

We'd like to start with a word of thanks to Blackburn Pharmacy who very generously sponsored our Summer issue.

Blackburn and District Rotary Club are offering local groups the opportunity to apply for funding. The closing date is 12th September. To request an application form please contact: secretary@blackburn.rotary1010.org

COUNCILLOR REPORT

I have been watching the form of the new school building emerge as the frame has been erected over the summer. The contractor, Morrison, is making good progress and work is on programme. Construction of the external walls should be getting underway by the time this edition of the Blackie Banter is published. Internal works should be commencing in the two-storey part of the building in early autumn. The external envelope of the building should be substantially complete by Christmas. It was decided to take down the old school perimeter wall when it was discovered it had no foundations and could be at risk of collapse - posing a danger to anyone nearby. The project architect will be discussing a suitable replacement with the planning service.

While the loss of the old trees alongside the former A96 was certainly regrettable, I do think the new wall, grassed area and trees look very neat. The Council has also replaced the gates on the play park as the hinges were broken on the old gates.

CLlr Martin Ford
(790052, maf.cairnie@gmail.com)

Kinellar Stars (2's/Playgroup)

If you have a child aged two and up, why not bring them along to the Kinellar Stars playgroup at the Kinellar Community centre. We have spaces available in the twos group and funding is available for over 3's. It's a wonderful group filled with lots of fun activities for the children and we also have an outdoor play area for when the weather permits. It's a great way to allow your child to socialise with other children of a similar age and to try new things such as messy play and role play. Please ask the playgroup staff at the hall for more information. We also have our Boozy Bingo night on the 11th of November

SWI

'The 'Rural' celebrated its Centenary this year and members from all over Scotland met on the 2nd July to enjoy afternoon tea. Kinellar is part of the Inverurie Group and we joined with them and members from the Ellon Group (150 ladies in all) for a 'posh' afternoon tea at Meldrum House Hotel. We had a delightful afternoon, catching up with friends and eating far too much!

The new session starts soon and we look forward to a varied programme. Our first meeting in the hall will be on 4th October when we will hear about the North East Sensory Service (NESS). The competitions that month are a 'Sensory Muff' and the 'Flower of the Month'. We have a new trophy this year for the 'Flower of the Month' which is in memory of one of our members, May Jones who sadly died last session.

In November we look forward to a talk entitled 'One Author's Journey' which is to be given by a local writer, Nancy Jardine. The competitions are a Play-Doh model (should be interesting!) and the Flower of the Month.

The Kinellar Branch of the SWI celebrates its 90th birthday at the end of November and we plan to go out for a meal and hopefully some fun and games!

Ladies - you would be welcome to join us any of our meetings where you would be made most welcome. We meet on the first Wednesday of the month at 7.30 pm, usually in the Caskieben Room. You can check out our Facebook page to get a flavour.

Irene Pace (01224 790736)

Kinellar Stars contd

and tickets are available soon from KCH. It's BYOB and is sure to be a great night.

The Kinellar Stars Christmas Fayre will be back on this year and will be held on the 2nd of December. There will be plenty of stalls and fun activities for the kids such as face painting and a bouncy castle. If you would like a stall please contact the playgroup committee or KCH staff. This is a shared event with the Hall and we would both appreciate your support.

Thank you Kinellar Stars playgroup committee.

Contact : Kinellarstarscommittee@outlook.com

KINELLAR COMMUNITY HALL

Over the Summer Kinellar Hall had organised various events throughout the holidays. Unfortunately we didn't receive the support we had hoped for which meant 2 of these events ended up being cancelled which was disappointing. However, we had an Inflatable world on Saturday 5th August which was a huge success raising an amazing £433 for the hall. Thank you to everyone who came along, it was a great day! We hope to have another one in October, a date hasn't been confirmed just yet so look out for that coming soon.

We held a Kids Hip Hop Class & Gymnastics camp in the holidays which were also both popular.

We have a few events still to come:

Saturday 2nd September 2017

An evening with Annie Moon & Disco.

7pm-12am. £15 per ticket. BYOB.

Tickets are available from reception now.

Saturday 28th October 2017

Halloween Family Disco!

7.30-9.30pm. Tickets £4 per adult £2.50 per child

BYOB. Prizes for best fancy dress, tuck shop, games & more.

Tickets available from reception.

Please be advised tickets for all events now must be bought in advance, we will no longer be selling tickets at the door on the night.

AGM

Kinellar Hall recently held its AGM.

Our Chair Lisa Taylor stood down from the board of Directors along with ordinary members Linda Youngson, Naomi Dixon-Scott & Debra Ross. We would like to thank them for all their efforts & time over the last year.

We welcomed a new Chairman Niall Gibson along with new ordinary Members Kirsty Quin, Arlene Fortune & Dianne Smith who joined Emma Melvin as Treasurer, Diane Baxter as Vice Chair & Adam Russell as Secretary. We look forward to the new year ahead!

Kids Gymnastics

New spaces have become available in our Gymnastics classes.

The classes run on Thursdays and are;

Pre School (age 3 or turning 3 this year) - 12.15pm-1pm

P1-3 - 3.45pm-4.45pm

P4-7 - 4.45pm - 5.45pm

Places can be booking by coming into reception and filling in a registration form.

Kinellar Gala

Due to uncertainty over the building work at the park & limited time for licence renewals the gala had a change of venue this year. The event was held at the Hall and still received a great turn out raising a fantastic £2900 for the hall. A huge thank you to everyone who came along on the day and made it such a success - even the sun came along which was great!

The Gala is an important yearly event not just for the hall but for the whole community. We fully intend to be back at the park next year, however, we must appeal for volunteers to help with the organising.

The organisation of the gala is a big task and over the years it's always been left down to 2 or 3 people. We would like, if possible, to form a gala committee? If this is something you would be interested in please email Michael or Emma at kinellar.gala@gmail.com

We must stress that if we can't find any more volunteers to help organise the gala the event is in danger of not going ahead next year, which would be disappointing. Any help at all would be greatly appreciated.

KCH Open Day

Saturday 14th October 2017 from 11am - 2pm. An opportunity for those of you in the community who don't know what activities are available in Blackburn. Representatives from many of our groups and clubs will be here to welcome you all and explain a bit about what they can offer you.

Zumba Gold

Zumba Gold is perfect for active older adults or those who are looking for a modified Zumba class with dance moves at a lower intensity.

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Classes run every Thursday from 10-11am at Kinellar Community Hall and you can book the class through reception.

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Friday 6.00pm - 7.00pm (juniors)

Friday 7.00pm – 8.30pm (Adults)



BLACKBURN FOOTBALL BOYS CLUB

Who are we?

We are a charitable organisation and members of the Scottish Youth Football Association helping children pursue their love of the sport. Our club has dedicated coaches and committee members who meet on a regular basis to make improvements and discuss progress of the teams.

New team members welcome!

We always welcome new players (boys/girls) and currently have teams for children born in 2005, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010 & 2011
Contact us for more information.

How to contact us

Club Chair: Paul Robb
Club Secretary: Sarah Tweddle
Email: blackburnfc2011@hotmail.co.uk

Blackburn Indoor Bowling Club

Our season finished in the middle of April, and will start again on Tuesday 5th September at 7pm.

Last season was a good one for us, and the members enjoyed the relaxed atmosphere that prevails in our club. We are essentially a social club that plays indoor bowls, and it gives the members an opportunity to catch up with all the latest local news.

In June we held a fund-raising dance in the Leys Hall, with the aim to raise money towards the repair of the Hall car park. The dance was very well supported, and we managed to donate over £1000 to the Hall. Our thanks go out to everyone who assisted with this dance, and to all those that attended, and also provided items for the raffles.

Anyone who is interested in joining the club is welcome to contact us. Tuition can be given to first timers, and we have some spare sets of bowls available.

Steve Wright Tel: 01224 790464

Kinellar Toddlers A healthy snack, milk and juice is provided for the wee ones, and vital cuppas and biscuits for the grown-ups. Ages 1 and over is £3 with £1 per additional child and under 1's are £1. Please come along and join our welcoming and friendly group.

Thanks to all who attended our Summer Party it was a huge success. The kids loved the bouncy castles and young ones loved the ball pit. The party food went down a treat too.

Our next event is Our Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday 29th September. For the kids we have bouncy castles to entertain them (It's Showtime Bouncy Castles). We have a raffle with some excellent prizes including a bouquet of flowers from Dolce Vita, Arty Crafty Cakes, Frame It, Waxing/facial voucher for Tracy Stronach (located in Blackburn), also vouchers for Hoodles, Dossetts (butcher in Kintore), Kintore Valeting Bronze Package. Check out our Facebook page for all our latest updates. Tickets are £1 each, available from committee members or feel free to drop in and collect during Toddlers on a Friday 9.30-11.30am. We're also looking for donations of cakes/traybakes to sell on the day. "The Little Cakery" is the first to be added to the list, thank you Julie Gourlay. We also have our Halloween Party on Friday the 3rd of November for some ghoulish treats for the kids and parents. Tickets are £5 for 1 and over and £2 for under 1's. Tickets on sale now.

We are pleased to announce that Cara Coull and Lesley Main will be sharing the role of Secretary. We are delighted to have them on board as they are full of fantastic ideas. We are looking for mums to come and join our committee as we have lost a few due to kids moving up to nursery and school, it's a wonderful way of making new friends in the local community. If interested don't hesitate to ask.

e-mail kinellartoddlers@gmail.com or find us on Facebook (Kinellar Toddlers) for more information.

Adverts cost £30 each or £100 for 4. If you would like to place an advert please contact us on blackie.banter@hotmail.co.uk

SOME OF OUR LOCAL GROUPS. Most meet at KCH

Wado Ryu Karate club times: Monday 6.30pm – 8.00pm (Adults)
Friday 6.00pm - 7.00pm (juniors)
Friday 7.00pm – 8.30pm (Adults)

New starts always welcome – first two lessons free!

Contact Danny on djmclernon@hotmail.co.uk or mobile 07712 565959

Kinellar Stars

2s group runs Monday to Thursday: 9.15 - 11.15am
Playgroup runs Monday to Friday: 9.15 to 12.15pm

Girlguiding

Rainbows: Monday 4.30-5.30
Tuesday 5-6pm

Brownies: Tuesday 6.15pm

To register for these groups and find out about Brownies and Guides as well go to www.girlguiding.org.uk/interested.

"<https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter/>"

Blackburn Indoor Bowling Club: Tuesday 7-10pm. Sept to April.

1st Kinellar Beavers, Cubs and Scouts: Wednesdays

Beavers 4.30 -6.00pm, kinellarbeavers@gmail.com

Cubs 6.30 - 8.00pm, kinellarcubs@gmail.com

Scouts 7.30 - 9.00pm, kinellarscouts@gmail.com

Zumba Gold: Thursday 10-11for active, older adults

Kinellar Toddlers

Kinellar Babies & Toddlers runs every Friday 9.30-11.30am during school term and 10-12 (in the October holidays).

FintrayKinellarKeithall Church: Worship every Sunday at 11.00 am
September – KCH November – KCH

October – Fintray Church December – Fintray

Please visit our web site at www.FKKChurch.org.uk or Facebook page.

Blackburn & District Rotary Club : Tuesdays, Craigmile Lounge, 6:45 for 7:00pm. Contact secretary@blackburn.rotary1010.org

Art Club (which started in KCH)

Tuesday, Fintray
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Fintray Rainbows

Monday, Fintray
Hall 6-7.30pm.

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Kinellar Brownies

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Do you need a boost of goodness to kick start a healthier lifestyle? Tired of being tired? Looking to lose a few pounds? Juicing could be for you.

The Aurora Juice Company, based in Blackburn, offers a full juice therapy service which uses the unique blend of healing properties found within the juices of fruits and vegetables to aid the body in achieving optimum health.

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JOG SCOTLAND

Want to get a wee bit fitter? Want to meet new people? Want to experience the many positive benefits of regular moderate exercise? Why not come along and give us a try?

We meet every Wednesday during term time at the Kinellar Community Hall

5.45 pm Beginners - This group is for complete beginners or non-regular joggers who would like to gradually improve through a combination of walking with short periods of running. The eventual goal is 5k without stopping or feeling wrecked! Please note – beginners means beginners!

6.45 pm Improvers - The group is for joggers who would like to work towards increasing their speed and endurance - the eventual goal is 10k without stopping or feeling completely done in!

Other points:

This is an outdoor activity. Please wear appropriate foot wear and clothing.

This is a strictly non-competitive jogging group where the emphasis is on gradual and measured improvement, making new friends, encouraging and supporting one another and having fun. If your name is Mo Farah – this group is probably not for you.

Cost. Your first Session is free and if you feel this group is right for you we ask for £10.00 per 6 sessions. There is no charge for people who hold a Kinellar Community Hall Fitness Membership

Families are welcome but children under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

If a Wednesday evening is not suitable JogScotland Kintore has a more comprehensive and flexible timetable of events.

Any questions, please contact Sean - the Jog Leader: seanswin1@aol.com 07791 755976
Or find us on Facebook

Jogscotland is sponsored by Scottish Athletics and is part of Scotland's Recreational Running Network and in our partnership with SAMH (Scottish Association for Mental Health)

KINELLAR KUPPA

This 'Drop-in' coffee morning continues every Wednesday from 9.30-11.30 in Kinellar Community Hall. Do come along and enjoy a cuppa and some homebaking. Everyone welcome with books and toys to keep children happy. All proceeds are shared between the Community Hall and the local Church.



Fintray Kinellar Keithhall Church of Scotland

We are the parish church for the communities of Keithhall, Kinmuck, Fintray, Blackburn and Kinellar and the immediate surrounding area. As part of the Church of Scotland we seek to offer a mainstream and inclusive grass roots Christian presence serving the local communities through worship, celebrating life events (baptism, weddings and funerals) pastoral care, faith nurture and practical support. So whether you are a pilgrim or a prodigal, come check us out.

Worship every Sunday at 11.00 am

September – Kinellar Community Hall

October – Fintray Church

November – Kinellar Community Hall

December – Fintray Church

Please visit our web site at www.FKKChurch.org.uk or Facebook page for details of our special events and services for Harvest, Remembrance Sunday and Christmas.

The world's biggest coffee morning....

On Saturday 30th September (10.00 am to 12.00 noon) Fintray Kinellar Keithhall Church of Scotland will be taking part in the world's biggest coffee morning in support of Macmillan Cancer Care.

This is an opportunity to come along to the Kinellar Community Hall, enjoy coffee and calories, meet friends old and new, and support this worthwhile charity
All funds raised at this event will go direct to Macmillan Cancer Care.

If you would like to offer to help or would like more information, please contact Mrs Pat Lawie, tel. 01224 790644



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100 Club – Kinellar Community Hall’s regular fundraiser. Go on, join in!

The next 6 months for our KCH 100 Club starts in October. The first draw will be on the 4th October. Entry forms will be available from the Hall at a cost of £10.

Half the money raised goes into the Hall’s fundraising account and the rest is divided into the prizes.

More entries means more cash which means bigger cash prizes.

Thank you to all who have continuously supported us. We look forward to welcoming new participants.

You can’t win if you don’t join in.....

Our local Coop is supporting our Hall to fund new gym equipment

A simple way to support KCH is to use your Coop membership card. Go online to your account and choose the Hall for your local cause.

Fintray Kinellar Keithhall Church of Scotland

Dear Friends,

During my recent summer holiday, I spent an enjoyable day on the Carlisle to Settle railway. The line has been developed into a major tourist attraction and the train journey allows people to enjoy some of the most beautiful scenery that Yorkshire and Cumbria have to offer. Seeing the world-famous Flying Scotsman tearing past at high speed only added to the occasion. However, until a few months ago this journey would not have been possible due to a major landside that undermined the foundations of the track, thus closing the line. Following a large and complicated civil engineering job the line has now fully reopened, regular services have been restored and special charters like the Flying Scotsman are again possible.

The size and scope of the civil engineering job is truly impressive. A temporary mile long road across farm land had to be created. 16,000 tons of spoil had to be removed. A 70m long embankment had to be secured and stabilised. This required 1300 tons of concrete, 180 tons of steel reinforcement, 6000 tons of stone and 3,000 tons of railway ballast. Extensive vegetation had to be cleared and drainage installed not forgetting the 226 steel cased piles that were driven 30 m into the ground. The total cost of this work was £23 million. And yet travelling over the line, none of this work was visible. The section of line that was repaired is passed over in seconds whilst wide eyed tourists enjoy the grandeur of the rolling hills and lush valleys.

Although my father-in-law, who is a retired civil engineer, would appreciate the size and scope and challenge of all this, most of us are probably not very interested. After all, foundations are not particularly glamorous or sexy! There are no major works of art such as paintings or orchestral symphonies celebrating poured concrete or pile driving! Closer to home it has been interesting seeing the new Kinellar Primary School take shape and work on the new drive through coffee shop nearing completion, but I’m sure we are more concerned about the kids being happy and well taught and looking forward to having a good cup of coffee. Yet the foundations are the most crucial part of a building. Whatever is underneath is structurally more important than the outward appearance.

There is a clear lesson here. Our lives and our relationships and our community also need good foundations. There needs to be good foundations in our families. This means quality time spent listening and speaking, sharing experiences and doing things together. This requires commitment and discipline in how we use our time and choose our priorities. There are no short cuts or time saving techniques. Good marriages, strong partnerships, cohesive families, children who feel confident, secure and loved – these don’t happen by accident. In the same way good communities don’t happen by accident. It involves looking out for our vulnerable and elderly neighbours, taking an active interest in the community organisations, events and activities. Again, it is not glamorous or trendy. It is hard work and requires a sacrifice of time. But ‘life is all its fullness’ requires the right foundations. Or as Jesus once put it:

Therefore, everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.” (Matthew 7:24-27)

Wishing you all a rich and colourful autumn!

Rev Sean Swindells, Parish Minister

Fintray, Kinellar Keithhall Church of Scotland

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