

KEMNAY NEWSLETTER

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Doors Open Day Saturday 19th September **Kemnay Village Hall 10-4 pm**

We welcome you to look around our newly refurbished hall and discover some of Kemnay's past. The front hall will host a display of photographs, reports, early copies of newsletters and leaflets. There'll be something of interest for everyone—we will have a table of old fashioned games for children (and adults).

Not only will we be able to look at Kemnay's fairly recent past, but the Grampian Mesolithic Community Archaeological Community Group will be sharing with us what Mesolithic life might have been like in Kemnay. This promises to be very interesting. They will display some of their local archaeological finds from the Boatleys farm site in the Friendship Room from 2-4 pm.

Teas and coffees will be served in the Wainman room and all donations will go towards the Grampian Mesolithic Community Archaeological Group.

The Newsletter is produced by Kemnay Village Hall for and by the people of Kemnay. It is distributed each month to approximately 2250 homes in and around Kemnay. If you would like anything included please note that the closing date for both articles and advertisements, is 9 am on the 12th of the preceding month.

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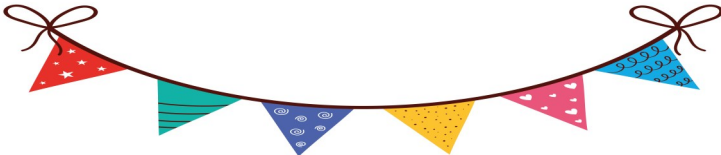
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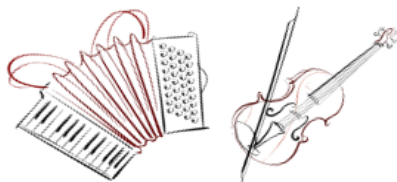
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Friday Community Coffee Mornings

Friday coffee mornings will take place every Friday in September
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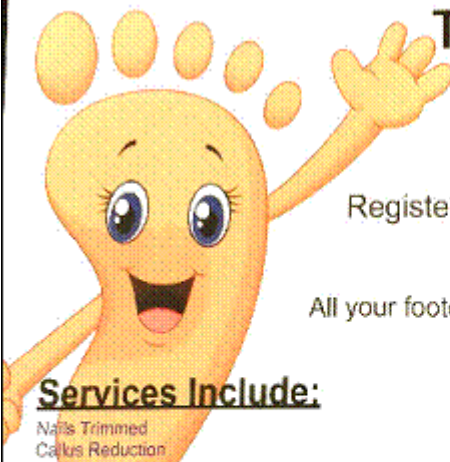
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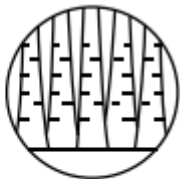
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Kemnay Newsletter Survey

We have recently made several changes to the Newsletter and thought it was time to consult the Kemnay residents to discover what they think of it and if there are things they would like to see that we don't currently cover.

Please complete the brief questionnaire and post it back through the letter box at the side of the hall or alternatively complete the online version at <https://forms.gle/bdvixFQD1SqZjcm6> or scan the QR code.

1. How often should the newsletter be published?

- a) Monthly,
- b) Every 2 months,
- c) Quarterly,
- d) Other

2. I get most of my information about the village from:

- a) The paper version of the newsletter,
- b) The online version at the hall website,
- c) Social media,
- d) Other

3. What information/features should be in the newsletter that aren't covered already?

4. Anything you would like to add?



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We are always looking for new members who enjoy a good walk.

If you'd like more information please get in touch with

Alan at 86hash@gmail.com or phone for 07393 036080

Kemnay Kestrels is a long established member of the Grampian 50+ Network.





Are you a runner, walker, rider, nature lover or visitor who uses and loves Bennachie? Clubs, individuals, families and businesses - you can all get involved. We need to raise as much awareness and money as possible for our project to **Help Your Hill** before the Timeline Trail path repairs begin in October. The work is estimated to cost £100,000 for one kilometre of path. Every donation, large and small, every share and conversation will help us get this over the line. Thank you.

See our website to read more and to donate <https://bailiesofbennachie.co.uk/paths>

Any questions can be emailed to us at info@bailiesofbennachie.co.uk



**Confirmed start date
October 2026**

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**DONATE – SHARE – EXCHANGE – BUY****Kemnay Community Larder**

The Community Larder is at the Village Hall, with a selection of free items (including from freezer) and items to buy. Surplus food from M&S, the Co-op and Fareshare is often available. *If you need help, don't struggle on your own - come along and have a chat with one of the volunteers.*

Tuesday morning:	9.30am – 11.00am
Thursday evening:	4.30pm – 6.00pm (M&S/Co-op/Fareshare delivery)
Friday morning:	9.30am – 11.30am

Please check the poster at the Larder to see if your membership fee for this year is due, or if your membership may have lapsed.

**THANK YOU!**

We are very grateful to **Monymusk Thrift Shop**, **Monymusk Boules** and **Kemnay Bargain Box** for their support of the Community Larder and PADs (defibrillators). Their donations to both causes are very much appreciated and are a huge help in keeping these community initiatives going.



And thank you to the Rotary Club of Kintore, Blackburn & Kemnay for their kind grant of £100 for our Christmas lights display.

Overhanging Branches and Bushes

Please cut back any in your garden obstructing a pavement or exit or covering a road sign.

**Bulletin (Trading Standards)**

Bogus Callers and Rogue Traders: Workers coming to the door offering garden and roofing work. Advice is never to accept the offer of work from a cold caller.

Phone scams: Call offering a 20% reduction in BT bill, beware being pressured into a quick decision. Call from 'Work and Pensions' saying you could be due payment.

Investment Fraud: A rise in sophisticated investment fraud. You can check if a firm is genuine or view a warning list of unauthorised companies by visiting register.fca.org.uk

More information, or report suspicious calls, at the Trading Standards pages at: <http://publications.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/dataset/trading-standards-crime-and-scams-bulletin>.

The **Take Five** website lists scam types and how they are perpetrated.

Let's talk Aberdeenshire

How's life in your part of Aberdeenshire? Aberdeenshire Council is seeking your views. Details and the survey can be accessed at:

<https://engage.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/lets-talk-aberdeenshire>

New Private Rented Housing Info Facebook Page

For clear, reliable information and to help landlords and tenants stay informed:

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61578047729458>

Kemnay Movie Nights will be returning for the 2026/27 season on the following dates in Kemnay Village Hall, at 7.30pm.

Friday, 9th October
Friday, 13th, November
Friday, 11th December
Friday, 8th January
Friday, 12th February
Friday 12th March

Due to licensing restrictions , film details will be circulated by email. If you are not already on the list, please email "kmnights1236@gmail.com" to join.

We look forward to seeing you all again soon.

Injured or sick wild animals

At this time of year, when there are many young animals and birds leaving the nest, sadly there are often injuries or other problems. If you find an injured animal you may be tempted to look after it yourself, but often specialist care can be the difference between survival or not!

New Arc Wildlife Centre is the largest wildlife centre in NE Scotland, based just outside Ellon. If you find any injured wildlife then please contact New Arc on 01358 701723.

You can visit their website offering lots of helpful advice at <https://www.newarcwildliferescue.org>. Address: Auchnagatt, Ellon AB41 8UW, UK AB41 8UW
They aren't open to the public as their casualties are usually very stressed and need a quiet environment to recover, but donations are always very gratefully received.

What's on at Kemnay Village Hall

Date	Day	Activity	Time	Room
01/09/2026	Tuesday	Community Larder	09:30 - 11:00	Larder
		Dance Class	15:45 - 17:00	Friendship
		So Yang Do	18:15 - 20:00	Main Hall
		Greener Kemnay	19:00 - 20:30	Wainman
02/09/2026	Wednesday	Citizen's Advice (appointment only)	10:00 - 13:00	Wainman
		Knitting Group	14:00 - 16:00	Wainman
		Strength & Balance	09:45 - 11:30	Friendship
		Strumbelles	14:00 - 16:00	Friendship
		Jazzercise	18:15 - 19:30	Main Hall
		Mens Shed	18:00 - 20:00	Wainman
03/09/2026	Thursday	Alba Martial Arts	16:30 - 19:30	Main Hall
		Community Larder	16:30 - 18:00	Larder
04/09/2026	Friday	Community Coffee Morning	09:00 - 11:00	Friendship
		Bargain Box	09:30 - 11:30	Wainman
		Community Larder	09:30 - 11:30	Larder
		Paths For All (Meeting Point)	09:15 - 09:30	Main Hall
		Jazzercise	17:45 - 18:30	Main Hall
05/09/2026	Saturday	Dance Class	09:30 - 12:00	Friendship
06/09/2026	Sunday	Bingo	18:30 - 20:30	Friendship
		Shire Gaming Club open day	10:00 - 20:00	Wainman
Date	Day	Activity	Time	Room
07/09/2026	Monday	Jazzercise	17:45 - 18:30	Main Hall
		Beavers	18:00 - 20:00	Friendship
		Ukelele Group	19:00 - 20:30	Wainman
		Yoga	19:00 - 20:00	Main Hall
08/09/2026	Tuesday	Community Larder	09:30 - 11:00	Larder
		Dance Class	15:45 - 17:00	Friendship
		So Yang Do	18:15 - 20:00	Main Hall
09/09/2026	Wednesday	Citizen's Advice (appointment only)	10:00 - 13:00	Wainman
		Knitting Group	14:00 - 16:00	Wainman
		Strumbelles	14:00 - 16:00	Friendship
		Jazzercise	18:15 - 19:30	Main Hall
		Mens Shed	18:00 - 20:00	Wainman
10/09/2026	Thursday	Alba Martial Arts	16:30 - 19:30	Main Hall
		Community Larder	16:30 - 18:00	Larder
		Paths For All (Meeting Point)	09:15 - 09:30	Main Hall
		Jazzercise	17:45 - 18:30	Main Hall
12/09/2026	Saturday	Dance Class	09:30 - 12:00	Friendship
13/09/2026	Sunday	Bingo	18:30 - 20:30	Friendship
Date	Day	Activity	Time	Room
14/09/2026	Monday	Jazzercise	17:45 - 18:30	Main Hall
		Beavers	18:00 - 20:00	Friendship
		Ukelele Group	19:00 - 20:30	Wainman
		Yoga	19:00 - 20:00	Main Hall
15/09/2026	Tuesday	Community Larder	09:30 - 11:00	Larder
		Dance Class	15:45 - 17:00	Friendship
		So Yang Do	18:15 - 20:00	Main Hall

What's on at Kemnay Village Hall

16/09/2026	Wednesday	Citizen's Advice (appointment only)	10:00 - 13:00	Wainman
		Knitting Group	14:00 - 16:00	Wainman
		Strumbelles	14:00 - 16:00	Friendship
		Jazzercise	18:15 - 19:30	Main Hall
		Mens Shed	18:00 - 20:00	Wainman
17/09/2026	Thursday	Alba Martial Arts	16:30 - 19:30	Main Hall
		Community Larder	16:30 - 18:00	Larder
18/09/2026	Friday	Community Coffee Morning	09:00 - 11:00	Friendship
		Bargain Box	09:30 - 11:30	Wainman
		Community Larder	09:30 - 11:30	Larder
		Paths For All (Meeting Point)	09:15 - 09:30	Main Hall
		Jazzercise	17:45 - 18:30	Main Hall
		Shire Gaming Club	19:00 - 22:00	Wainman
19/09/2026	Saturday	Dance Class	09:30 - 12:00	Friendship
20/09/2026	Sunday	Bingo	18:30 - 20:30	Friendship
Date	Day	Activity	Time	Room
21/09/2026	Monday	Jazzercise	17:45 - 18:30	Main Hall
		Beavers	18:00 - 20:00	Friendship
		Ukelele Group	19:00 - 20:30	Wainman
		Yoga	19:00 - 20:00	Main Hall
22/09/2026	Tuesday	Community Larder	09:30 - 11:00	Larder
		Dance Class	15:45 - 17:00	Friendship
		So Yang Do	18:15 - 20:00	Main Hall
23/09/2026	Wednesday	Citizen's Advice (appointment only)	10:00 - 13:00	Wainman
		Knitting Group	14:00 - 16:00	Wainman
		Strumbelles	14:00 - 16:00	Friendship
		Jazzercise	18:15 - 19:30	Main Hall
		Mens Shed	18:00 - 20:00	Wainman
24/09/2026	Thursday	Alba Martial Arts	16:30 - 19:30	Main Hall
		Community Larder	16:30 - 18:00	Larder
25/09/2026	Friday	Community Coffee Morning	09:00 - 11:00	Friendship
		Bargain Box	09:30 - 11:30	Wainman
		Community Larder	09:30 - 11:30	Larder
		Paths For All (Meeting Point)	09:15 - 09:30	Main Hall
		Jazzercise	17:45 - 18:30	Main Hall
26/09/2026	Saturday	Dance Class	09:30 - 12:00	Friendship
27/09/2026	Sunday	Bingo	18:30 - 20:30	Friendship
Date	Day	Activity	Time	Room
30/09/2026	Monday	Jazzercise	17:45 - 18:30	Main Hall
		Beavers	18:00 - 20:00	Friendship
		Ukelele Group	19:00 - 20:30	Wainman
		Yoga	19:00 - 20:00	Main Hall



MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, 25th June 2026 7.30 pm, Teams link available

Chair Report (full version available on village website)

The Chair presented his report on a very productive year for the Community Council. Issues such as potholes, parking, speeding and buses have been discussed and action requested from Aberdeenshire Council or Police Scotland, when required. The effect of new 20mph speed limits will be monitored. Budget cuts have been an unfortunate aspect of the community council's business this year, not least the flood barrier at Kembhill Park. Despite strong objections from KCC, this provision was removed in this year's budget. The removal of grit bins was another unfavourable cut. Possible removal of street lighting on private roads is another proposal KCC is actively monitoring.

On a positive note, a new booking system seems to have largely resolved issues with the use of Bogbeth Park, although inconsiderate parking when events are on is still causing problems and will be monitored. The 'It's Your Neighbourhood' group - headed by Sue Wainman - continue to do an excellent job in maintaining the planters and various areas around the village. KCC has been fortunate to receive donations for the planting, the Community Larder, PADs and Christmas Lights. Fundraising for all these activities is an ongoing task.

Last September, a local company kindly serviced the generator at the Hall. Heavy snowfall at the start of the year caused a lot of disruption and the lack of grit was really felt but, as ever with Kemnay, real community and neighbourly spirit shone through. A successful Festive Food Parcel scheme was run again by the Community Larder, who continue to provide for those in need, and the public access defibrillators (PADs) are regularly checked and maintained by a small group of volunteers. Thanks must go to all the volunteers who keep these activities and services going in the village.

The Christmas Lights once again provided a lovely festive display in the village. Unfortunately, due to adverse weather, the planned switch-on event had to be cancelled. Many thanks go to Vicky Mackie and her team for all the work put in, and funds raised, over the past couple of years. And to Rood Signs and Richard Lamplugh for their invaluable contribution.

Over the past year, KCC has received reports from many of the groups and clubs running in the village. All of these updates are appreciated, helping to keep KCC informed of what is going on, but also maintaining a connection. Thanks to Grace Dinnes for providing updates from the Academy.

Thanks to all KCC Office Bearers who ensure that the Community Council continues to run smoothly, to Gaenor Berkin for her assistance in reviewing all planning applications, and to Cllr Grant and Cllr Smith for their regular attendance and support.

Treasurer's Report & Financial Statement (full version available on village website)

The accounts have been officially checked and approved. The Garioch Partnership Fund award came in after last year's audit when it was agreed to split it three ways – for the PADs, the planters and the general fund (which covered the cost of the recent refurbishment of the community noticeboard). The main income/expenditure has once again been related to the Community Larder. It was noted that work was being done by Larder volunteers to try to reduce the current monthly deficit.

Approval of Annual Budget (full version available on village website)

Current funding (£1133) from Aberdeenshire Council does not cover the KCC budget.

No policy costs breakdown has been received as yet from Zurich Insurers.

After some discussion, it was agreed that the cost of operating the KCC website – currently covered by a donation - should be added to annual budget.

Community Council Membership

No changes to the Community Council membership in the course of this year. Members were reminded of the rules regarding continued membership of the Community Council, particularly those around non-attendance, as stated in the Constitution.

Election of Office Bearers

		Proposed	Seconded
Chair	Lee Aitken	S Wainman	P Paterson
Vice Chair	Dan Johnston	R Lamplugh	J Whittall
Secretary	Fran Patrick	G Stevens	S Wainman
Treasurer	John Whittall	F Patrick	D Johnston
CC Forum Rep	Sue Wainman	L Aitken	G Stevens

All elected unanimously.

L Aitken intimated that this would be his last year as Chair as he intended to step down. The Secretary and Treasurer intimated that some succession planning would need to start for their roles as well.

MINUTES OF MEETING

Thursday, 25th June 2026 7.30 pm, Kemnay Village Hall, with Teams link available

Full version of Minutes is available on the village website: <https://kemnay.info>)

POLICE MATTERS – PC Falconer joined the meeting, was asked if could get reports with more local detail. Main issues currently include youth anti-social behaviour, especially use of e-bikes & scooters, and new 20mph speed limit. Was informed that parking a particular issue in Kemnay. Increased patrols around Bogbeth Park due to reported vandalism. Keen that people report incidents, can be done anonymously via CrimeStoppers. Will let KCC know if any summer youth activities are planned.

SPEAKER - *Chris Menzies, Aberdeenshire Council, leads the team for Active & Sustainable Travel and Strategy Development.* Team of five people cover a lot of work; very keen on community engagement and monitoring, important for ScotGov funding. Use RIBA (Royal Institute of British Architecture) principles ie to capture everything needed to make a project robust/watertight. Stressed health and economic value of active travel and that public engagement is vital, which been done with Kemnay, with five route options whittled down to one most popular with people. It is aspired to create a Kemnay-Kintore-Inverurie route. Presented Kemnay-Kintore route as currently proposed and pointed out main issues: large number of landowners; road crossings; steep gradient in one section; remoteness. Long process, but looking at what can be done relatively quickly. Funding for ongoing maintenance less likely to be available – would probably need to be taken on by the community. Very committed to getting certain interim measures in place, eg extension to the 40mph limit.

KEMNAY RESILIENCE -

- a) *Community Resilience Planning/Community Larder:* Two applications in for small grant funds, still looking at others. Tesco in the Community has been approached.
- b) *PADs:* Fundraising campaign underway – posters now up around village and on Facebook; application in to Co-op Community Fund scheme. WhatsApp group set up for PADs checkers.
- c) *Flooding:* Meetings held re flood barrier at Kembhill Park. Council officers exploring local business involvement and ways of supporting communities other than with funds. Community volunteers not to deploy barrier, but expected to fundraise; realisation at recent meeting that additional equipment needed. Some community use of storage container at Birley Bush agreed.

MATTERS ARISING – From previous meeting

- a) *Maintenance of Green Spaces – Dalmadilly:* Hogweed sprayed, and on island and river bank. Warning notices re algal bloom put up by Breedons at both ponds. Landscape Services been asked about water quality. Query from resident re lack of grass cutting at Green preventing youngsters from playing football on pitch. Some grass cutting has now taken place.
- b) *Road, Parking and Transport Issues* – Local Councillors raised issue of street lighting at ward meeting, Garioch Area Manager to find out more. Parts of Bogbeth and Wellpark now adopted by Aberdeenshire Council.
- c) *Community Noticeboard/Kemnay Stone* – All complete & any invoices now paid.

- d) **Victoria Terrace/Fyfe Park entrance to Village** - Aberdeenshire Council contacted about the leaning 20mph sign and the sunken gulleys on Victoria Terrace.
- e) **Pharmacy Bench** - It may be possible to repair but will need closer inspection. No further update from Aberdeenshire Council about possible replacement.
- f) **(additional item) Birley Bush Pollution** – Pollution caused by salt run off from depot has killed trees. Reported to SEPA, Aberdeenshire Council to be informed.

TREASURER REPORT - See minutes of AGM.

PLANNING MATTERS & APPLICATIONS –

- a) **Current planning applications** – No action to be taken on
Erection of Replacement Dwellinghouse Dalriach Cottage, Kemnay Ref No APP/2026/0978.

REPORTS - Aberdeenshire Council and General

- e) **KA/KP/AP** – **KA** – Awards Ceremony held at Thainstone; **P7** in for transition. **KP** – No meeting but bulletin circulated. **AP** - Duck Race successful despite mixed weather.

REPORTS – Local Groups

- b) **Greener Kemnay** – *Community Garden*: Fence repainted; may get artist to re-paint cabin. Garden looking beautiful. *Paths*: Funding from Breedons for Place of Origin event confirmed.
- c) **Kemnay Village Hall** – Money from Garioch Charities to go towards new dishwasher.
- d) **Community Credit Group (Community Trust)** – Constitution finally complete, the necessary number of members have come forward in order to progress.
- e) **It's Your Neighbourhood** – Village has been assessed, report very good/positive, reflecting work done and the co-operative efforts of Men's Shed and litter picker group. Donated plants helping to fill up flower beds.
- f) **Youth Club** – AGM held. Now averaging 30-40 children, ages 11-15. Took part in a day at Inverurie Academy Campus last Saturday with Youth Scotland.
- g) **Men's Shed** – Thriving but still looking for premises. Not able to undertake gardening work.

ABERDEENSHIRE COUNCIL/COUNCILLOR NEWS -

Cllr Grant: Several Headteacher appointments; visit to new Council premises on Harlaw Road; full council meeting; last meetings of Audit Committee and IJB. Repair of war memorial railings - not structurally dangerous, so apparently not meet Council's criteria. Has raised state of walls at Wood Gardens (Area Manager to pursue) and missing disabled access swing at Bogbeth Park. *Cllr Smith*: Garioch Area Committee, otherwise work schedule much as Cllr Grant.

CORRESPONDENCE – All circulated prior to meeting, list available in full minutes on website.

OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMUNITY COUNCILLORS TO SPEAK –

R Lamplugh: Bogbeth Park wall apparently damaged during snow clearing but when is it to be repaired? *G Stevens*: Any update on the disabled access swings at Bogbeth Park? *G Berkin*: Planters and flower beds at roundels looking lovely. Proposed vote of thanks to the volunteers responsible. *L Aitken*: Reminded KCC members of usual procedures for dealing with KCC business during the summer recess, then wished everyone a good summer.

**Date of next meeting: Thursday, 24th September 2026
7.30pm, at Kemnay Village Hall, with Teams link available**

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Currently replacement equipment costs are:

£239 for a defib battery

£67 for a set of pads (2 required per defib unit)

£9.50 for a starter kit (1 per defib unit)

£998 for a replacement unit

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Opening Times: NOTE: Change to Thursday times again. Sorry! 😊

Tuesday morning:	9.30am – 11.00am
Thursday evening:	4.30pm – 6.00pm (M&S and Fareshare delivery days)
Friday morning:	9.30am – 11.30am

Please check the poster at the Larder to see if your membership fee for this year is due.

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Kemnay Library News



What is happening in the library?

Kemnay Library Knit and Natter. Feel free to pop in every Tuesday between 10am & 12pm.

Bookbug Sessions with elements of Makaton. Every second Monday 11.30 – 12 for 0–5-year-olds with their parent/carer. Next sessions 7th September and 21st September.

Second Kemnay Library Book Group. Meets on the second Monday of every month at 2pm. Next session will be on 14th September.

Kemnay Library Book Group. Meets on the fourth Monday of every month at 2pm. Next session will be 28th September.

Lego Spike Prime & Coding Osmo. This is for 6 - 14 year olds. For older children, Lego Spike Prime Lego model will be built and then coded, adding movement, lights, colour, etc. Younger children can try their hand at the various coding Osmo kits we have. Younger children should be accompanied by an adult. Booking is definitely advisable. Our next session is on Monday 21st September after school from 3.45 pm – 5pm

We have a **children's** and an **adult jigsaw** out in the library waiting for anyone who would like to help build. There is also a selection of adult jigsaws available to take home, borrow or swap. **Lego, Duplo** and some **games** and **toys** are also available for children to play with in the library. Do pop in and see what your library can offer you free of charge.

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Our Groups

Strength and Balance - First Wednesday of the month, 10 a.m.
Buggy Walk - Walk, Talk & Pancakes every Thursday, 10 a.m.
Health Walks - Every Friday meet at 9.15 for 9.30 a.m. start. No walks on 10 and 17 July.

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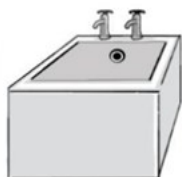
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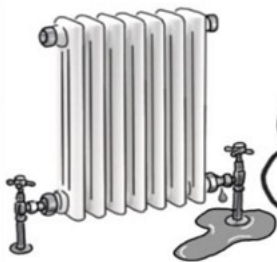
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Kemnay Talks—something in your diary for the autumn:

Following Richard Lamplugh's moving talk about his sister's disappearance, more talks are planned for the autumn:

On October 20th Mary Brown will talk about '**Thirty-nine steps to John Buchan**' and on November 11th Gaynor Berkin will talk about '**The Unknown Soldier**'.

All talks will be held in the Friendship Room at 7 pm and a donation of £5 is requested.

Inverurie Walking Football

They are holding a charity football tournament on the 2nd of September at the Garioch Sports Centre at 11 am for over 50s at the cost of £5 per player. New players more than welcome. For more details call Jim on 07725973383.

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