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Higher Kinnerton
Community Council

Your Monthly Higher Kinnerton Community Newsletter



Councillor Martin King completes Lands End to John O'Groats

Many of you will have been following the progress of our very own cycling Councillor Martin King who set out at the end of July to ride from Lands End to John O'Groats (LEJOG). Daily posts on his [#lejog4dial](#) Facebook page kept followers up to date with his progress as he headed north through England, Wales and finally Scotland. He successfully completed the ride, after 13 consecutive days cycling, on August 12th.

Over those 13 days Martin rode a total distance of 1626km

(1010 miles) at an average of 125km (78 miles) per day, climbing over 21,000m (nearly 70,000ft) in the process, and spending over 80 hours in the saddle. His average speed was a sedate 20.2kph (12.5mph), but he did have plenty of time to take photos along the way to illustrate his journey, many of which appeared on the Facebook Blog. Amazingly Martin suffered no mechanical issues with his bike on the trip, and had no punctures either. Being a typical British summer the weather was a mixed bag, with rain at the start and finish, and on a couple of days in between. Fortunately he missed the worst of the hot weather which would have made cycling very uncomfortable. Equally fortunately there was no snow! The route was not direct, nor was it flat. It did pass through many scenic and historic parts of the UK including Dartmoor, Cheddar Gorge, Ironbridge, the Yorkshire Dales, Cumbrian Pennines, the Forth Road Bridge and the heather clad Cairngorm mountains. If you wish to catch up with his ride the Facebook Blog remains live and can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/LEJOG4Dial>

Along the way Martin was raising money for a local charity, Dial West Cheshire, who provide services for people with disabilities. His original target was to raise £1000. This was achieved on the first day of the ride and, to date, the ride has raised in the region of £2700. Suffice to say Martin was pretty tired when he finished and has publicly stated that he will not be repeating the exercise! Having said that, it was an amazing adventure and fulfilled a lifetime ambition. Martin's next cycling project will be to ride somewhere flat and find a good café with chocolate cake!



All Saints Church News

Church services in September

Sunday 4th September – Morning Worship, 9.30am, families welcome

Sunday 11th September– Holy Communion, 9.30am

Sunday 18th September – Holy Communion, 9.30am

Sunday 25th September – No service at All Saints.

Holy Communion at St. Mary's at 11.00am*

Sunday 2nd October –10.00am - Congregation led Harvest Festival Service.

Retirement

Reverend Hazel Clarke will be retiring at the end of September after more than 13 years in the Parish of Dodleston. She will be taking her final service as Rector of the Parish on Sunday 25th September, a 11.00am at St. Mary's, Dodleston. This will be a joint service and everyone is welcome.

FLINTSHIRE FOODBANK

**Please bring your donations for the Foodbank to outside All Saints Church on Sunday 4th September
10.30am-12-00noon. Thank you**

Summer Lunch

Thank you to all those who attended our Summer Lunch, a good time was had by all and over £240 was raised towards the upkeep of the church.

A special thank you to all who donated and served the lunch.

Coffee Morning

This month's Coffee Morning will be held on Wednesday 21st September 10.30am -12.00noon. Everyone welcome

Seniors Lunches

We are hoping to resume the serving of monthly lunches in October. The meals will be prepared by the cook at Ysgol Derwen and will be served on the third Thursday of each month. We do not know the price of the meal as this is decided by the school depending on costs of ingredients.

This scheme will depend on numbers, if you would like to find out more please give your name and contact number to Pamela Andrews 0781661137

PARISH BBQ at CHESTER LAKES

Sunday 18th September-1.00pm.

BBQ, raffle, well-stocked cash bar.

Tickets for raffle and BBQ available from Fran Brown (660089) or Elaine Davies (660817)

Adults £10.00, Children £5.00 (children must be accompanied by an adult)

Family Ticket £25.00 (2 adults, 2 children)

Desserts £2.00 (cash) available on the day.

Baby and Toddler Summer Fun by Jane Liddle

What a brilliant day we had for our first Sports Day. The sun shone and gentle Jet the pony happily gave everyone a ride. There were races, games and songs and a great picnic put together by our lovely "tea ladies". After lunch and ice cream, races continued with medals and prizes all round. A massive thank you goes to Jan Birch, Bev Howell, Julie Jones, Hannah Owen and Margaret Smith for pulling it all together. A special mention also to Georgia, Jet and to Nigel Clarke, horse transport, who donated their services free of charge to make the day really special. Thanks also to Flintshire County Council for their Summer of Fun grant.



Photo of the Month



The September photo of the month, sponsored by Walter's, has been sent to us by Laura Youds, and is a lovely view across the fields as the sun is going down, seen from the footpath along the top of the Kinnerton Meadows estate. It is a reminder, as if we need one, of why Higher Kinnerton is such a great place to live, with views like this on our

doorstep. Laura wins a free coffee and cake at Walters Coffee Shop on Main Road in the village.

For your chance to win a free coffee and cake at Walters please send your entry (in high resolution JPEG format) by email to newsletter@higherkinnerton.org.uk. Thank you and good luck.

The Lost Chapel

Many of you will have, no doubt, seen the small “barn” in the field on the right as you head towards Higher Kinnerton from Lower Kinnerton, immediately as you pass the Flintshire road sign. Looking very much like a bus shelter in a field, it looks forlorn and derelict after years of neglect but it has a place in Kinnerton history which may surprise you.



If you are lucky enough to have seen and read the excellent Journal of Kinnerton Village Life, which provides a history of the hamlets which form the “township” of Higher Kinnerton, you may recall reading that this was actually the place of worship many decades ago for the community at Kinnerton Bridge, now Lower Kinnerton. According to the publication it is reputedly the oldest United Reform Chapel in Wales, and is quite probably the smallest too. Next time you pass just glance into the field and reflect on how much history is hidden away in things we see every day.

K60+

Jane is going to be on yet another holiday in September so there will not be a meeting this month. However, Darren's Excursions have some great tours lined up this month at a very reasonable cost. You can book by calling 01244 831832.

September 2022			
Date	Destination	Price	Pick-up Code
Thur 1st	Morecambe & Barton Grange garden Ctr	£23	F
Sat 3rd	Nantwich Food Festival & Market	£18	F
Sun 4th	City of York visit	£25	E
Tues 6th	Chirk Castle & Erddig Hall Inc Adm	£38	F
Wed 7th	Pwllheli & Portmadog	£23	W
Thur 8th	"Lakeland Gems" Grasmere & Bowness	£25	E
Sun 11th	Ludlow & Shropshire Scenic Tour	£22	F
Tue 13th	Castleton & Derbyshire Dales Tour	£22	F

Wed 14th	Kendal & Kirkby Lonsdale Visit	£22	F
Sat 17th	Keswick & Scenic Lakes Tour	£25	E
Tue 20th	Betws y Coed & Llandudno	£20	W
Wed 21st	Skipton on market day	£22	E
Fri 23rd	R.H.S Bridgewater Gardens Visit Inc. Adm.	£25	C
Mon 26th	Bakewell Market & Dales Tour	£22	F
Tue 27th	Boundary Mill Outlet Store Colne	£20	F
Wed 28th	Bury Market Visit	£18	F

Best Pollinator Garden competition by Jason Mortimer

Many many thanks to everyone who sent pictures of your beautiful front gardens with wildflowers and insect friendly flowers in!

Walking around the village for the past few weeks looking at the lovely front gardens has been a real treat.

We have a winner of the £25.00 Grosvenor Garden Centre voucher, the garden being in Burton Drive. It has been a hugely difficult decision to make, but we decided that this garden offered the most variety of flowers to a vast range of insects... If you haven't already done so we would encourage you to wander round the village and enjoy the variety of front garden displays on offer..



Burton Drive, winning garden in our Pollinator Garden competition 2022



Some of the other gardens which entered are pictured below. It really has been a wonderful picture to behold. Thank you again



Higher Kinnerton Indoor Bowls Club by Geoff Haffenden



The indoor bowls will be re-starting on the 7th September to 28th March in the Village Hall. It is a game anyone can play, we put 2 Mats down and play in pairs and the game consists of 5/6 ends.

We need new players, starters or professionals, because we try to put a team out for the Wrexham League.

The Wednesday night is a social club night starting at 6pm – 9pm with a break.

The League is played on a Tuesday afternoon at 1pm. We need at least 6 but better to have 10 players.

The Membership fee is £5.

Club Night costs £2

The League is £2 per Match.

If you're interested in joining or at least having a go, please come along to the club night (we have bowls you can use) but please wear flat shoes.

One more thing :- we do need volunteers for Club Chair Person, Vice Chair Person, Secretary, Treasurer, Tuesday League Captain, Club Night Captain, Catering and Committee Members.

Please contact Geoff Haffenden, by email at geoffhaffenden@yahoo.com, or phone 07830114937

Kinnerton WI News

In September we have Brian Cullen, from Mold, talking about Radio Caroline, which was a pirate radio station long before the start of stations like Radio One.

In October we will be celebrating our 70th birthday. We are going to be entertained by Hayden Giffney who will tell us about his life as a cruise ship entertainer.

November is our AGM (in the Blue Room) and games.

In December our meeting will be a social evening.

For further details, or if you would like to be one of our guest speakers for next year, please contact Hazel on 01244660751



Brian Cullen talks about Radio Caroline

FFLECSI Bookable Bus Service

Inside this newsletter you will have found a leaflet explaining our new bus service. Please keep it handy so that you can easily use it.

Fflecsi is a new way to travel around Higher Kinnerton and surrounding areas which means you can now choose where to be picked up from or dropped off and at what time. The route uses virtual bus stops within the triangle of Broughton/Bretton, Cefn-y-Bedd and Buckley and you can travel anywhere within this area. This is ideal for meeting friends, shopping, cinema, appointments, or connecting with other buses or trains.

For example, if you want to go swimming at Buckley Swimming Pool you can book a bus to take you there directly and one to pick you up at whatever time you like. If you want to go to Liverpool, book a bus to Hope or Penyffordd Station and an hour later you'll be in Liverpool. Booking is done either by phone or using the fflecsi app which you can download to your mobile. If you book via the app you can track your bus and will receive updates.

Children 12 years and over can travel unaccompanied. Parents can book via the app for their children knowing the times they will be picked up. Drivers are all DBS checked. The adult fare is £2.50, children under 16 £1.50 and those aged 16-21 can get a free My Travel Pass and get 30% off the adult fare <http://mytravelpass.gov.wales>. Concessionary card holders travel free.

For further information on the Fflecsi bus travel in Wales visit the Fflecsi website at <https://www.fflecsi.wales/>

One line fillers (boom, boom)

Yesterday, a clown held the door open for me. It was such a nice jester!

I asked my French friend if she likes to play video games. She said, "Wii."

Q. Why was King Arthur's army too tired to fight? A. It had too many sleepless knights.

I'm a big fan of whiteboards. I find them quite re-markable.

Q. What do you always get on your birthday? A. Another year older!

Forget about the past, you can't change it. Forget about the future, you can't predict it. Forget about the present, I didn't get you one!

You know you're getting old when you go to an antique auction and three people bid on you!!



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