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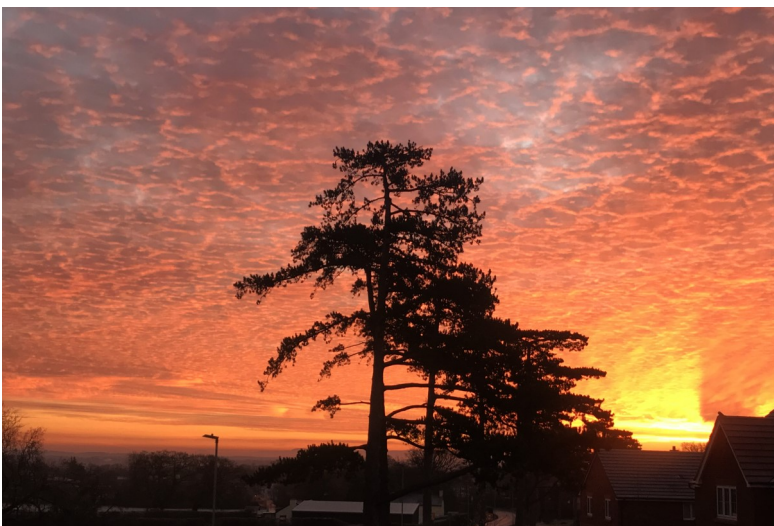
Your Monthly Higher Kinnerton Community Newsletter



Welcome to the March edition of our village newsletter. It's hard to believe it's March already! There's plenty to catch up on in this month's copy, including news about tree planting in the park and an exciting new wild flower project in the village, as well as numerous activities and events going on here in Higher Kinnerton. It really is a great place to live!

March Photo of the Month

Sunrise has been a real theme on the Higher Kinnerton Facebook page over the last few weeks with numerous photographs showing a variety of sunrise views in and around the village. At this time of year as the days gradually get longer a colourful sunrise always seems to be a cause for optimism. We have decided to include two shots which we have received from readers for our first photo of the month article, to try and get you all in the mood for Spring which is just around the corner now.



This shot was submitted by Chrissy and is a view from Kinnerton Meadows looking down Kinnerton Lane towards the Royal Oak, with the tall shapely pine trees set against a fiery glow in the east

This photo was sent to us by Maureen Ball and shows the brightening sky as the sun rises behind the trees on the old railway embankment near Sandy Lane.

Please do send in your photos for us to showcase in next month's newsletter, it is always nice to see them. You can submit them to us by email at newsletter@higherkinnerton.org.uk.

Thank you so much, please keep them coming



Tree Planting Success

Thank you to everyone who turned up on Saturday 5th February to plant trees in the park on Park Avenue. You were so efficient that by the time the last few volunteers arrived there were no more trees to be planted. We got 12 trees into the ground, staked, and guards fitted in around an hour which is amazing when you think of how long they are going to be there for.

The trees planted were:

- 3 x Field Maple, described by the Woodland Trust as pollution fighter, Autumn stunner and syrup maker. Kinnerton maple syrup may be a legacy we leave to our future villagers! These broad leaf trees support caterpillar and aphids and can live for up to 350 years.
- 3 x Alder, perfect for water heavy areas such as the top area of the park where you can often hear the water running just under the surface.
- 2 x Mountain Ash / Rowan, their Flowers and pollen provide nectar for bees while their Autumn berries are a source of food for our overwintering birds.
- 2 x Paperbark Maple, another wet soil loving tree this maple has a distinctive bark giving it year-round attractiveness.
- 2 x Amelanchier, another decorative tree with delicate blossom in the Spring and red to purple-coloured fruits in the Autumn that are a favourite with birds.

A huge thank you goes to Dave Taylor, Hazel Copper, Jill Griffiths, Chrissie Gee, Nigel and Jayne Harvey, Helen Armstrong, Andy Caldow, Liz Shaheir, Don Robertson, Caroline Harcourt, Mike Allport, Luci Turner and Sally and Fiona Pallet (apologies if I've missed someone or got names slightly wrong my notepad was a bit soggy!)

Anjela Jones



Free Tree for all Welsh households

On a related note, the Welsh government has partnered with the Woodland Trust and recently announced that every household in Wales will be offered a free tree to plant as part of the Government's commitment to tackle climate change. This includes an option to have a tree planted on your behalf if you prefer.

It is planned that the first trees will be available to collect from later in March, initially from one of five regional community hubs that will be established. The Welsh Government aims to set up a further 20 hubs across Wales by October 2022. We are still waiting to hear where the regional hubs will be and will keep you posted as and when locations are announced.

A55 Road Closures

Many of you will be aware of the planned road closure on the A55 which will affect any drivers using the expressway between exits 35 (Dobshell) and 36 (Broughton). Traffic Wales recently announced a programme of works to be carried out for 6 weeks between February 28 and April 8 and this will result in some disruption to traffic along this section.

The works involve the removal of the existing worn out road surface and replacement with an improved surface. The plan is to work 24/7, with partial closure during weekdays, and full closure during the night and at weekends. Work will commence with the westbound carriageway, followed by the eastbound. A diversion route is indicated along the A540 (Dobshell to Penymynydd) and down the A5104 (Penymynydd to Warren Interchange).

Full details can be found on the Traffic Wales website (www.traffic.wales)

1st Kinnerton Scout Group Plant Sale

Advance Notice

We are really pleased that we will be having our Plant Sale again this year, where you can order bedding plants delivered to your door. Unbelievably we have held this event for over 20 years now, purchasing our plants from the same expert grower. We will be sending out order forms in the April newsletter as we did last year. **Delivery day is Sunday 15th May**. Our prices are always very competitive.

There are a few changes to the plants available this year, mainly in pre-planted items, due to the difficulty the grower is experiencing with labour shortages, but the old favourites are still there.

We hope that you continue to support us as you have always done, and if you have not purchased from us before, please give us a try.

Looking forward to seeing Kinnerton in bloom again.

Community Policing

North Wales Police currently have three Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) operating out of Mold who cover our village and surrounding areas as part of a Neighbourhood Policing Team. They take an active interest in village affairs and aim to attend our community council meetings when operationally possible. The three officers and their contact details are

PCSO C3463 Victoria Davies

Mobile: 07989 162988

Email: victoria.davies@northwales.police.uk

Victoria is originally from South Wales and has been a PCSO for nine years, working previously in the area of Wrexham rural.

PCSO C3967 Helen Holden

Mobile: 07890 388786

Email: helen.holden@northwales.police.uk

Helen is from the Chester area, and is in her third year of being a PCSO. Helen initially worked in Wrexham town, moving to the Flintshire South area in February 2021.

PCSO C4406 Adelina Olaru

Mobile: 07814075613

E-mail: Adelina.Olaru@northwales.police.uk

Adelina has been a PCSO for a year, and is originally from Romania. Adelina moved to the UK in 2010 and lives in Llandulas.

Details of crime statistics for our area can be found on the North Wales Police website at <https://www.northwales.police.uk/police-forces/north-wales-police/areas/stats-and-data/stats-and-data/>

Green Communities Project

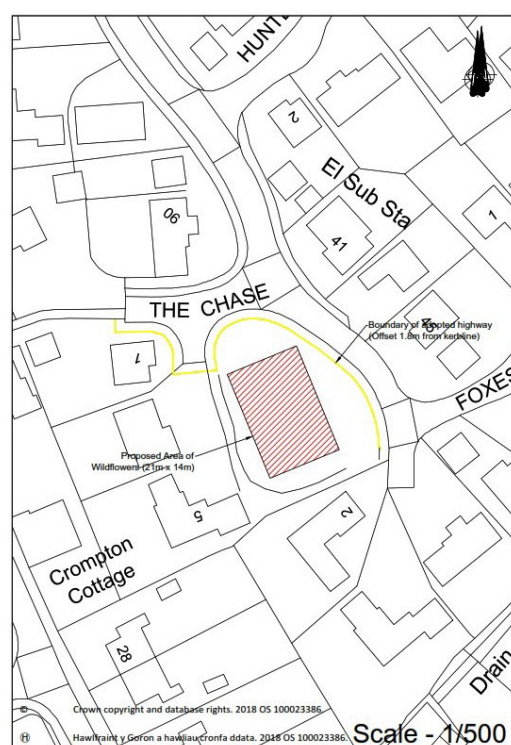
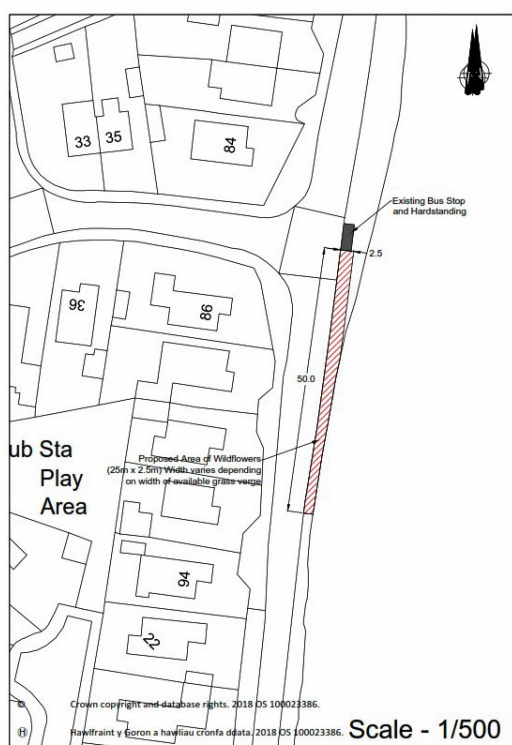
We are delighted to make you aware that Higher Kinnerton could soon be a 'hot spot' for native pollinators. Working alongside a landscape management team, our local community can help bring wildlife into our village with abundance. The introduction of tended wildflower areas in our village is key to attract as many pollinators to the area as possible.

The three sites currently in mind are -

- Sandy Lane/ Blanter Road junction
- Llys Derwen open space area
- The Stables Farm field, Main Road

A strip of land on each area would be prepared by the landscape team, removing the top layer of grass soil, turning in soil enrichment and planting native wildflowers and shrubs. The wildflower areas for Sandy Lane/Blanter Road and Llys Derwen are shown on the plans below.

The Community Council would really appreciate your feedback and thoughts so we have arranged an open meeting to discuss on Friday 25th March at the Village Hall at 6.30 p.m. Please join us!



Golden Oldies' 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration

We now have a provisional date of Thursday 19th May at 7-30pm at the Royal Oak for our Golden Wedding celebrations, with 30 people already interested.

Menus are being prepared, and we will circulate them very shortly.

Were you married in 1972? Did you reach this milestone of a Golden Wedding in lock-down and were unable to have the grand get-together that you wanted? We would love you to join us too, along with anyone else who has reached 50+ years together.

If you would like to join us but have not yet put your name down, get in touch with Rosalind at rosalind.hilton@yahoo.com or Lesley at lesley@chrisandlesholden.co.uk.

10 years ago we had a fabulous evening for our Ruby celebrations, and I know that we will have just as much fun again.

We have not been able to have events like this for such a long time, so lets show everyone that we may be a little older, but we can still party!

All Saints Church

We look forward to seeing you at our regular services and other events.

Church Services:

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:

These are held on the third Wednesday of each month.

Wednesday 16th March there will be a Lent Lunch, 12.00-1.30pm instead of the usual Coffee Morning.

Future events to look out for:

'Beetle Drive' with Kinnerton Scout Group – Friday 25th March, 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 Update

As you may have noticed the Lych gate was damaged when it was hit by a car. Consequently, we are putting the appeal for donations on hold until the damage has been assessed. Thank you to all who have already donated.

Coming soon! Easter nests and chicks for sale, carefully knitted by our Kinnerton Crafters, all proceeds towards Church Funds.

All Saints Church 100 Club Winners 2021-22

September	58 May Wilson 47 Mike Allport 83 Debbie Thomas
October	37 Gill Cannon 41 David Lee 97 Jean McCale
November	2 special prizes of £25.00 - 85 Bev Howell 23 Ken Shield
November	99 Ian Morris 19 Peta & Elfyn Ellis 18 Mike Allport
December	65 Val O'Toole 13 Hugh Jackson 82 Bev Howell
January 2022	24 Don Mallett 90 Mary Gleave 89 Hugh Jackson
February	25 Roberta Mallett 28 Julianne Wallace-Jones 29 Rosemari Pugh

If you would like to join the 100 Club for a payment of just £12 a year, please contact Helen Francis 01244 660588

All Saints Church
invite you to a
Lent Lunch
Wednesday 16th March
12.00-1.30pm
Soup and Sandwiches
Fairtrade stall - Book Stall - Raffle

Trainee Job Opportunities in Flintshire

Flintshire County Council are running a programme this year aimed at youngsters looking for apprenticeship opportunities and training for education and job placements. Full details can be found on the council website at <https://www.flintshire.gov.uk/en/Resident/Jobs-and-careers/Flintshire-Trainees/Home.aspx>

Cynllun Prentisiaethau Llywodraeth Cymru yn agor ar 28 Mawrth

Mae Llywodraeth Cymru yn hysbysebu hyd at 50 o gyfleoedd prentisiaeth ym mis Mawrth. Y flwyddyn hon rydym yn cynnig tri llwybr gwahanol, gyda phob un yn arwain at gymhwyster NVQ lefel 3.

- Gweinyddiaeth Busnes
- Data Digidol a Thechnoleg
- Cyllid

Rydym yn croesawu ac yn annog ceisiadau gan y rhai sydd heb eu cynrychioli ar hyn o bryd yn ein gweithlu, megis pobl Dduon, Asiaidd a lleiafrifoedd ethnig a phobl anabl.

Dewch draw i'n sesiynau Gwybodaeth i Ymgeiswyr Rhithwir i gael gwybod mwy am y gwahanol lwybrau sydd ar gael, y broses ymgeisio a'r cymorth a fydd ar gael i ymgeiswyr. Bydd hyn yn cynnwys sut y gallwn ddileu unrhyw rwystrau a allai atal pobl rhag gwneud cais a sut y gallwn wneud addasiadau rhesymol i sicrhau bod y broses recriwtio yn deg ac yn hygyrch i chi.

24 Chwef 2022 11:00 – 12:00 [Candidate Information Session - Apprenticeships 2022 Tickets, Thu 24 Feb 2022 at 11:00 | Eventbrite](#)

15 Mawrth 2022 11:00 – 12:00 [Candidate Information Session - Apprenticeships 2022 Tickets, Tue 15 Mar 2022 at 11:00 | Eventbrite](#)

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12 Ebrill 2022 11:00 – 12:00 [Candidate Information Session - Apprenticeships 2022 Tickets, Tue 12 Apr 2022 at 11:00 | Eventbrite](#)

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- 22 Chwef 2022 13:00-14:00 – yn Gymraeg
- 25 Chwef 2022 13:00 – 14:00
- 17 Mawrth 2022 16:00 – 17:00
- 11 Ebrill 2022 11:00 – 12:00

Os oes gennych ddiddordeb mewn dysgu mwy am y cynllun DDaT, anfonwch e-bost at ddat@gov.wales i gofrestru ar gyfer y sesiynau uchod.

Os nad ydych yn medru mynychu unrhyw u'n o'r digwyddiadau hyn ond mae gennych gwestiynau ynglyn a'r cynllun, cysylltwch ag apprenticeshipscheme@gov.wales

Llawer o ddiolch
Llywodraeth Cymru

Welsh Government Apprenticeship Scheme opening on 28th March

The Welsh Government is advertising up to 50 apprenticeship opportunities in March. This year we are offering three different pathways, all leading to an NVQ level 3 qualification.

- Business Administration
- Digital Data and Technology
- Finance Professions

We welcome and encourage applications from those currently unrepresented in our workforce, such as Black, Asian and minority ethnic people and disabled people.

Come along to our Virtual Candidate Information sessions to find out more about the different pathways on offer, the application process and the support that will be made available to applicants. This will include how we can remove any barriers which may prevent people from applying and how we can make reasonable adjustments to ensure the recruitment process is fair and accessible for you.

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Our Digital Team are holding specific sessions about the Digital, Data and Technology scheme on

- 22 Feb 2022 13:00-14:00 – in Welsh
- 25 Feb 2022 13:00 – 14:00
- 17 March 2022 16:00 – 17:00
- 11 April 2022 11:00 – 12:00

If you're interested to learn more about the DDaT scheme, please email ddat@gov.wales to register for the above sessions.

If you are unable to attend any of these events but have any questions about the scheme and would like to speak to the team, please contact apprenticeshipscheme@gov.wales

Many thanks,
Welsh Government

1st Kinnerton Scout Group and All Saints Church are holding a Children's Beetle Drive

On **Friday 25th March** in the **Scout Headquarters**, with the doors opening at **6-15pm**, with the first game at **6-30pm prompt**.

Admission £1 per person. Game card for 6 games £2 per person.

Refreshments will be available in the interval.

Prizes and a raffle.

Primary aged children to be accompanied by an adult, who may still need to wear a facemask depending on the regulations at the time.

Higher Kinnerton Pensioners Club

Some of our residents have expressed an interest in establishing a club for retired or senior members of the community. Suggestions have included regular lunches at the Royal Oak, social events and talks, movies and outings. If you would be interested in taking part, would like to be part of setting this up or have any further suggestions please contact Jane Liddle on 07401369062 or via jane@higherkinnerton.org.uk

Art Classes in the Village Hall

My name is Carol Udale. I started as a potter back in 1978 for 19 years and then changed tack to try my hand at printing, drawing, and painting from 1997. It wasn't till I passed my driving test in 2001 that I was able to get out and about doing art classes for adults in the community.

The art classes have been running in the Blue Room in Higher Kinnerton Village Hall for about 3 years now, first as a drawing class, and now they have evolved to painting most of the time. The classes run on a Wednesday morning from 10.00 to 12.00, in 5-week blocks within the school term times. It is a lovely two hours beavering away on the project in hand and chatting over a cuppa as we start. I have always believed art is so calming and allows you to get away from the day-to-day stresses. The ability levels are from beginners to confident so there is always room for new people wanting to try.

If anybody would like to know more, please email me on carol.udale@hotmail.co.uk



Gemma Mae
Digital Art



Rainbows
1st Kinnerton Rainbows



Fundraising Photo-shoots

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