

OUR VILLAGE



Higher Kinnerton
Community Council

Your Monthly Higher Kinnerton Community Newsletter



George Henry Harley

Many of you will no doubt be aware of the Commonwealth War Graves in the churchyard at All Saints Church in the village. Access is normally by the Lychgate in front of the church although this is, as many will know, currently out of action awaiting some repairs. Three servicemen are buried here, all casualties of the Great War of 1914-1918. Fewer may be aware of George



Henry Harley, born in Kinnerton in 1897 and who lived as a child on Bramley Lane. His great nephew, Martin, of this parish, gave us some more details regarding George. He saw action as a driver in the Great War of 1914-1918, serving with "C" Battery in the 95th Brigade of the Royal Field Artillery. Sadly, he was killed in action 105 years ago aged just 20, during the Third Battle of Ypres in Belgium, known more commonly as the Battle of Passchendaele, along with 3 comrades in arms on 15th October



1917. He was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal. He is buried in the Huts Cemetery at Dikkebus, near Ypres in Flanders, where the 95th Brigade were based. Harley Drive, on Kinnerton Meadows in the village, is named after George.

The photograph of George in uniform is taken from the Passchendaele Archives database. The other photograph is of a memorial plaque for George at the Lochnagar Crater Memorial near the village of La Boisselle in north-east France and is courtesy of Martin Harley.



Higher Kinnerton Community Council News Updates

CHRISTMAS LIGHTING UPDATE

The Community Council are pleased to announce the village will be adorned with bigger, brighter and altogether better Christmas lights along Main Road which together with the Christmas trees outside the village hall and the Church will brighten up the village during the festive season.

TREE WORKS – MAIN ROAD RECREATION GROUND

Following a tree survey on Main Road Recreation Ground, the Community Council has arranged for work to be carried out on a number of trees including felling of an ash tree which has ash dieback. The works are scheduled to take place on 5th December although may be carried out sooner if possible.

STREET SCENE UPDATE

The Streetscene team at Flintshire County Council are responsible for services associated with streets, highways and open spaces. The Community Council regularly engages with the Streetscene team to assist with reporting and raising problems on behalf of residents such as potholes, dog fouling, blocked gullies ditches and drains and problems with roads and pavements.

The Streetscene team have advised the most effective way for residents to raise problems is to report them directly to Flintshire County Council by one of the following methods:

- Submitting an enquiry online to Streetscene via the FCC website
- By downloading the Flintshire app (more details on FCC's website)
- By email - streetscene@flintshire.gov.uk
- Phone – 01352 701234.

An internet search for "Flintshire Streetscene" will take you directly to the contact page.

PARKING PROBLEMS

Whilst the Community Council does not have any legal powers to address parking issues, following concerns raised by a number of residents the Community Council has engaged with the school, the local Police and Community Support Officer and Flintshire County Council regarding issues with parking outside the school particularly at drop off and pick up time. By working together and by introducing a range of measures it is hoped the parking issues can be addressed.

Kinnerton 60+ Get Together at The Oak

You are invited to join us at the Royal Oak at 12.30 on Wednesday, 9 November for a lunch get together. Don't worry if you're coming by yourself, we'll make you feel welcome, or bring a friend or a family member. Please make your choice from the small plates menu below and phone Jane on **07401 369062** to let us know you'll be coming and what you fancy. You can turn up on the day too but it will be helpful to know choices in advance. Starters and puddings available on the day. All £8.95. If you want to choose from the main menu just let us know.

Lobster mac & cheese, with king prawns, melted cheese & garlic bread (V option available)

Hunter's chicken breast with smoked bacon, smoked Cheddar, bbq sauce, chips and side salad

Freshly beer battered haddock, chips, tartare sauce & lemon with garden or mushy peas

Whitby wholetail scampi, chips, tartare sauce & lemon with garden or mushy peas

4oz gammon steak, fried egg, chips and garden peas

4oz rump steak, chips, freshly battered onion ring and garden peas

Beef lasagne in a red wine sauce, Cheddar pesto drizzle, salad & garlic sourdough

Soup & a Sandwich: Parsnip and sweet potato soup with choice of half a baguette (Cheddar, mozzarella & tomato / BLT / Beer battered fish fingers & tartare sauce)

FREE WILD BIRD FOOD

A message from Mike Allport

The Community Council has a quantity of wild bird food which is free to residents. Please bring a container to the Green Shed behind the Village Hall between 10 and 12 on Saturday 5th. November for your share

Higher Kinnerton Fibre Upgrade Scheme Update

At the start of 2021 Higher Kinnerton Community Council (HKCC) were invited to act as the local facilitator by the Digital Officer for Flintshire County Council (FCC) to gauge levels of interest amongst residents in relation to the Community Fibre Partnership scheme being progressed by Openreach and Flintshire County Council, the aim being to bring Ultrafast/FTTP Broadband to Higher Kinnerton.

HKCC have now been advised by FCC that central government funding for the Community Fibre Partnership scheme is on hold. We understand that the UK government are working with the Welsh Assembly Government to determine those areas in the UK which will be included in a commercial broadband upgrade, such as that proposed by Openreach. This is so that the funding can be more specifically targeted to those areas which will NOT be earmarked for upgrading by a commercial organisation.

FCC have confirmed that any involvement going forward with a funded project would not involve the Community Council due to the fact that such a project would be of a specialist resource-intensive nature, the scope of which is outside HKCC's remit.

Fibre broadband access in the village is varied and has been a source of frustration for residents for some time now. It is to be hoped that any exchange upgrade, as and when it comes, will improve the situation for many residents. HKCC are continuing to monitor the situation and we will keep you informed if things change.

1st Kinnerton Scout Group

At the beginning of November, members of the Scout Section will be going door to door within the village collecting for the annual Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

When our young people are enrolled in Scouting, part of the Promise they make is to "help other people", and this is one of the activities that they undertake that fulfils this.

The youngsters, from Beavers through Cubs to Scouts all learn about Remembrance, and about honouring those who served to defend our country and our freedoms. They also take part in a Remembrance Day Parade.

Please support, if you can, them and the Royal British Legion. Thank you.

Christmas is coming!



HOLD THE DATE!

**HIGHER KINNERTON
CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS
THURSDAY 22ND DECEMBER AT
6PM**

HIGHER KINNERTON VILLAGE HALL

MORE DETAILS TO BE INCLUDED IN DECEMBER NEWSLETTER!

Higher Kinnerton Spring Bulb Planting

Members of the Council have been liaising with Flintshire County Council with the aim of adding some nature enhancements to the village. Towards the end of last month some Council members, along with village residents, both young and not so young, spent a couple of hours one afternoon with Sophie Roberts, the Flintshire bio-diversity officer, and her team planting Spring bulbs in areas of the village near the School, Scout Hut and Main Road Recreation Ground. Despite some unpromising weather the group managed to plant some 3500 bulbs, a mix of tulips, bluebell, snake's head fritillary and wood anemone, in grass areas in front of the Scout Hall and in the orchard on the Recreation Ground. It was hard work but great fun and it was nice to see everyone getting stuck in. We really can't wait to see how it all turns out when the bulbs spring forth early next year.



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Community Council**



Many thanks to everybody who came down and helped out, it was much appreciated by everyone on the Council.



Some of the village community who helped out with the Spring bulb planting last month

Higher Kinnerton Walking Group by Michael Collins

In October the village walking group took the train from Penyffordd to St Michael's in Liverpool and then strolled to Sefton Park to follow the many paths in the park, enjoy a picnic and take a tour of the famous Palm House. It was a brilliant day out and is to be recommended.

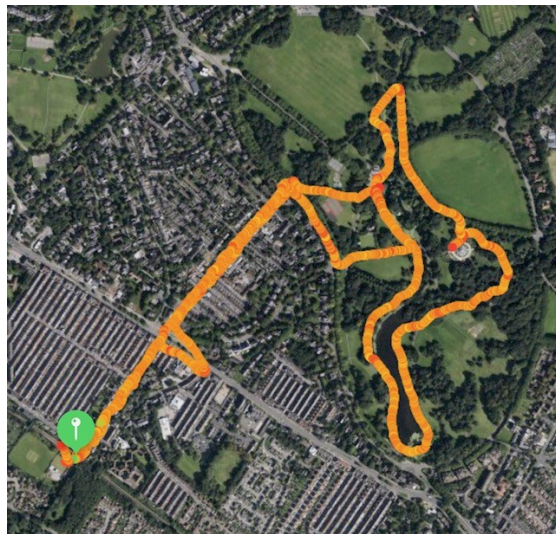


Photo of the Month

The November photo of the month winner is Louise Gorman with this lovely shot of a double rainbow over the fields behind the park on Park Avenue. The well used



footpath up the side of the field to Bramley Lane will be familiar to many, and here the freshly cut grass rows make it an especially pleasing composition. Louise tells us it was taken shortly after the Queen died in September, a time when double rainbows seemed to be appearing everywhere, a fitting tribute perhaps. Louise is the winner of free coffee and cake at Higher Kinnerton's very own Walter's Coffee Shop on Main Road who kindly sponsor this competition.



For your chance to win a free coffee and cake at Walter's send your photograph entry by email to newsletter@higherkinnerton.org.uk. We love seeing them and given how many great photos appear on the Community Facebook page there are clearly no shortage of possible entries out there! Please send them in high resolution JPEG format—this means they look much better when we print them in the newsletter. Thank you and good luck!

All Saints Church news

Please check the newsletter and Church Noticeboard for details as times may vary.

Church Services

Sunday 6th November- Morning Worship, 9.30am - Keith Taggart.

Sunday 13th November- Remembrance Service, **10.00am** - led by Elaine Davies

Sunday 20th November – Holy Communion, 9.30am. - Rev. Denise Williams

Sunday 27th November – 1st Sunday of Advent

Holy Communion, 9.30am.- Rev. Robin Mosley

Coffee Morning

This month's Coffee Morning will be held on Wednesday 16th November

10.30am-12.00noon. Everyone welcome.

Seniors Lunch

Thursday 17th November, 12.00 noon.

There are a limited number of places, and invitations are sent out each month. If you would like to be added to the list, please contact Roberta Mallett on 01244 660311.

STOP PRESS! Look out for the 'All Saints Church, Grand Christmas Raffle Tickets' in the December Newsletter. All donations welcome!

Christmas Tree Festival

This year All Saints Church will be holding a Christmas Tree Festival from Friday 2nd -Sunday 4th December. We would like to invite individuals, organisations and businesses to decorate a tree and add it to our display.

There is a small booking fee of £5 to reserve a space in the church. We ask that the tree is a maximum height of 5ft and can be real or artificial. Trees can be placed in the church on Thursday 1st December, from 2.00pm.

The theme this year is 'Reflections on the past, visions of the future'. This can be interpreted however you wish. The trees can be decorated to reflect or represent your own interests.

The trees will be on display during Friday, Saturday and Sunday, times to be arranged.

The festival will close with a Christingle service at 4.00pm on Sunday.

Trees can be removed after the service or on Monday morning.

CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES- FRIDAY 18TH NOVEMBER.

If you are interested in participating or would like to find out more, please contact Pam Andrews on 07816611370 email via pamela_andrews@hotmail.co.uk

Harvest Festival Celebration

What a lovely Harvest Festival celebration was held at All Saints Church on Sunday 2nd October. The service was led by Mrs Jill Griffiths, who was ably assisted by her daughters who did the readings. We were delighted to welcome the choir from Ysgol Derwen and their teacher Mrs Jan Cartwright.

The children sang beautifully, and their behaviour was impeccable. It was hard to think that they had learnt the hymns in just a few weeks, including a good old favourite 'Bringing in the Sheaves'.

We were delighted to welcome parents, family members and friends as well as regular members of the congregation and it was lovely to see the church so full.

We were also grateful for the many donations to the Foodbank.

As we move towards the Christmas season we ask that you continue to support us at our services and in all our activities until we find a replacement for Reverend Hazel Clarke.

In memory of Shirley Lowry

Heather and Paul wish to thank you for your kindness and sympathy shown during our time of loss. It gives us much comfort to know that you are thinking of us. She is sadly missed by us and her happiness and love will remain in our hearts and she will live on forever in our memories.

Donations were gratefully received for the Salvation Army in her memory. The donations received were £525.

Thank you from Heather and Paul



Homegrown EVENTS

Festive Market

Saturday 3rd December 2022 | 12pm - 4pm
Higher Kinnerton Village Hall, Bennett's Lane, Higher Kinnerton, CH4 9AR

Join us for a fun filled day with local artisans and crafters. Make a start on your shopping for the festive season!

We will be collecting food donations for Flintshire Foodbank

We can't wait to see you there!
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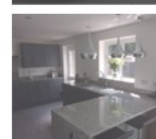


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