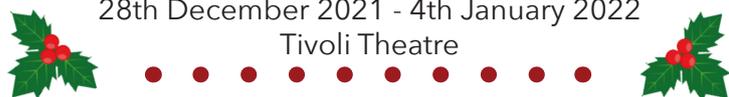
28th November - 24th December 2021  
Aberdeen Arts Centre

#### Jack and the Beanstalk

3rd - 22nd December 2021  
Tivoli Theatre

#### Sleeping Beauty - Family Panto

28th December 2021 - 4th January 2022  
Tivoli Theatre



18th NOVEMBER - 31st DECEMBER 2021

## ABERDEEN CHRISTMAS VILLAGE RETURNS FOR 2021!

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Sat, 10am - 12am, Sun, 10am - 11pm  
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**Village Square:** Food and Drinks: Mon - Thurs, 12pm - 11pm Fri, 12pm - 12am (School Holidays, open from 11am Mon - Fri)  
Sat, 10am - 12am Sun, 10am - 11pm

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*Kintore Christmas lights switch on event*

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MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW

## Think You Know Quiz by Cllr. Glen Reid

### Answers

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**The Konnect Konundrum**

- The Kintore Savings Bank (merged with the Aberdeen Savings Bank, which later became the TSB).

**Scotland**

- Peellie-wally.
- Whisky Galore.
- Three, Edinburgh (1970 and 1986) and Glasgow (2014).
- Perth.

**General Knowledge**

- Brussels.
- Russia.
- Secure Digital.
- Strength of the wind.

**True or False?**

There used to be a canal in Kintore. **True.**

The raincoat was invented by a man from Kintore. **False.**

# Darker nights, where are you?

## Emergency services urges people to make their house numbers visible

With the clocks changing soon, this means darker nights and more challenges for the emergency services.

### **Can we find your home?**

Once a 999 call comes in, it is vital that the emergency services can find your address quickly, day or night. When responding to a 999 call it is really frustrating not being able to find an address.

Emergency crews regularly find house numbers and even road signs obscured by hedges that have overgrown over the summer or paint work that has faded. When dark, it's even more difficult to identify properties.

If your house name or number cannot be seen from the roadside, there will be a delay getting to you. What is needed is for your house number or name to be clearly visible from the road and lit up at night to save those vital seconds which ultimately can make a significant difference to an outcome.

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.

<https://support.google.com/maps/answer/6320846?hl=en-GB&co=GENIE.Platform%3DAndroid>

It is a difficult 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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for the March 2022 issue is  
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# Floral Displays

As some of you will know, the floral displays around Kintore are looked after by Ainslie Reid and a team of Volunteers, doing a great job of keeping them looking good all year round.

For 2022, Ainslie plans to step back from managing the displays, so the Community Council are looking for someone to take over.

The team of volunteers will still be helping, so we're looking for someone who can manage the display rotations and purchasing of flowers, as well as coordinating the regular maintenance.

If you are, or know someone interested, please message us here or email [info@kintorecommunitycouncil.com](mailto:info@kintorecommunitycouncil.com)



## Aberdeenshire North Foodbank



Aberdeenshire North Foodbank has continued to be very busy over the last few months. To date, this year, we have provided over 6263 food parcels across North Aberdeenshire, with over 1255 going to families in the Inverurie and surrounding area.

We are still seeing pressures for people due to COVID-19 in terms of self-isolation and illness, as well as the end of the furlough scheme. We are also starting to see some impact from the reversal of the Universal Credit £20 uplift at the start of October. With heating bills due to increase as well as the cost of Christmas, we are anticipating some challenging times ahead for a number of individuals and families in our communities.

We have, however, a new service being provided from our foodbank centre in Inverurie – a Financial Inclusion Service provided through a partnership with Aberdeen Foyer. When someone has received a food parcel, and gives their consent, they will be contacted by a Financial Inclusion Worker to see if there is any additional support that can be provided with regards to making sure they are receiving all the financial support they are entitled to.

We cannot provide the service we do without the generosity of the public so we would just like to take this opportunity again and say a huge thank you to everyone. We have just issued our Reverse Advent Calendar appeal, so please do have a look on our website or social media pages for more information if you are interested in this. We still have collection points at the Co-op & Sainsbury's in Kintore and Kintore Church is kindly still running a collection point for us.

**If you would like to donate food, here are some suggestions:** - UHT milk / powdered milk, boxes of breakfast cereal, tinned meat (mince and peas, beef stew, chicken curry), tinned potatoes, sponge puddings, litre boxes of long-life fruit juice, jam, small sized coffee, boxes of cereal bars, tinned tomatoes, shower gel, deodorant, kitchen roll, basic cleaning products.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Aberdeenshire North Food Bank volunteers