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Think You Know Quiz by Cllr. Glen Reid

The Konnect Konundrum

- What crossed School Road and then Forest Road before heading towards Bridgealehouse?

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- Which band was Clare Grogan in?
- What is the most northerly point of mainland Scotland?
- JM Barrie's childhood adventures at Moat Brae inspired Peter Pan, but in which town is Moat Brae?

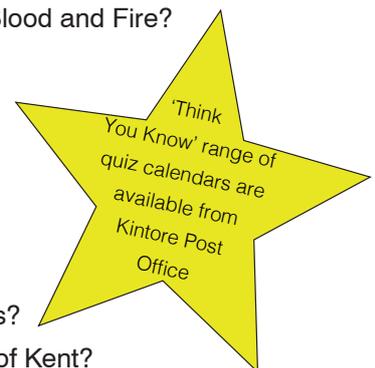
General Knowledge

- What colour is the upholstery in the House of Commons?
- In which country is the bridge over the river Kwai?
- Which organisation's motto is Blood and Fire?

True or False?

Which one is true and which one is false:

- Most fish can swim backwards?
- Leeds Castle is in the county of Kent?



See page 15 for the answers!

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The Queen who loved Aberdeenshire

Although her health was obviously failing at the age of 96, we had just seen a smiling Queen welcome her new Prime Minister to her beloved Aberdeenshire retreat at Balmoral Castle. She had been advised not to attend the Braemar Gathering for health reasons, but the radiant smile as she reached out her hand to greet Liz Truss, offered reassurance.

So, despite her advancing years it was still a shock for most of us when news came, two days later on the afternoon of Thursday, September 8, that the Queen had died.

Queen Elizabeth II ruled for longer than any other Monarch in British history, becoming a much loved and respected figure, not just in Scotland and the rest of the UK, but across the world. For more than 70 years, Her Majesty was Head of the Commonwealth, linking more than two billion people worldwide.



Her death at her Deeside home meant that much of the pageantry surrounding her death had a very Scottish tone. The funeral cortege travelled from Balmoral, through a silent crowd in Ballater and on through Aboyne, Banchory and Drumoak to Aberdeen. From there the cortege headed by Dundee and the Forth Crossing, to lie in state at St Giles Cathedral, in Edinburgh before being taken to London for the funeral.

There was an unwritten statement in this itinerary. This focus on her life role as monarch of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, was a very clear reminder that she was not the “Queen of England” as she was often called by those who did not pay attention in their geography or history lessons.

One of the BBC commentators made this very point that the distinctly Scottish flavour made it clear to the world that Scotland and Aberdeenshire were as much “home” to Queen Elizabeth II as London.

The affection for the Queen in Scotland was obvious for all to see as thousands of people lined the route from Balmoral to the Palace of Holyroodhouse in Edinburgh. They stood mostly in respectful silence, occasionally bursting into spontaneous applause.

This affection came from the way people saw her dedicate her life to service. She acceded to the throne aged just 25, and her life changed overnight from that of a young naval wife and mother to a busy Head of State. She was to become known for her sense of duty and her devotion to a life of service. She was the figurehead for the UK and the Commonwealth during times of both crisis and celebration.

But, behind the serious facade of her important roles, it was clear that the Queen had a well-tuned sense of humour and fun. Like the occasion when she ‘photo-bombed’ an Australian hockey star’s selfie or – a personal favourite – the picture of her and the now King Charles III laughing uproariously in the Royal Box at the Braemar Gathering.

Rest in peace ma’am. Thank you for all your years of service.

Ken McEwen

Thank You

As you will be aware, Lorna said farewell in the last edition of the magazine, and we want to say our thanks for all the hard work that has gone in to producing this over the years.

The Community Council have taken on responsibility for the editing and production for now, after the feedback seen if the magazine had stopped. We’ve been excited about the feedback and requests to get information in, it’s been a task getting everything to fit!

We hope we do the magazine justice, and as always, welcome any input or if anyone wants to get involved let us know.

Jamie and the team.

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Whiz Bang!!

By far the most common topic of conversation in my consulting room at this time of year is Guy Fawkes night. An annual celebration loved and adored by children, but dreaded by many pet owners. It will be a familiar sight as the first rockets start to whoosh into the sky, and our dog disappears under the dining room table and turns into a shivering wreck, who won't even be tempted out by his or her usual favourite meat based indiscretion! Market research has shown as many as 80% of pets might be scared of fireworks.

A fear response is a normal mechanism. It has evolved over generations to protect us from harm. It is called the "fight or flight" response. The trouble comes when the fear becomes engrained. Pets can become hypersensitive to noise and the fear response can change from being elicited by just fireworks to any loud noise. This becomes a problem. So what do we do?

Noise desensitisation

Training your dog or cat that there is no need to be scared is the best long term solution. This involves using a commercially available CD designed to repeat play various scary noises. It is best to seek professional advice before using these so please speak to your vet. Unfortunately in order to work treatment must be started a good few months in advance, so it is too late for this year. Well worth a second thought in advance of next year though.

Pheromones

'Adaptil' and 'Feliway' are well known and widely used "happy" pheromones for dogs and cats. They come in plug in diffuser formats, and as collars for dogs and sprays for cats. There is published data about their efficacy. They aid general relaxation and will take the edge off most fear behaviors. In severe cases they are unlikely to be enough by themselves, but are a useful addition to any treatment strategy.

Drugs

Please see your vet. We had a new medication hit the market next year which works very well for fireworks – it's a prescription medicine so legally I'm not allowed to say what it's called in this article, so give us a call and ask for the 'new, really good medication for fireworks!'. Now is the time to make an approach to your vet to get medication in advance of there being a problem. 10pm on the 5th November is too late!

Reassurance

Never punish your dog or cat for being scared, this will make matters worse. Equally, no not over fuss your dog or cat. This vital point is missed by many who think they are doing the right thing by cuddling up to their scared pet. In actual fact, over-reassurance serves to reinforce the fear behavior. It tells your pet that they are right to be scared, and confirms in their mind that there is a real thing to be scared of. It is far better for you to carry on as normal, being jolly, and pretending that there is absolutely nothing to be worried about.

Environment

Make your pet a safe den to hide in. Cover up a corner of the room with a blanket or provide a dark quiet room for your pet to hide in. Remember not to over-fuss them if they are hiding!

Food

Remember that feeling after a large 4 course Indian meal when your tummy is bursting full? You get very sleepy! The science is that the release of insulin works alongside endorphin release to cause a sleepy feeling. It works on pets as well. In advance of the noise starting (because if they are already scared they definitely won't want to eat), offer them a large meal. Not Indian food of course, just their normal food will do!

Anything else?

There are natural calming remedies available from your veterinary team, just phone your surgery for advice. There will be something that you can be given often without having to take your pet for an appointment. In severe cases your vet might want to examine your pet to prescribe stronger medication. Don't just ignore a problem. Talk to your vet about a noise desensitization program next year if your pet is scared this year. And make sure and take action in advance if you think there might be a problem. If you don't do anything at all, the fear response might well be even worse next time.

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Aberdeenshire Councillor's Report

Councillor Glen Reid

Protected Status of Land set aside for potential Kintore Secondary School

At the meeting of the Garioch Area Committee on the 6 th of September, following changes proposed by the Reporter, the committee were asked to advise Full Council of any element of the Reporter's Report that they should not accept. The proposed changes included that "site P7 (east of Midmhill Primary School) is now no longer needed for a secondary school.....Recreational open space is not justified and the site should be incorporated within the OP1 allocation (houses)."

I found this incredibly short sighted and was of the opinion that this land needs to be protected for a potential school in the future. Councillors are only allowed to reject the Reporters recommendations for set reasons and I justified my view citing that the recommendations, "Are based on conclusions that could not reasonably have been reached based on the evidence considered at the Examination. I pointed out that the following would have been known to the Reporter at the time of the Examination; Kemnay Academy is old, Kemnay Academy is over capacity, 67% of all pupils at Kemnay Academy are bussed there from Kintore and Blackburn and there are over 1,000 homes zoned for Kintore. Officers confirmed that this was known to the Examiner as they had made similar arguments, and therefore I argued that to remove the protected status was an unreasonable conclusion.

I managed to persuade the whole committee and now the matter will be heard at Full Council where I will try to persuade the whole council that it is unreasonable and incredibly short sighted. The land that is protected is ideally located, next to Midmill School. It would form a community campus and be centrally located. If this protection is removed then we may find ourselves 10 years down the line, requiring a new school with no central location and therefore building it on the periphery of the town resulting in some Kintore children having to be bussed to a school in Kintore!

Book of Deer

The Book of Deer is a 10 th century illuminated manuscript from North East Scotland. As the only pre-Norman manuscript from this area it provides us with a unique insight into the early church, culture and society of this period. Amid the Latin text and the Celtic illuminations there can be found the oldest pieces of Gaelic writing to have survived from early Medieval Scotland and it is considered comparable in importance to Ireland's Book of Kells. This summer this hugely significant cultural treasure, that has wrongly resided at Cambridge University Library since the 1700's, was 'loaned' back to the North East. I have therefore raised a Notice of Motion with Aberdeenshire Council to instruct the Chief Executive, on behalf of the Council, to write to Cambridge University Library expressing our desire for the Book of Deer to be returned to its rightful home in Aberdeenshire and begin the process of permanent relocation. I hope that my fellow councillors support my motion.

Councillor Surgeries

Since June of this year, I have returned to hosting monthly surgeries throughout the settlements in the ward. During the pandemic I had held ones online, but face to face is always best where possible. The next one scheduled for Kintore will take place at: Kintore Primary School on Monday 5 th of December 6.00 – 6.30pm
There is no need to book so please come along if you feel that I can assist you in any way.

Cllr. Glen Reid

*Community Champion – LGiU Scottish Councillor Awards
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Councillor Jim Gifford

Introduction

For those of you who don't know me, I am Jim Gifford and I was elected as an Independent Councillor for East Garioch back in May. Although I am new to East Garioch, I have been a councillor on Aberdeenshire Council since 2007 – previously representing the neighbouring Mid Formartine Ward.

During that time, I have served in many groups and committees and held many Senior Councillor roles including being Council Leader twice covering a period of some six and a half years. I brought many years of experience to my work as a councillor having started off life as a Civil Engineer and Land Surveyor. I moved offshore during the early days of Oil & Gas as a Hydrographic surveyor working mostly in underwater survey and inspection.

My wife Katy and I moved to Aberdeenshire in 1987 when a became a Project Engineer and then Project Manager with several O&G Service Companies. In 1996, I started a sign manufacturing business in Dyce which I ran until selling it some seven years ago.

Since then, I have been able to concentrate on council work while also having some outside interests

– I was a past Chair of the Board of Governors at St Margaret's School in Aberdeen, I currently sit on the Regional Board at NESCOL (North East Scotland College) and advise on a Project Board at The University of Aberdeen.

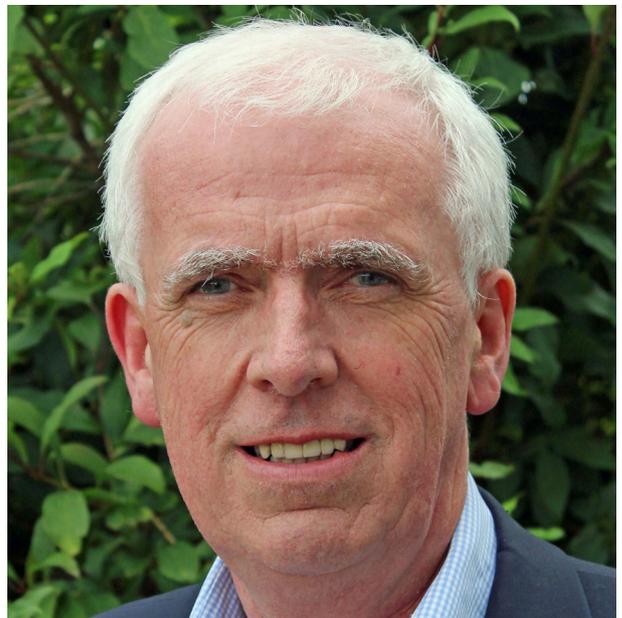
Since the elections in May, I have been elected as Vice-Chair on our local Garioch Area Committee, I am a member of the Licensing Sub Committee and also Vice-Chair of the Sustainability Committee. This last committee I think will feature greatly in the discussions within the council over the coming months and years as we wrestle with the continuing delivery of all the services that everyone needs and expects while at the same time trying to deliver our part of the drive to a lower-carbon economy and achieving net zero at speed.

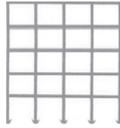
A recent report to the area committee showed the potential Road Map for the council achieving that but requires many changes to be put in place (and no-one likes change) and comes at an eye-watering cost!

The final report will be coming to the Full Council in late September and we will see then where how our carbon- reduction desires fit in with the need to balance an ever-decreasing budget with ever-increasing service demands.

So some challenging times ahead and I look forward working on your behalf as we all navigate our ways through them.

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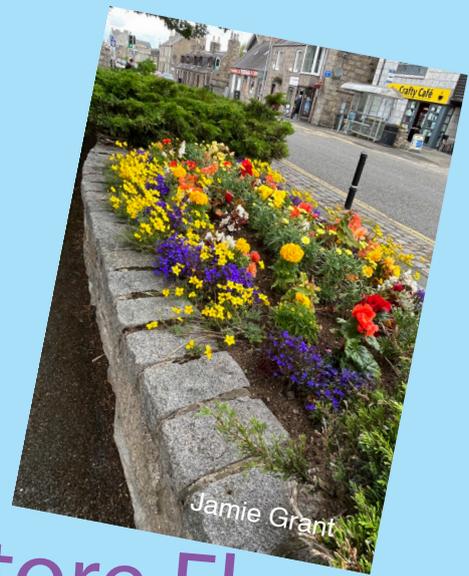
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Louise and Mike started from a small beginning in 2002 by taking in rescues as pets, then moved to Halfpenny and got asked by various people if we could help, they also fostered for now closed rescue centre PAWS. Eventually they decided to become a Sanctuary, mainly trying to help animals who would struggle to find a home elsewhere or were at risk. They became a registered charity 12 years ago. Halfpenny Animal Sanctuary – Registered Charity SC041616

They are now home to a huge range of all types of animals and birds, from small animals to horses and other farm animals. Currently they have hamsters to horses, gerbils to goats, ducks to dogs, parrots to pigs and a range in between. The animals they care for are often elderly and many require a great deal of veterinary care on arrival.

Aberdeenshire North Food Bank

The challenges we face as we head into Autumn are well documented, yet we do not yet know just how difficult it will become for people. All we can do is prepare ourselves as best we can. Recent statistics from the Trussell Trust revealed that more than 40% of those on Universal Credit skipped meals over the last few months merely to get by. It's not difficult to imagine how much more essential our role is going to become in our community. As always we would be so grateful for any donations of food or money, and we continue to look for volunteers to staff the foodbank centres.

Please visit our website <https://aberdeenshirenorth.foodbank.org.uk> for more information. As well as meeting this immediate need, we are launching our #EndHungerinAberdeenshire campaign to push for the long-term change needed to ensure everyone has enough money for the things we all need.

We invite you to attend our Inverurie Food Bank Open Day on Monday 3rd October from 12 – 2pm; you are welcome to come and see how you can help us and, should you ever need it, how we can help you.

Please contact ssinger@aberdeenshire.foodbank.org.uk if you would like to attend or would like any more information.

Over the last couple of decades, food banks have provided incredible support, and the response from our volunteers has been inspiring. However, this kind of response shouldn't be needed.

We stand on the edge of a precipice, with a clear decision to make; either we accept food banks as the 'new normal' or we work to create a more dignified compassionate, and fair society where everyone has enough money for the essentials.

As anyone with pets will know to maintain your pet's health is a never-ending process and all animals receive the same annual care as a family pet. This in turn runs up huge vet's bills and hardly a week passes without at least one visit to the vets.

There are several ways you can help support them, financially or by volunteering.

They are entirely funded by donations from the public and rely massively on the goodwill of local people. There is a donation collection trolley in TESCO, Inverurie and donations can also be left at Donview Vets in Inverurie.

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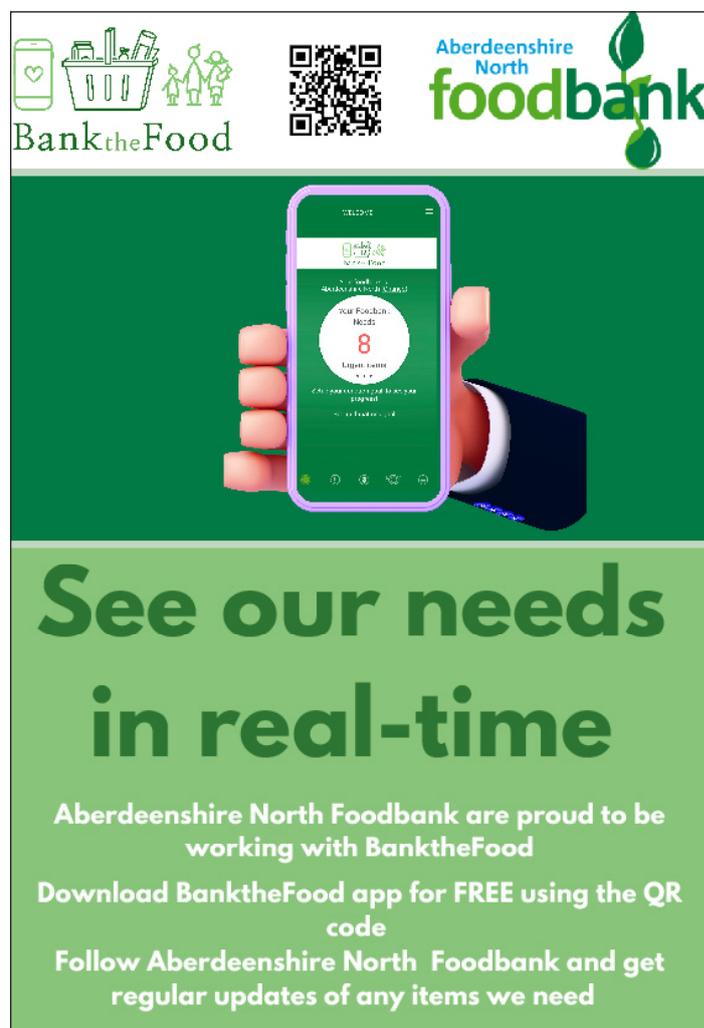
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All donations go directly towards the animals at Halfpenny and any amount is hugely appreciated, especially in these incredibly difficult times.

There are still volunteering spaces for people aged over 18 during the week, hours are between 1pm and 5pm, Monday to Friday.

If you are a mum and can only volunteer from 1-3pm, that's fine too, there's plenty to do.

Thanks from all at Halfpenny



The advertisement features a green background. At the top, there are icons for a smartphone, a shopping basket, and a family, alongside a QR code and the text 'BanktheFood' and 'Aberdeenshire North foodbank'. Below this, a hand holds a smartphone displaying the app's interface, which shows 'Your Foodbank Needs' as '8' and 'Liquor Items' as '0'. The main text reads 'See our needs in real-time'. At the bottom, it states 'Aberdeenshire North Foodbank are proud to be working with BanktheFood', 'Download BanktheFood app for FREE using the QR code', and 'Follow Aberdeenshire North Foodbank and get regular updates of any items we need'.

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500 Miles

“Stand by the roads, and look, and ask for the ancient paths, where the good way is; and walk in it, and find rest for your souls”

– Jeremiah 6:16

Dear friends,

This summer I walked 500 miles. The Camino de Santiago (the Way of St James) in Spain is one of the oldest and most well-trodden Christian pilgrimage routes dating back to the 9th century. During Middle Ages, the shrine to St James at Santiago was one of the three most important pilgrimage destinations for European Christians, the other two being Rome and Jerusalem. In 2019 over 300,000 perigrinos (pilgrims) completed the journey on foot, cycle or horse.

People make the pilgrimage for all sorts of reasons: some for the physical challenge, some for the adventure and some as tourigrinos (tourist-pilgrims), but for most it is also a spiritual journey. We met young men and women getting over painful relationship breakups, recent retirees contemplating their next life challenge, a mother who was told she would never walk again so she made a deal with God to do the Camino if God restored her – and her daughter who came along as her interpreter. My daughter and I were there to build some memories together before she heads off to uni in the Autumn.

Walking 15 miles every day for five weeks gives you a lot of time for contemplation. You begin to see the Way as a metaphor for life. We realized that for most peregrinos the goal to reach Santiago becomes secondary to the experience of the Way itself. The challenges experienced on the way, the friends made, the meals shared and the conversations by the roadside far outweigh the pieces of

parchment certifying that we reached the end. No doubt being goal-oriented, outcomes-based and results-focused have their place in our modern world but there is a danger of missing life in our rush to get “there”. I was reminded that Jesus doesn’t call himself “the Goal” but “the Way”.

This summer I walked 500 miles; and I would walk 500 more.

Grace and peace to you all,
Rev Neil Meyer

PS. The common greeting between pilgrims on the Way of St James is “Buen Camino” (good journey). It is said as a mark of respect and good wishes. Many locals will call out “Buen Camino!” as pilgrims pass by, wishing you well on your way.

Shortly before going to press we had word of Her Majesty The Queen’s death. The period of mourning, Her Majesty’s funeral and the process of accession including the coronation of His Majesty King Charles will all mark significant moments along the way for our nation and everyone in it. May God be with the Royal Family and each of our families during this part of the journey. To Her Majesty the Queen who now completes her pilgrimage to the eternal kingdom: “Buen Camino!”

And to His Majesty King Charles as he begins a new journey as monarch: “Buen Camino!”



Dates for your diary

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The summer was busy for the Community Council, we started off with our AGM, where we regretfully lost a few long standing members, who felt it was time to stand down and take a well earned break, but we also welcomed some new members.

Thanks go to Kenny Thomson, Drew Cullinane, Paul Davison and Janine Cracknell. All gave a lot of time to the Community, and will continue to do so albeit outwith KDCC. We thank them all for their time and dedication while members of the community council.

We also welcome new members, Donna Heron, Morag Thorburn and Jim Reid. It has been great to have new, while familiar, members join our team and they are eager to get involved.

Fireworks

The annual Fireworks night will soon be on us, and this year we hope to have as great a night as last. Planning has been underway for some time, and there are plans to have a few extra additions this year, which we hope will be well received by the visiting crowds. It's also been on our minds that with rising cost of living, donations are vital to the running of the event, so we will rely on your support once again to give what you can.

Projects

We are always looking at community projects that would benefit the area, and are always open to ideas and collaborations. There are often small Grants available, so if there are any small projects that you would like help with or an idea, do get in touch. There is an application in process to get funding to install some outdoor exercise equipment in

the main playing fields by the school. Any suggestions are welcome, we are always looking to encourage community groups to work together and ensure we get the best for the area.

Floral Displays

After taking on the responsibility for the flower displays, Sue Parrot has done an amazing job of organising, as well as her many helpers. It's been brilliant to see the town looking so bright throughout the summer months, and we are very thankful to Sue for stepping up this year.

Community Celebrations

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee was a great success this year, having a street party in the Square went down well and it was a busy afternoon enjoyed by all. The summer was enjoyable seeing more events taking place, and local organisations and businesses all getting involved. Looking forward to next year, when we will hopefully see similar events taking place again.

Community Council

The Kintore and District Community Council have a few spaces left for anyone looking to get involved and help out, there is a lot going on and it's a great way to get involved in the community. If you are interested to join, get in touch. As part of the Garioch Area, the community council has 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

Treasure Trails

Over the summer holidays, my family and I went down to St Andrews. We didn't know the town too well and were mainly going off a Satnav or Mum's dodgy memory to find places. On our first day in town, Mum pulled out a 'Treasure Trail.' I was quite interested as I quite like a logic puzzle, and a good wander. In total, the trail took us about two hours (not including the wee picnic in the middle!) and gave us a really good idea of St Andrews and the history surrounding parts of the town. The Treasure Trails aren't only in cities and big towns. There are actually a few in our local area that would be great for family days out or to just understand the area better.

Inverurie, Oldmeldrum, and Huntly are just a few examples of trails that can be found in Aberdeenshire, as well as numerous trails within Aberdeen itself. While the idea of a 'Treasure Trail' might not sound appealing to older kids, as a 17-year-old, I really enjoyed it and the clues were challenging and fun to puzzle out. My 15-year-old sister also really enjoyed learning about the history behind the town and my 12-year-old brother loved wandering about and trying to spot clues. My Grandparents did the trail the following week and had a great time reading all the information and I'm sure Gran had a great time solving all the clues for both of them.

The Treasure Trails are a really great and fun experience and I would recommend them to anyone of all ages for a bit of fun, facts, and a good walk.

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Kintore Floral Displays

I think you will all agree that, in spite of the unusual weather conditions, Kintore still manages to look beautiful and the tubs, planters and baskets have survived amazingly well adding a smile to the faces of both residents and visitors. Our team of waterers and weeders have done a fantastic job to keep them all looking so good during a very hot summer. On behalf of 'The Floral Team' I should like to say a huge thankyou to the following businesses for their recent donations to our flower fund. Their support and generosity is much appreciated especially in the uncertain economic climate we are living in at present:

Caledonian Logistics, J & G Dossett Butcher, Station Garage, Elite Hair Studio, Moars Furnishings, First Photographics, Colin Tough Joinery, Dalgarno Chemicals, N & B Calder Monumental Masons, Rotary Club, C & M McDonald Motors, Motive, N. Lawie Architectural Design, Monarch Windows & Conservatories, Bob Ironside Machinery Repairs, Rebecca Carr - The Residence, Kintore Car Sales, Hillhead Caravans, Kintore Fish Bar, The Square Pub & Restaurant, Inverurie Dental Care, J. M. Gilbert, Craig and Beverly Funeral Directors, R & R Sharp, Debz Hair Studio, Maisies Daisies Gardening Services, Wee Rascals Nursery, Genny Hire and J & W Thomson Plumbing.

Furthermore, without the help of Breedon Quarries, Caledonian Logistics, Jim Reid, C & M McDonald, Peter Strachan, Rotary Club, Alec Black, J & W

Thomson, V.G. Mathers Ltd, A. R. Mowat, Monarch, Gall Engineering, Ian Paterson Septic Tanks Garage Door Co and Eblast sponsoring the purchase of the planters etc these displays would not be possible.

Also thanks must go to Malcolm Allan, Jim Reid and Taylor Made Refills for their ongoing support and provision of equipment, vehicles and storage.

On a more personal note I have been bowled over by the support of the team of volunteers since I took over the responsibility of looking after the displays from Ainslie Reid earlier this year. Thank you all so much for keeping me 'right' and working so hard and making my first season such a pleasure. Our best wishes go to Ainslie and Helen; I hope you are enjoying sitting back looking at the flowers and taking things a little easier.

If there are any more businesses or individuals who wish to help or donate please contact me on sueparrott14@aol.com or through the Kintore Folk Facebook page.

Lastly thanks to you all for your lovely comments and appreciation of all the time and effort put in by everyone associated with the displays. Your feedback really does make it all worthwhile.

Next job.....winter planting!

Sue Parrott
Floral Team Lead

Think You Know Quiz by Cllr. Glen Reid Answers

The Konnect Konundrum

-The Aberdeenshire Canal.

Scotland

- Altered Images.
- Dunnet Head (not John O Groats).
- Dumfries.

General Knowledge

- Green.
- Thailand.
- The Salvation Army.

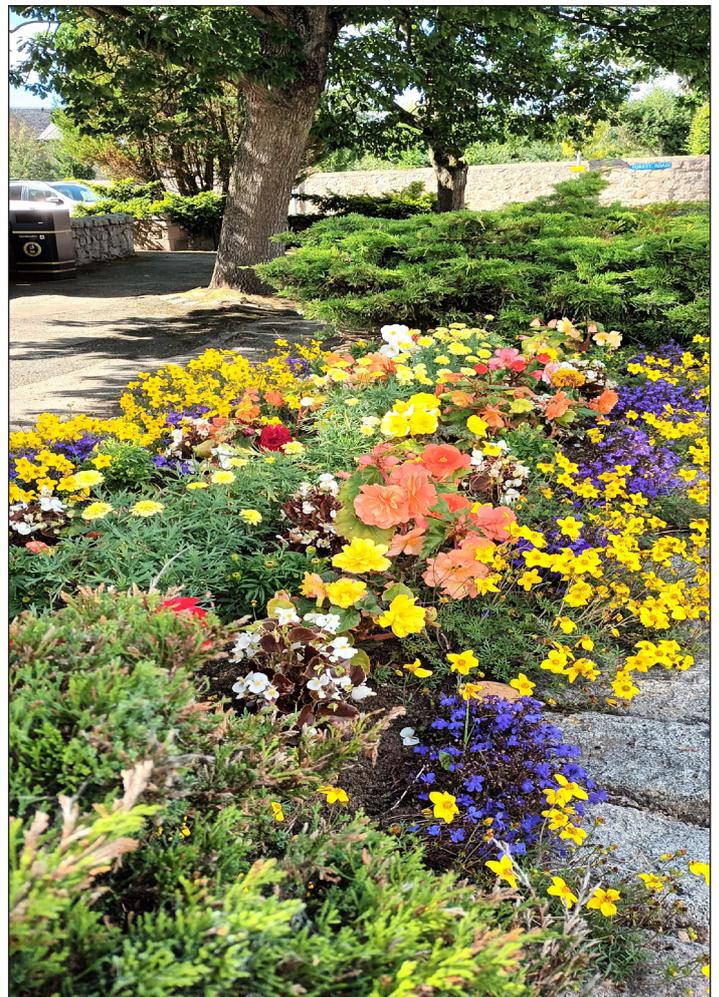
True or False?

Most fish can swim backwards?

True.

Leeds Castle is in the county of Kent?

True.



Citizen of the Year - 2022 - Ainslie M Reid, MBE



Meet Ainslie M Reid MBE, Kintore Rotary Club, Citizen of the Year 2022

Let it have been whilst he was planting flowers at the square, organising volunteers for the watering of the beautiful basket displays in the village or when visiting your business to gain sponsorship, if you live or work in Kintore you will most likely have met Ainslie.

Ainslie was recently awarded the coveted title of Kintore's Citizen of the Year for his tireless commitment to the Community of Kintore, so we thought it would great to find out a bit more about him.

Do you originally come from Kintore?

No, I was born in a small cottage just outside Glenbarry, Central Banffshire and was brought up in Banffshire, youngest of 3 to a farming family. Spending my formative years on family farms in the Cullen & Banff areas. Before meeting and marrying my wife Helen and buying our own farm just outside Keith in 1957. This is where we brought up our family of 6, selling up and moving to Kintore in 1986.

Have you always been involved in the Kintore Community?

Yes, since moving here in 1986 I firstly moved my lines to Kintore Parish Church where I became an elder. I also

became a member of the Kintore & District Community Council, serving as Chairman for 2 years. Then involved with the Kintore Flowers from 2011 – 2022.

How did the Flower Displays in Kintore start?

Being a keen gardener I would bring on my own plants at home and always had far too many for my own garden so decided that Kintore Square could benefit from some flower colour so started planting and nurturing the excess there along with help from, Jim & the late Mabel Coutts. In 2010

KDCC awarded us a Garden Centre voucher by way of thanks for this display, which went towards more plants. This encouraged KDCC to contact Aberdeenshire Council to help gain funds successfully. This was the start of the Kintore Floral Display. Since official inception in 2011 we have had fantastic support from local businesses both large and small, with a special mention to Malcolm Allan who donated our water bowser which we still use to this day!

What are the letters after your name, MBE?

I received the MBE (Member of the Order of the British Empire) in the New Years Honours List in 1980 for my work & contribution to Youth & Agriculture. This involved being in the Young Farmers from the age of 14 to becoming Chairman of 5 agricultural based organisations at the same time in the 1960's & 70's.

How long have you been married and have you got family?

My wife Helen I recently celebrated 65 years of marriage. We have 6 children, 11 Grandchildren and 6 Great Grandchildren and like flowers it seems our family just keeps on growing.

Would you recommend readers to get involved with the Community?

Absolutely 100%. Kintore is a great place and despite growing massively over the years since we moved here it still has that lovely community feel. Getting involved, with local clubs, the community council, the church or even volunteering for watering the flowers, it will help you meet some great people and make new friends.

Can you describe yourself and five words?

Before Ainslie could answer, his wife Helen jumped in with "Flowers, Food, Family, Fussy and Football", at which point Ainslie simply smiled and nodded!



Kintore Kemnay & District Rotary Club

Over the last few months, the Kintore, Kemnay & District Rotary Club have welcomed in fellow Rotarians from the Blackburn Club, this meant that we grew and also now take in the area of Blackburn. This is exciting for us, it means a stronger club after the struggles to keep numbers up over the last 2 years.

Events have been easier this year, and interaction with the community. Our annual Golf Event at Kintore Golf Club was a great day out, and we thank everyone who took part, as well as the sponsors who made the day possible. There are now some fundraising events arranged, so keep an eye on our facebook page for further details. Each year Rotary in Great Britain and Ireland organises a wide variety of competitions for young people: Artist, Photographer, Writer, to name but a few. These were very successful during 2022, and will be launched again later this year, so keep up to date on our social media as we release details of these.

There has been more community interaction through the summer, with litter picks and getting involved in the Summer Festival. We have a big focus within our club on being more visible in our communities, fundraising has been hard, and will continue to be, but we are Rotarians and will do all we can to support local charities and help out where we are needed. During October, Rotary celebrates one of our main charities, End Polio, and as always later in the month we will aim to light up the Church. This year we also wanted to help raise funds and will be selling a very special hand gel, purple in colour, so look out

on social media for how you can get hold of these. If you are heading to the train station, you will note that the train planter has been completely refurbished, this is in no small part to the work done by David Fraser and many helpers, it's great to see it at the Train station, and we look forward to seeing flowers adding to the colour.



We welcome many guests, and if you would be interested to join in on a meeting or find out more about Rotary and how you can contribute within your community, find us on Facebook or send a message to jamie.grant79@yahoo.com. We are really keen to recruit more members to build on the team we have and be able to support the community more. Our meetings are the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month, at 6.45pm.

Jamie Grant, Kintore, Kemnay and District Rotary Club

Visit the Square Kintore



We have lots happening at The Square Kintore. Our Lunch menu is now available Wed to Sun 1200 to 1430, 2 courses for £10. Our Main Menu is also available Wed to Sun 1200 to 1945. Kids Eat Free! Ts & Cs apply.

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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
2nd Sun	Messy Church	Kintore Church	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	17.00-19.00
Mon & Wed	Kintore Scouts - Cubs (8-10 years)	Kintore Scout Hut	18.30-20.15
Tues & Thurs	Kintore Scouts - Beavers (6-8 years)	Kintore Scout Hut	18.00-19.00
Tues & Thurs	Kintore Scouts - Scouts (10-15 years)	Kintore Scout Hut	19.30-21.00
Tue	Young & Free to Speak (YAFTS) (All kids S1+)	The Bothie	19.00-21.00
Wed	Health Walk	The Square	10.00
Sun	Kintore Community Church	Kintore Village Hall	10.30

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

The Bothie Needs your help

Since 2013, The Bothie (www.thebothie.org) has been a meeting place for young people in Kintore and District. It was built following a massive fundraising effort by volunteers from Kintore community charity Action Kintore SCIO, that founded and operate the centre. Those who have seen it recently may have noticed the building needs some attention.

Internally the structure is completely sound. So there are no worries for users of The Bothie. But, the outer walls are less so, due to an issue during its construction. Hence this appeal. As a community charity run by volunteers, Action Kintore has very limited funds, so we need to look for community support to carry out repairs. The plan is to remove all the plaster and straw bales (Bothie volunteers can do that). This would leave, in effect, a stand-alone 'kit' building (as per the majority of modern house builds). New insulation would then be fitted, with cement blocks entirely enclosing the building.

As this would be a structural change, it would need plans submitted and approved by Aberdeenshire Council. It would also, of course, require a builder for the walls. Labouring work can be done by Bothie volunteers and all materials can be sourced by Action Kintore. The urgency is because we want to complete the work before winter. We published this appeal on the Kintore Facebook page and were delighted to receive a positive response from two property professionals. But, we still need to find a builder.

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KINTORE HISTORY

150 years ago

John Mitchell was convicted of the theft of coats and scarves belonging to farm servants in the parishes of Tarves and Kintore. As he had three previous convictions for theft, he was sentenced to ten years imprisonment with hard labour. - Stonehaven Journal 3 October 1872

100 years ago

The Kintore Literary Society held a talk, illustrated by lantern slides, on "Civilisation in Ancient Babylonia." It attracted a large audience and sixty new members joined the Society.

50 years ago

A dance for young people in Kintore was advertised, promising that there would be "a very special bird" at the dance. The "very special bird" turned out to be a talking mynah bird. Press & Journal 30 October 1972