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Community Council

Your Monthly Higher Kinnerton Community Newsletter



Happy New Year

It's been a busy time as we move into 2022 and the New Year. Christmas is behind us, and hopefully we have all enjoyed a break with family and friends. No doubt we are all thinking ahead to what 2022 might bring for us. This month's newsletter, our first of 2022, gives us a chance to reflect on what is going on in the village and, we hope, we have included news across all manner of activities and events which will be of interest. As always, we welcome contributions, so if you have any news about events and activities happening here in our village then please get in touch. We'd love to hear from you.

Higher Kinnerton Photo of the Month

Many of you will, I'm sure, be aware if you follow the village Facebook page that there are a myriad great photos which appear on the page on a regular basis, uploaded by residents from their walks around the village and surrounding countryside. Obviously not everyone uses Facebook and so they don't have the opportunity to enjoy these pictures. Having enjoyed many of them ourselves over the last couple of years it occurs to us that they really deserve a wider audience so this is your chance to submit your photos to the newsletter. Every month we will ask members of the Facebook page to vote for the best image from those sent to us and we will publish it in the newsletter for all to enjoy. No prizes, just kudos and the satisfaction of allowing others to enjoy your pictures. If you are happy for us to publish your photos on this basis then please email them to us, in JPEG format, at newsletter@higherkinnerton.org.uk. Copyright of the pictures will, naturally, remain with the owner. We are looking forward to seeing what you can contribute. To get you started this month here is a view of the wolf moon rising over the fields seen in mid-January from The Green



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1st Kinnerton Scout Group

The Scout Group, the Committee members and all the youngsters, particularly the members of the Scout Troop wishes Maggie Austen farewell and many thanks for all her hard work over nearly 10 years with the Group. Her enthusiasm and ready smile will be much missed. She was presented with gifts on the last Scout night before Christmas. (Meetings were under strict Covid rules, hence facemasks)

Can you step into her shoes? We are looking for someone who is enthusiastic and who wants to help give youngsters the skills that they need for their futures. Plenty of help and training is available, If you are interested please email kinnertonscouts@gmail.com



Were You Married in 1972 (or earlier?)

Ten years ago nearly 40 Kinnerton residents gathered to celebrate their 40th Wedding Anniversaries with a meal and a great deal of fun. Now it's coming up to 50 years – yes, really! Quite a lot of couples have expressed interest in celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary with us, but we would love to have more join us. The intention is to have an evening together, with a meal about May or June 2022 – the date to be decided to suit everyone..

There will be people who reached this milestone in lock-down and who were unable to have the grand get-together that they wanted. We would love you to join us too, along with anyone else who has reached 50+ years together. We know also that there will be some people who have lost a partner, but if you would like to recognise with us the Golden Anniversary of your Wedding Day, please join us to so we can acknowledge the bond you shared.

So we can see if there is enough interest, get in touch with Lesley on 660579 or lesley@chrisandlesholden.co.uk or Rosalind on rosalind.hilton@yahoo.com We might be golden oldies, but we haven't forgotten how to party and have fun.

Baby and Toddler Group

The Group re-started in September and is going from strength to strength. We have enjoyed Halloween, Children in Need and Christmas themed sessions and are enjoying getting together again in a social setting. This month we are delighted to have received a grant from Flintshire's Early Years Team which means that we are able to provide 12 weeks of free sessions to local parents and carers and upgrade our current equipment.

We meet on Fridays mornings at the village hall from 9.15 until 11.



Kinnerton Juniors Football Teams

Kinnerton Amber Team Under 10s v Mold match report, January 16th

A tough game for the Kinnerton Amber team playing away at Mold today with the game ending 3-1 to Mold. However it was pleasing to see the team work hard until the end. Mold moved into a 3-0 lead by the end of the 3rd quarter. We then spoke to the team and got them to focus on winning the final quarter which we did with Xavier finding the back of the net. Frankie picked up the Man of the Match award.

Kinnerton Oaks U10s Red Team v Mold A match report January 16th

A great comeback from the Oaks to win the game 3-2 after being 2 goals down. Mold's A Team are always a tough team to play against but the Oaks put together a brilliant team performance to secure the win. Some really good passing moves and also excellent work rate off the ball, pressing well to stop Mold playing the ball out from the back. The goals came from Iwan, Rafa and a lovely winner from Seb, plus a special mention to Will in goal for pulling off a brilliant double save at 2-2.

Gethin Lloyd (Kinnerton Manager)

Kinnerton U15s report

The team have had a great December and early January winning 5 on the bounce playing some excellent football. There have been good victories against Buckley, Mold and Mynydd Isa. We are always looking for new players. If you can help please contact Andy on 07813 628713.

Finally, Kinnerton Oaks under 12s are looking for extra players to join them, please contact Jon Billings on 07368162467.



Higher Kinnerton Indoor Bowls Club by Geoff Haffenden

Indoor bowls started in the village back in the mid 80s and has done very well over the years. We are a social group with a team in the League.

We register with the [Wrexham & District Short Mat Bowling Association](#), playing between September and March. There are 8 teams who play in this League on a Tuesday afternoons from 13:00. At the end of the season the League holds a lunch and presentation event. Currently we are in 7th position (we have been better!). We play 9 games of Pairs, 9 ends per game. Our best result has been 5 wins in one match. In addition, the District Short Mat Association do run competitions throughout the season which you can enter.

The Club holds a Members Night on a Wednesday evening from September to March, from 18:00 to 21:00, which consists of playing pairs on 2 mats. We do also have a third mat which we can put down but the floor is not level so you may have a very frustrating game! During the season we hold internal competitions, both singles and pairs. Depending on numbers on the night you can expect 2 or 3 games with different partners.



The only stipulation is that you wear flat shoes, we can provide the bowls. If you join we have a membership fee of £5 and you pay £2 on the night to play. There is a break during the evening where you can have a drink with biscuits or cake, for free.

If you are interested then please come along for a night and have a go. Contact **Geoff Haffenden** on 01244 660721, or email geoffhaffenden@yahoo.com

Higher Kinnerton Community Council — Councillor Vacancies

Do you care passionately about your local community?

Is there something you want to change or improve for residents?

If you can dedicate a few hours a month to the community why not stand for what you care about and become a member of Higher Kinnerton Community Council? There are currently two vacancies with details set out in the following published notice:

HIGHER KINNERTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL **Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011, Section 116** **Notice of Co-Option**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Higher Kinnerton Community Council intends to co-opt two members to fill vacancies that exist in the office of Councillor for Higher Kinnerton Community.

Expressions of interest are being sought from members of the public who meet the following qualifications and are interested in representing their community on the aforementioned Community Council. You must be a British, Commonwealth, Irish or a European Union citizen and be 18 years of age or over; and meet at least one of the following criteria:

- registered as a local government elector for the community named above; or
- during the whole of the last 12 months occupied as owner or tenant land or other premises in the community named above; or
- your principal or only place of work during the last 12 months has been in the community named above; or
- you have during the whole of the last 12 months resided in the Community or within 4.8 kilometres of it.

If you wish to be considered for co-option for the vacant seats or want more information regarding the role of a Community Councillor please contact the Proper Officer, Liz Corner, Clerk to the Council on 01244 660277 or via email at liz@higherkinnerton.org.uk by 31st March 2022

Dated: 31st January 2022

For an informal discussion about the role please email or call Liz Corner, Clerk to HKCC.

Soft Plastic Recycling

The Co-op have introduced the recycling of soft plastics in 1500 of their stores across the UK. Most soft plastics cannot be recycled using Flintshire's kerbside recycling collection and so, up to now, will almost certainly have been thrown away in general waste and made their way into landfill. As we all endeavour to do our bit this is an important step and HKCC encourage everyone in the community to help by recycling their soft plastic waste. Three local stores, in Hope, Penyffordd and Broughton, offer a soft plastic recycling bin in-store.

What are soft plastics?

Soft plastics are lightweight plastics that often cannot be placed in recycling bins at home. Think plastic film lids on yoghurt pots, soft fruit punnets and ready meals, as well as plastic crisp packets, pasta bags and chocolate or biscuit wrappers. What they're not are plastic bottles, tubs, pots, trays and caps. If you're not sure, a simple test is to scrunch it up and if it pings back, it's a useful indicator it's soft plastic.

Soft plastics recycling is easy. Just follow these three steps:

- **Clean it** – First, rinse your packaging out.
- **Scrunch it** – Now, scrunch it up tight - if it pings back, it's a useful indicator it's soft plastic.
- **Co-op it** - Pop it into the soft plastics recycling unit at a Co-op near you.

Community Spirit at it's Best by Gail Powell

You may remember Christmas 2020 when COVID-19 restrictions were at their most severe. To ensure all residents of Higher Kinnerton had a Christmas dinner an initiative to provide these meals was launched. Forty Four meals and chocolates were provided and delivered to residents. The meals were generously provided by our 2 public houses, The Royal Oak and The Swan. Chocolates were donated by Higher Kinnerton Community Council.

2021 saw fewer restrictions. However, given the challenges 2021 brought to the hospitality sector it was with some nervousness I approached Emma at The Royal Oak to ask if she would support the initiative again. The response was "of course"

Due to fewer restrictions there was only a need for 17 meals. The Royal Oak provided these including a dessert, a selection box and a Christmas card.

The meals were collected on Christmas Eve, the pub was extremely busy, one of their busiest periods. For Emma and her team to do this at this time was amazing. All the meals were packaged and labelled with heating instructions. The weather was pretty awful, however the meals were delivered safely in readiness for the following day. Needless to say the meals were gratefully received and went down very well! Chocolates were also provided by the community council.



During these difficult times it's really humbling to see that the community spirit is thriving. Thank you to the Community Council, Liz Corner and especially Emma and her team. Well done and thank you The Royal Oak.

All Saints Church

Thank you to all those have supported our church over the Christmas period. We look forward to seeing you at our services and other events.

Church Services:

Sunday 6th February, 9.30 am – Morning Worship
 Sunday 13th February, 9.30 am – Holy Communion
 Sunday 20th February, 9.30 am – Holy Communion
 Sunday 27th February, 9.30 am – Holy Communion
 Wednesday 2nd March, Ash Wednesday (TBC)
 Sunday 6th March, 9.30 am – Morning Worship
 Sunday 13th March, 9.30 am – Holy Communion
 Sunday 20th March, 9.30 am – Holy Communion
 Sunday 27th March, 9.30 am – Mothering Sunday Service (TBC)

Coffee Mornings:

Wednesday 16th February - 10.30am-12.00noon
 Wednesday 16th March - 10.30am-12.00noon
 3rd Wednesday of each month.

Future events to look out for:

'Beetle Drive' with Kinnerton Scout Group – March/April, Scout Headquarters
 Food Bank Collection – Sunday 3rd April, All Saints Church
 Platinum Jubilee Celebrations including an Afternoon Tea – Sunday 5th June, All Saints Church
 Film night with Kinnerton Village Hall Committee – October, Kinnerton Village Hall
 Christmas Tree Festival – December, All Saints Church

PLEASE CHECK THE CHURCH NOTICEBOARD FOR DETAILS

LYCH GATE

A big thank you to all that have kindly donated towards the Lych Gate repairs. We have already received over £600, however the repairs are likely to cost approximately £2,500, so all donations will be gratefully received. Contact Mike Allport 660796 / Pam Andrews 660795 or any church member.



Higher Kinnerton Village Hall

Registered Charity No. 1183214.



What's regularly happening in the Village Hall

If you want to join in, make contact.

Activity	Day	Session	Room	Contact	Details
Post Office Services	Monday	Morning 10am to 12 midday	Committee Room		Phone E-mail Website
Zumba	Monday	Evening	Main Hall	Julia Kelly	Phone 07989 408582 E-mail juliakelly79@yahoo.co.uk Website https://www.zumba.com/en-US/profile/julia-kelly/1687276
Shine Bright Yoga	Tuesday	Morning	Main Hall	Laura Blanchard	Phone 07415 832299 E-mail laura@shinebrightyoga.co.uk Website https://www.shinebrightyoga.co.uk
Footcare Clinic	1st & 3rd Tuesday in the month	Afternoon	Committee Room	Lynsey McCabe	Phone 07538 523011 E-mail Website
Bowls (League Matches)	Tuesday	Afternoon to 4:30pm	Main Hall	Geoff Haffenden	Phone 01244 660721 E-mail geoffhaffenden@yahoo.com Website
A-Star Sports Training for children up to School Year 6	Tuesday	5pm to 6pm	Blue Boom	Alistair Ross	Phone 07738 674659 E-mail alastair.ross89@gmail.com Website http://www.a-starsports.co.uk
Bonnis Pizza	Tuesday	4pm to 7pm	Car Park	Dominic Roden	Phone 07771 747411 E-mail hello@bonnispizza.com Website https://www.bonnispizza.com
Aerial Fitness Lessons	Tuesday	Evening	Main Hall	Sarah Jones	Phone 07766 100369 E-mail cumbriapoleart@aol.com Website
Random Start Band Practice (Popular Music)	Tuesday	Evening	Blue Room	Nigel Parry	Phone 01244 660919 E-mail nsmostynparry@hotmail.co.uk Website
Art Classes	Wednesday	Morning	Blue Room	Carol Udale	Phone 01352 375493 E-mail carol.udale@hotmail.co.uk Website http://www.caroludale.com/
Line Dancing	Wednesday	Afternoon	Main Hall	Eileen Scattergood	Phone 01978 760070 E-mail EilScettrgd@aol.com Website
Bowls (Club Nights)	Wednesday	Evening	Main Hall	Geoff Haffenden	Phone 01244 660721 E-mail geoffhaffenden@yahoo.com Website
Community Council	Every 2nd Wednesday in the month	Evening	Blue Room	Liz Corner	Phone 01244 660277 E-mail liz@higherkinnerton.org.uk Website https://www.higherkinnerton.org.uk
Whist	Every other Wednesday	Evening	Committee Room	Kathy Evans	Phone 01244 660651 E-mail kathr.eva@hotmail.com Website
Pilates	Thursday	Morning	Main Hall	Lucy Palmer	Phone 07816 776230 E-mail lucypalmerspilates@me.com Website https://www.lucypalmerspilates.co.uk
Walkers	Thursday	Afternoon	Main Hall	Brian Foley	Phone 07983 494235 E-mail brianogara@sky.com Website
WI	1st Thursday in Month (Not in January)	Evening	Main Hall	Marion Round	Phone 01244 660915 E-mail marround@aol.com Website
Clwyd Clippers Barber Shop	Thursday	Evening	Main Hall	Steve Wallace	Phone 07596 750098 E-mail w_steve_wallace@hotmail.com Website http://www.clwydclippers.com
Village Hall Committee	Every 3rd Thursday in the Month	Evening	Blue Room	Mike Williams	Phone 01244 660777 E-mail dwilliams881@btinternet.com Website
Kinnerton Toddler Group	Friday	Morning	Blue & Committee Rooms	Janc Liddle	Phone 07401 369062 E-mail KU5share@gmail.com Website https://www.facebook.com/groups/198942550613899/
Craft Club	Every 1st & 3rd Friday in the month	Afternoon	Blue & Committee Rooms	Margie Edwards	Phone 01244 661090 E-mail margieedwards1@hotmail.co.uk Website
Brand New Street Dance 7 to 11 years old	Fridays from 10/01/20	4:45pm to 6:15pm	Main Hall	Samantha Boden	Phone 07598 430454 E-mail samanthadenes@outlook.com Website https://www.facebook.com/pg/samanthadenesdance/posts/
Cinema Club	Every 3rd Friday in the Month	Evening	Main Hall	Ian Rees	Phone 07977 118832 E-mail ian.rees@bofa.com Website
Tae Kwon Do Classes	Saturday	Morning	Main Hall	Philip Starr	Phone 07772 525380 E-mail philipstarr1@hotmail.co.uk Website

If you want to make a casual booking or set up a new regular group activity
phone 07563159012 (no texts please) or e-mail hall.bookings@btinternet.com

Dog Fouling in Higher Kinnerton

HKCC members remain aware of dog fouling issues within the village. As part of measures to dissuade people from allowing their dogs to foul public areas we intend to provide a supply of dog waste bags that will be attached to lighting columns, at regular intervals around the village, and will regularly refill them.

However, there is one problem that is of particular concern and this relates to dog fouling with the Children's Play Facility down Park Avenue. We wish to remind residents that dogs are absolutely **NOT** permitted to enter this area

Not only is dog fouling disgusting, it also poses a significant health risk, and to children in particular. Dogs may deposit roundworm eggs (*toxocara canis*) in their faeces, which become infectious after about three weeks, and can remain so for up to two years. Anyone, but particularly children playing near to the ground, can run the risk of picking up and swallowing the eggs.

Toxocariasis is particularly hazardous to small children as it can result in blindness. Toxocara is the name given to a species of roundworm commonly found in dogs and cats. Virtually all puppies are born with toxocara. Puppies and kittens can also be infected with toxocara through their mother's milk or from environmental contamination.

Microscopic toxocara eggs are present in the faeces of infected animals. These eggs have thick, sticky shells which means that they can remain infectious in the soil for between two and four years after the faeces have disappeared. The sticky shell helps eggs to adhere to fingers or clothing.

Human infection comes from accidentally swallowing the infectious toxocara eggs. This is why crawling babies and toddlers are most at risk as they tend to put dirty fingers and toys into their mouths. Medical records show that approximately 100 new cases of Toxocariasis are diagnosed each year.

Once swallowed toxocara eggs release larvae into the intestine. These larvae travel through the body until they die, which may take several years. The symptoms of this disease can be unpleasant and difficult to treat. They can include stomach upset and pain, headache, sore throat, wheezing and listlessness. In some cases, larvae reach the eyes where they can cause sight problems and in some cases blindness.

Given the above can we please ask everyone to be aware and ensure that they look after their dogs and the community. Thank you



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