

# KEMNAY NEWSLETTER

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at Kemnay Village Hall

## **A Night Roon the Fire**

With Lilian Ross

**Saturday 14 March**

**Doric stories, poems etc**

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## **Kemnay Community Larder**

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### **Opening Times**

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

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## **The Bargain Box**

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## Spectrum Singers Open Day

If you're looking for a fun afternoon and enjoy singing, we would like to invite you along to our Open Day on Sunday 29th March from 2.00 - 4.00 in the Church Centre. You will be made very welcome and, as well as sampling some delicious home baking, you will have an opportunity to join in some singing along with the choir, family and friends.

We are a small, friendly group and would welcome new members. There are no auditions and you don't need to read music. Our musical director, Sarah, is young and enthusiastic and supports us all to learn together. In addition, there is no cost as we were fortunate to get a grant from Aberdeenshire, Voluntary Action which covers all fees until next year.

If you would be interested in joining us, please phone Naida on 07811 699034 for more information or just come along to our Open Day (no booking required) and have some fun. We hope to see you there.

# 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 9<sup>th</sup> March and 23<sup>rd</sup> March.

**Lego and Duplo** will be out every Wednesday 2-5 pm. All children to be accompanied and supervised by an adult.

**Lego Spike Prime and Coding Osmo.** This is for 6 - 14-year-olds. Older children can build a Lego Spike Prime Lego model and then code it, adding movement, lights, colour, etc. Younger children can try their hand at the various coding Osmo kits. Next session 9<sup>th</sup> March after school from 3.45 pm – 5pm.

**Kemnay Library Book Group.** Meets on the fourth Monday of every month at 2pm. Next session will be 23<sup>rd</sup> March.

**Second Kemnay Library Book Group.** Meets on the second Monday of every month at 2pm. Next session will be on 9<sup>th</sup> March.

**Alzheimer Scotland Pop-up café.** A social group for people living with dementia and their carers to catch up, have a blether and some fun. Meet every second Tuesday 1.30pm – 2.30 pm, next session 10<sup>th</sup> March.

Libraries homepage: <https://livelifeberdeenshire.org.uk/libraries>

### Library hours

Tuesdays: 10 – 4  
 Wednesdays: 12 - 6  
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### Contact us

[kemnay.library@aberdeenshire.gov.uk](mailto:kemnay.library@aberdeenshire.gov.uk)  
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## St Anne’s Church, Kendal Road - GREEN MONDAYS.

We aim to restart for 2026 on the , Monday 2nd March, 10-12., unless the village is once more under snow!

Telephone 642536 if in doubt.

Thereafter we shall be meeting on the first Monday of each month for the usual exchange of garden produce. It is unlikely that there will be anything to swop in March, so please do just bring yourself and come for a good chat, coffee and cake! As usual all proceeds to charity. We look forward to seeing you.

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Our Annual General Meeting is scheduled for mid-March. There will be reports from our Trustees on all things Bennachie and Bailies specific topics. This year we will welcome our special guest speaker from Aberdeen Mountain Rescue. Members will receive an invitation to the AGM allowing them to register their attendance. If you would like to join, membership is £25 for life, with signup available from our website <https://bailiesofbennachie.co.uk/membership>

The Wildlife / Environment groups are working on their 2026 program. To be confirmed but early discussions suggest events on bird song, wildflowers and a talk on pine marten and wild cats. At a recent event there was great excitement viewing footage from their trail camera project. Species filmed include roe and red deer, bats, mountain hares, red squirrel and a variety of voles to name a few.

Work Parties will recommence, weather dependent, in March, if not before. Join our merry band in this satisfying and worthwhile work. Find out more from our website or by email, see below.

Look out for new products being added to our website shop including T-shirts, sweatshirts, neck warmers, mugs, cards etc.

Our Help Your Hill campaign is ongoing; donations can be made via our website or by sending a cheque. The total raised so far for this project is more than £22,000 with Gift Aid still to be claimed.

Members may sign up to join any of our groups as volunteers, see 'volunteering' on the website. Any queries may be directed to us by emailing [info@bailiesofbennachie.co.uk](mailto:info@bailiesofbennachie.co.uk)





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



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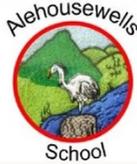
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### A message from Alehousewells Primary School

What a strange start to the New Year it has been. During the first week of January, we found ourselves closing the school due to the heavy snowfall - certainly the most we have seen for a while. Despite the disruption, our teachers did a fantastic job uploading work each day so pupils could continue learning from home. It was wonderful to welcome everyone back in the second week. So, what is happening this Term?

We are continuing to gather evidence toward our Gold Award submission next year. The Rights Respecting Team recently led a whole-school assembly that highlighted Global Goals and the UNCRC Rights of the Child. As part of our ongoing commitment to global citizenship, we will once again be raising money for charity - this year in support of WaterAid.

Looking ahead, our Open Afternoons will take place in March. Parents and carers are invited into school to see what their children have been working on. These events are always a highlight for us; the pupils take great pride in sharing their learning.

We will also be celebrating World Book Day in March, with staff preparing a range of House activities for pupils to enjoy.

Transition events between the Academy and Alehousewells School have begun for all P7 pupils. These sessions help pupils meet key staff and ensure that the move to the Academy feels positive and manageable.

Finally, we will be saying goodbye to Michelle Morrison, our EY Senior Practitioner in the Nursery, at the beginning of March. While we are sad to see her go, we wish her every success in her new role.

As you can see Alehousewells school and nursery are busy.

Vivien Moorhouse  
Head Teacher  
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**MINUTES OF MEETING**

Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> January 2026 7.30 pm, Kemnay Village Hall, with Teams link available

**Present:** Lee Aitken (Chair); Fran Patrick (Secretary); John Whittall (Treasurer); Gabby Stevens; Sue Wainman; Pauline Paterson; Richard Lamplugh; Gaenor Berkin; Mary Brown; Suzanne Bunton; Brian Cowie; Cllr Grant;

**Apologies:** Dan Johnston; Margaret Basley; Cllr Smith      **Attending:** One member of the public (via Teams)

**POLICE MATTERS** – Report circulated; reported incidents remain low. Views being sought on new reporting format.

**KEMNAY RESILIENCE -**

a) *Community Resilience Planning:* Many people snowed in during recent weather emergency: lucky no power outage, people were able to communicate and ask for assistance, and able to stay warm. Heartening to see how community pulled together, but frustrating that efforts often hampered by side roads and pavements not being cleared and lack of available grit. A response has been given to the Aberdeenshire Council Resilience Team feedback survey, highlighting these issues. People did seem more prepared this time and better able to cope, but resilience information maybe needs to state that people should be prepared for 7 days, rather than the 3-4 currently advised. **Thanks to everyone who helped clear snow, dig out cars, do essential shopping and generally look out for their neighbours.** Kemnay Resilience was asked to deliver a couple of food parcels and would like to thank Carol Robertson-Brown and Cameron Brown for helping with this.

*Community Larder/Festive Food Parcels:* The Larder opened during snow emergency. Slightly increased number applied for a Festive Food Parcel, feedback from recipients very positive. **Again, grateful thanks to all who donated and to the Bargain Box, Monymusk Thrift Shop and The Farm Shop.** F Patrick attended first meeting of Garioch Food Forum, next meeting to be held in Kemnay. Aims of forum are to promote food resilience and reduce food waste, and to promote effective networking across the area.

b) *PADs:* Co-ordinator reports no issues. G Berkin is to give a talk on 18<sup>th</sup> Feb at Village Hall, 7pm - 'War Detective and Kemnay Loon' – to raise funds for the PADs. Looking to apply to Co-op community fundraising scheme

c) *Flooding:* Options for Kemnay released by Infrastructure Services (a bund at Kembhill and a few amendments proposed for Milton Meadows, including a balancing pond). Lot of water at Victoria Terrace entrance to village. According to a soil survey, a large swathe of central Kemnay does not absorb water. Some relief that no flooding coming from the river so far this time. No date given for construction of the bund, original timeline was for 2028. If this remains the case, Kemnay will have no flood protection for at least a year as current Watergate contract with Briggs ends this year. (**Action:** Secretary to contact all Councillors and Aberdeenshire Council again expressing concern about this situation.)

One or two present felt the Chief Executive's response after the recent snow emergency was rather unhelpful and a little tone deaf re the issues that can go along with rural living.

**MATTERS ARISING – From previous meeting**

**Maintenance of Green Spaces** – *Place of Origin:* 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration to be held on September 26<sup>th</sup>. All the paths now have names; a wildflower seed spreading event to be held; a new website being developed with QR codes giving information. The Quarry approached for support. *Dalmadilly Ponds:* Still awaiting a response from Breedon's to Chair's letter.

The Wilderness area by Kemnay House is in a mess due to the recent snow and rain, but also due to a lot of dog poo either not being picked up or being left in bags in the woods.

**Road and Parking Issues** – Still a lot of pavement parking;

pleased to see that potholes which appeared recently and reported were promptly repaired by Aberdeenshire Council, although several cars had sustained damage. People reminded to report all potholes, etc to Aberdeenshire Council via the *FixMyStreet* app or webpage.

**Participation in North East Convention of Community Councils** – Many KCC members have mixed views – support renewable energy but want a robust overview of where and how much development should take place in our rural or scenic areas. It finally agreed that KCC to support the NE CCC.

**Aberdeenshire Council Funding Share** – KCC to support this initiative.

**MATTERS ARISING – New**

**a) Christmas Lights – New Policy from Aberdeenshire Council** – Unfortunately, the switch-on event was cancelled due to bad weather; the sockets on lamp-posts now repaired. Re new policy of Christmas displays (consultation paper): there is an allocation of funds to cover current costs, but any future additional motifs, etc will potentially incur a cost. Delay in taking down motifs due to recent poor weather but should be down by weekend. Thanks again to Rood Signs.

**b) Removal of Recycling Point** – Aberdeenshire Council looking to remove the recycling bins from the Aquithie Road car park and seeking alternative suggestions. Some confusion at this proposal, as not seem to be any better place for village's main recycling point than its current, very central, very accessible location. (**Actions:** Secretary to contact Aberdeenshire Council seeking clarification and expressing KCC's objection. Cllr Grant to ask Ann Overton about this.)

**TREASURER REPORT**

£600 donation from *Monymusk Thrift Shop*, mostly used for Festive Food Parcels, with remaining amount added to Larder account. Another monthly donation to Larder via direct debit has been set up by a supporter. *Big Beastie Competitions* has kindly donated £100. The dropped coins collected by a parishioner at St Anne's raised £21, half of which donated to Larder. (Larder volunteers very grateful for the ongoing support the Larder receives. Although the account is relatively healthy, the cost of essential stock is increasing, so additional grant funding will be actively sought this coming year.)

**9. PLANNING MATTERS & APPLICATIONS –**

a) **Current planning applications** – No action to be taken on:

[Erection of Garden Room](#) Bogbeth Rise **Ref No: AP-P/2025/1964**

[Alterations and Extension to Dwellinghouse](#) Bremner Way **Ref No: AP-P/2025/1976**

[Erection of Stables](#) Bogfur Gardens, Kemnay **Ref No: APP/2025/2061**

b) **LDP – Call for Ideas:** The sub-group met to discuss the evident issues with each of the three sites being proposed for housing development. All three (Wellbush, field next to Stuart Crescent, Birley Bush) have serious and well-documented flooding and drainage issues. With additional traffic/access issues pertaining to the Wellbush and Birley Bush proposals. Thought the Birley Bush depot site could perhaps be retained for community use. *.cont on next page*

Noted that water comes down from Leschangie and Bogbeth, through the Wilderness down to Milton Meadows. Increased development at Wellbush or Birley Bush would add to the amount of water draining down to Milton Meadows.

## **REPORTS – Local Groups**

**a) Positive Steps and Strength & Balance –** Chair shared report sent in by R McKay: Extended Christmas break due to bad weather; Positive Steps not involved in devising the Walking Scotland survey. Active travel Routes – Chris Menzies willing to give an update, so a meeting to be organised.

**b) Greener Kemnay –** Polytunnel flattened by snow; GK to help organise the PoO celebration event. Participatory Budgeting – not successful in bid to get community garden fence replaced. *Energy Group*: House surveys ongoing, 9 completed so far. Public feedback will be given on 26<sup>th</sup> February at KVH, 4.30pm. £400 received from Monymusk Boules.

**c) Kemnay Village Hall –** New LED lighting and replacement doors now installed. Printer now up and running and to be used to print the Newsletter. Utility costs sorted out. Sub-group to meet to draw up a business plan for the community asset transfer.

**d) Community Credit Group –** Progressing slowly. Still looking to increase membership. A minimum of 20 people is required, currently only 5. Next meeting to be held Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> February at KVH, 7pm.

**e) It's Your Neighbourhood –** Not a lot of work can be done at moment, but bulbs are coming through.

## **11. ABERDEENSHIRE COUNCIL/COUNCILLOR NEWS -**

*Cllr Grant*: Busy with the snow/ice emergency and the Council response. Many committee meetings coming up, including the Kintore flood meeting.

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

## **OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMUNITY COUNCILLORS TO SPEAK –**

*G Berkin*: Vote of thanks to everyone who looked out for one another during recent snow emergency. *P Paterson*: Expressed thanks to *Big Beastie Competitions* for recent donation to the Larder. Also, thanks to all parents and supporters who have purchased items from the Youth Club's Amazon wish list, it has made a real difference. *M Brown*: An increase in young people attending the Youth Club. Now applying for grant funding. *R Lamplugh*: Men's Shed looking for temporary premises. Have considered KVH, in return for handiwork/small tasks done around the Hall. Also looking for projects to do around the village.

**Date of next meeting: Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> February 2026  
7.30pm at Kemnay Village Hall, with Teams link available**

# **Some facts and fictions about ‘Mad March Hares’**

**In popular folk law, March is the month when hares go a wee bit loopy and stage boxing matches with each other. Now we know this is because March begins for boy hares the season of ‘l’amour’ and that they are scrapping about the best looking girl hares with whom to carry on the hare family.**

**During the period in Scotland of the witch hysteria, witches were supposed to transform into hares to cause mischief or steal food and there are several legends about a hunter shooting a hare only to find a sweet old lady next door had suffered a gunshot wound!**

**So are hares really aggressive, bonkers or bewitched?**

**The eighteenth century poet William Cowper, who suffered from bouts of mental illness, had several pet hares and looking after them kept him mentally well.**

**But it’s a recent author, Chloe Dalton, who wrote a fascinating memoir of her experience of rearing an abandoned baby hare (a ‘leveret’).**

**In contrast to Cowper, whose hares were kept in the house, her hare grew up to come and go through the cat flap and would return even when fully grown.**

**It even had its own language to communicate with her! Sadly it appears Chloe’s hare has moved on, but other hares (its offspring?) regularly visit her.**

**If you have ever seen hares going mad in March, do write in and tell us!**



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## Easter Services March/April 2026



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Sun, 29 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>10:30</b>	<b>Palm Sunday Joint Service</b>	<b>Kemnay Church</b>
	<b>10:30</b>	<b>Kids' Palm Sunday Event</b>	<b>Kemnay Church Centre</b>
Mon, 30 <sup>th</sup> March	19:30	IDCT Holy Week Service	St Andrews, Inverurie
Tue, 31 <sup>st</sup> March	19:30	IDCT Holy Week Service	St Andrews, Inverurie
Wed, 1 <sup>st</sup> April	19:30	IDCT Holy Week Service	St Andrews, Inverurie
Thu, 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	<b>14:00-16:00</b>	<b>Maundy Thursday Labyrinth</b>	<b>Echt Church</b>
	<b>18:00-20:00</b>	<b>Maundy Thursday Labyrinth</b>	<b>Echt Church</b>
	19:30	IDCT Holy Week Service	St Andrews, Inverurie
Fri, 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	08:00	Process of Witness	Catholic Church, Inverurie
	12:00	Solemn Meditation	St Anne's, Kemnay
	<b>19:00</b>	<b>Good Friday Service</b>	<b>Kemnay Church</b>
	19:30	IDCT Holy Week Service	St Andrews, Inverurie
Sun, 5 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>08:30</b>	<b>Prayers at the Cross</b>	<b>Kemnay Church Centre</b>
	<b>08:45</b>	<b>Easter Communion</b>	<b>Echt Church</b>
	<b>09:00</b>	<b>Easter Communion</b>	<b>Kintore Church</b>
	<b>10:00</b>	<b>Easter Morning Services</b>	<b>Chapel of Garioch, Echt, Monymusk, Kemnay &amp; Kintore</b>
	10:00	Family Service	St Anne's, Kemnay
	<b>15:30</b>	<b>Mini-Messy Easter</b>	<b>Kintore Church</b>

Everyone is welcome to join us at all of these services. If you would like more information about any of our Easter Services, please contact our Church Office at 01467-643 883 or [office@bennachieparish.church](mailto:office@bennachieparish.church)

**March updates** -it seems so long since the Birley Bush volunteers asked you to vote for a new fence at Birley Bush Community Garden. Sadly we did not get enough votes to pay for a new fence. Thanks to those who did vote and persuaded others to vote.



We are exploring other options. The new Kemnay Mens Shed may be able to help us with the labour for the fence replacement if we can source the cash/donations for around 38 posts, 360 boards plus the rails and postcrete. Greener Kemnay is registered as a charity so if anyone has contacts for workplace giving for materials we would be very grateful for any help.

Our polytunnel, like so many of the same shape, collapsed under the weight of snow in January. We will replace it with one that sheds snow more efficiently to keep the soft leaved plants away for our visiting deer and the frost. The Monymusk Boules Tournament have recognised the importance of our space and given us a donation which we will put towards a new polytunnel.

**Saturday 7th March 10am Place of Origin  
The Paths Group would love you to join them in spreading  
wild flower seed in the open space around Mavis's benches**

In September we will be celebrating 20 years since the Place of Origin was formed from soil and different granites from all over the world. There will be further work parties you can join in with during the spring and summer.

**Contact us - Friends of the Place of Origin or Greener  
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or email [greenerkemnaytrustees@gmail.com](mailto:greenerkemnaytrustees@gmail.com)**

# **Kemnay Community Trust journey!**

## **Where We've Been: & where we are heading to:**

There has been a number of community consultations that seek out the views of issues from Kemnay residents and these have acted like stepping stones, towards the planning of a local community trust that can tackle these issues and improve resilience. These stepping stones include 'Kemnay Action Plan' (2017), Kemnay Community Minibus (2022), the £16k. Community Project (2024) and the NESCAN Community Survey & Assembly (2025).

Many of you responded to the above through Facebook, survey forms and public meetings and we wish to assure you that your comments are going into our drawing together as to the purpose of a Kemnay Community Trust and the issues it needs to engage with and to make a difference to the quality of living.

## **Where We Are Now**

This Steering Group was formed in July 2025 and has slowly been concentrating on the development of thinking around the purpose of a Community Trust, a draft Constitution and raising awareness in the community as to the benefits a Trust can bring. The Constitution we are drafting is a two-tier Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation, that will consist of Members and Directors (aka SCIO).

## **Where We Are Heading To**

There is a real need for the proposal to establish the Kemnay Community Trust to be put forward at a Public Meeting by May or June this year at the latest. To give this exciting project the best possible start, we need your help to get this off the ground.

The expectation is that the draft Constitution will be approved, a viable Board will be created with sufficient numbers of Members and Trustees before the start of the summer holidays. This in turn will allow for the £16k fund to be unlocked and work to start on making Kemnay a better place for everyone.

Last open meeting of the Steering Group was on Thursday 19th February.

# Letters to the Editor

## Cats and Dogs . . . .



A large cat has been making itself at home in a house just off Bremner Way (Morrisons end). The resident's own cat is seriously put out by this 'visitor' who comes in by the cat flap, takes over their bed and eats their food. Does anyone know whose cat this is? The resident has tried posting on All About Kemnay, but no-one has claimed the moggy. It isn't chipped, so the vet couldn't help either.

It may be that the cat has been returned to its owner before this article goes out, but if it hasn't and this is your cat, or you know whose it is, please call **07734 897118**.

Dog poo has once again become an issue in the village. ☹️

People out walking have reported a disappointing amount of dog poo being left on pavements, tracks and trails. The Wilderness in particular has seen a large increase in dog mess and filled poo bags (?!) being left in the woods.

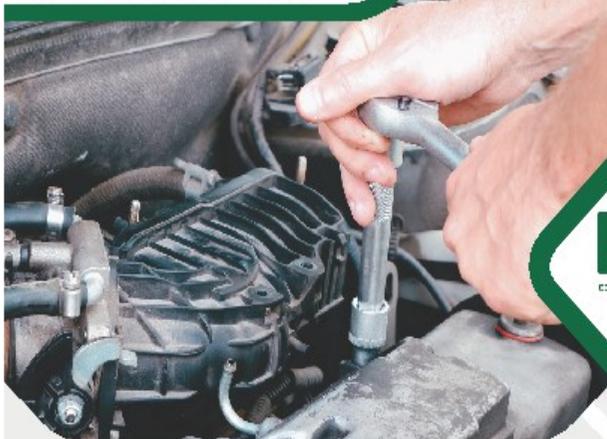
Responsible dog owners are also naturally angry as all dog owners are blamed for the poor behaviour of a few.

**PLEASE PICK UP AFTER YOUR DOG and PUT IT IN THE BIN.**



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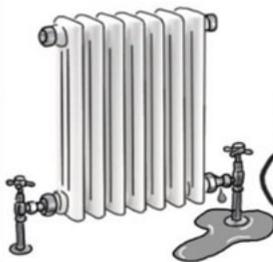
~Why do men's clothes button on the right and women's on the left? It's because when buttons were very expensive only rich folk could afford them. As most people are right handed it was easier to fasten them on the right into holes on the left. But rich ladies were dressed by a maid, so dressmakers put the buttons on the maid's right and so it is still today! Turn to page 30 for more .....



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## More of “you have always wanted to know”

~**What is the origin of the phrase ‘Mayday’ when a ship or aircraft is requesting help?** t’s a corruption of the French phrase ‘M’ aidez!’ Help me!

~**Why is a zero score in tennis called ‘love?’** It’s those pesky Français folk again! The round zero on the scoreboard looked like an egg and so was called ‘l’œuf’. We Anglophones pronounced it ‘love’.

~**Why are piggy banks so called?** Residents of the British Isles are not noted for being multilingual! In this case, dishes and cookware in Europe were made of a thick orange clay called ‘pygg’ and when used to store money they were known as pygg banks. A British potter misheard the word and started making the pots in the shape of a pig. Since then many pigs have come to a sad end when the cash was required!

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1st Mon **Green Mondays.** St Annes, Kendal Road, 10am –12pm See page 8.  
1st Tues **Greener Kemnay** Meet Burnett Arms 7pm  
1st Wed **Strength and Balance.** 10-11.30am. See page 4.  
2nd Saturday **Birley Bush** work party 10am-2pm.  
1st Mon **Finding Qi in Me-Circle of Light-Qi Gong & Soundbath** Church Centre 7-9pm.  
4th Monday of every month **Book Group** at the library 2pm. See page 11
- Weekly:** (Subject to summer holidays)
- Sunday **Boules at Birley Bush** 10am and 3pm; **Spectrum Singers**, Kemnay Church Centre, 1.45-3.45pm; **Bingo**, KVH Friendship Room, 6.30-8.30pm
- Monday **Ladybird; Toddler Group.** School term 0915-11.10am, KVH Friendship Room; **Jazzercise** 5.45-6.30pm, KVH Main Hall.; **Yoga** 7-8.00pm, KVH Main Hall; **Ukelele Group (Ali)** 7-8.30pm, KVH Wainman Room
- Tuesday **Knit & Natter** at the library 10am-12noon. See page 11; **Tuesday Club** 2-4.00pm (alternate weeks), KVH Friendship Room; **Dance Class**; 3.45-5.30pm, KVH Main Hall; **So Yang Do** 6-7.45pm, KVH Main Hall; **Children's and adult dance classes** during school term, Church Centre.
- Wednesday **Citizen's Advice** KVH Wainman Room, fortnightly; **Knitting Group** 2-4.00pm, KVH Wainman Room; **Ukelele Group (Julie)** 2-4.00pm, KVH Friendship Room; **Jazzercise** 6.15-7.30pm, KVH Main Hall.
- Thursday **Buggy Walk**; 10am outside KVH See page 12; **Taekwondo** 4.30-7.30pm, KVH Main Hall; **Kemnay Local Vocals**; Church centre 7.30-9pm.
- Friday **Bargain Box** 9.30-11.30am. Wainman Room, side entrance. . See page 6; **Community Coffee Mornings.** See page 6; **Health Walk**; 9.30am Meet outside Village Hall See page 4; **Pilates**; 9.30-10.30am, KVH Main Hall; **Jazzercise** 5.45-6.30pm, KVH Main Hall.; **Shire Gaming** 7-10.pm (alternate weeks), KVH Wainman Room
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## March

- Sat 14th Neat presents "A Nicht Roon the Fire" KVH See page 16  
Fri 20th Kemnay Movie Night See page 4  
Sun 29th Spectrum Singers Open Day 2-4pm Church centre. See page 7.  
Sat 7th Greener Kemnay 10am Place of Origin. Scattering of wild flower seeds. See page 23

## April

- Sun 26th "The Sorries" KVH See page 16

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