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Higher Kinnerton
Community Council

Your Monthly Higher Kinnerton Community Newsletter



HIGHER KINNERTON VILLAGE DAY **SATURDAY 29th JULY** **MAIN ROAD RECREATION GROUND** **FROM 12.00 PM to 5.00 PM**

***Everyone is warmly invited to the 2023 Village Day - No entry fee
just come along and have fun!***

All Day Music & Live Performances
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Sack Races and Egg & Spoon Races
Tug 'o' War

50/50 Raffle, Tombola
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Stalls, Activities and Lots More!
And a performance by the Kinnerton Morris
Men



Butterflies and Bees Competition!

Bring along your own painting,
drawing or model
and the best in age category wins a
prize!

All day BBQ and bar hosted by the Swan Inn and the Royal Oak, ice creams, cakes and bakes, candy floss, doughnuts, popcorn, soft drinks, tea and coffee or bring your own picnic!

The Kinnerton Photo Frame. Come and have your photo taken on the day. Why not bring along a hat, with the funniest hats featuring in the village newsletter!

COME ALONG AND JOIN THE 2023 VILLAGE DAY!

(Please note no dogs are allowed on Main Road Recreation Ground)

Kinnerton Cricket Club

Since the last Newsletter we have played five matches losing two and winning three. The first match was at the Kings School where we played West Cheshire College. We scored 151/3 and they replied with 154/2. The next match was a home game at Northop CC where we played Manor Athletic from the Wirral who batted first and reached 89/5 and we overtook their score in just ten overs with 92/0. We then travelled to Abergele CC and scored 163/8 and they reached 101/7 in reply. Next was a double header against local rivals Dodleston. In the first match at home they scored 155/6 and in reply we could only make 115/8 with a weakened team due to work commitments and holidays. However in the return match at Dodleston we gained revenge with 144/6 against their total of 131/5. Our next game is a home game against Abergele CC.



Higher Kinnerton Dragon Sports Summer Camp 2023

We have two age-specific Dragon Sports Holiday camps for Higher Kinnerton, 4 to 6yrs and 7 to 11yrs. Our focus is to provide a fun multi-sport holiday camp experience that is safe with highly stimulating activities delivered by positive and inspiring coaches. Multi Sports Holiday camps will have measures in place to ensure our camps are Covid-19 friendly and follow all guidance to maintain a safe environment for parents, children, and staff. All the camps are outside on the field, if the weather is not suitable for us to run the camp, we will notify parents.

The booking system will be open from July 17th at 9am. Booking is essential as we have a limited number of participants per session:- <https://bookwhen.com/aurasportdevelopment>

20 per session for 7 to 11yrs and 16 per session for 4 to 6yrs per session. See booking details for age specific camps.

Start dates week beginning 24th July 2023 end dates week beginning 18th August 2023

Venue – Higher Kinnerton Scout Hut field.

What to bring -suitable clothing for sport on a field, and a drink.

PLEASE CANCEL YOUR BOOKING IF YOUR CHILD CANNOT ATTEND SO THE SPACE CAN BE RE-ALLOCATED. THE ORGANISER MAY CONTACT YOU IF NO CANCELLATION IS RECEIVED

4 to 6yrs program

Date	Day	Time	Activity
25/07/23	Tuesday	10am - 12pm	Multi-Sport
27/07/23	Thursday	10am - 12pm	Multi-Sport
1/08/23	Tuesday	10am - 12pm	Multi-Sport
3/08/23	Thursday	10am - 12pm	Multi-Sport
8/08/23	Tuesday	10am - 12pm	Multi-Sport
10/08/23	Thursday	10am - 12pm	Multi-Sport
15/08/23	Tuesday	10am - 12pm	Multi-Sport
17/08/23	Thursday	10am - 12pm	Multi-Sport

7 to 11yrs program

Date	Day	Time	Activity
24/07/23	Monday	10am – 12pm	Multi Sports
26/07/23	Wednesday	10am – 12pm	Multi Sports
28/07/23	Friday	10am – 12pm	Multi Sports
31/07/23	Monday	10am – 12pm	Multi Sports
2/08/23	Wednesday	10am – 12pm	Multi Sports
4/08/23	Friday	10am – 12pm	Multi Sports
7/08/23	Monday	10am – 12pm	Multi Sports
9/08/23	Wednesday	10am – 12pm	Multi Sports
11/08/23	Friday	10am – 12pm	Multi Sports
14/08/23	Monday	10am – 12pm	Multi Sports
16/08/23	Wednesday	10am – 12pm	Multi Sports
18/08/23	Friday	10am – 12pm	Multi Sports

All Saints Church News

New Rector

The Revd Hana Amner will begin her ministry in the parish at the beginning of July. Her first service at All Saints will be on the 9th July when I'm sure she'll have a very warm Kinnerton welcome from us all.

Church Services

Sunday, 2nd July at 9.30am - Morning Worship led by Linda Manning

Sunday, 9th July at 9.30am - Morning Worship led by Rev Hana Amner

Sunday, 16th July at 9.30am - Holy Communion

Sunday, 23rd July at 9.30am - Holy Communion

Sunday, 30th July at 9.30am - Holy Communion

Coffee Morning

Wednesday, 19th July, 10.30 – 12.00 noon. Join us for a coffee and a chat.

Summer Lunch

As the school is closed for the Summer break, we are holding our Summer Lunch on July 20th at 12.00 noon in church. The cost will be £ 6.00 pp. as usual. Just turn up on the day, as everyone is welcome. See you there!

Flintshire Foodbank - Village Collection

23rd July 10.30am – 12.00 noon outside the Main Road entrance of All Saints Church.

Keep the date

The annual Church barbecue is back and has been arranged for Sunday, August 20th at Chester Lakes starting at 1.00pm. Tickets will be on sale at a cost of £15.00 per adult, £7.50 per child of Primary school age, £40.00 for a family ticket. Children under school age go free. Entrance is by ticket only.

Tickets can be purchased / reserved from Elaine Davies (01228 660817) , Mike & Mel Allport (01228 660796) & Claire Browett (01228 660329)

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**FIRST SERVICES
AND WELCOME**

INVITATION

First services and a welcome to our parish and churches
for our new rector
Reverend Hana Amner

The pleasure of your company is requested as we celebrate
the beginning of Hana's work with us. Please come along
to meet Hana and join together in welcoming her to
Dodleston and Higher Kinnerton.

SUNDAY 9TH JULY 2023

All Saints, Higher Kinnerton at 9.30am
St. Mary's, Dodleston at 11am



Invasive non-native species – How can we stop the spread?

by **Charlie Richards**

The North Wales Wildlife Trust works to protect and conserve nature across North Wales. One way this is done is by tackling the threat of invasive non-native species. As Biosecurity project officer my role is to increase the awareness of invasive non-native species and biosecurity to local communities such as Higher Kinnerton.



Invasive Non-native Species

Non-native species are plants and animals that have been brought to the UK through human intervention, whether intentionally or accidentally. Many of these cause no issues and become naturalised such as Sycamore trees that were introduced by the Romans. However, a small number of these species can have detrimental impacts to our native wildlife, economy and human health. These organisms outcompete, prey upon and spread disease to native species in the area and are acknowledged as one of the five top drivers of biodiversity loss globally. Invasive non-native species are highly tolerant, have high reproduction rates and have no natural predators. Once a species has reached a new habitat the population will increase rapidly making removal difficult and costly, meaning stopping the spread is vital to our conservation efforts.

One example of an invasive species is Himalayan Balsam, an annual plant that was brought to the UK in the 1800's as an ornamental. It produces up to 800 seeds per plant which are spread via exploding seed pods that can launch the seeds 7 meters away. Balsam grows quickly and outcompetes native plants by shading them out and using up resources in the soil, it also produces purple flowers with a strong scent meaning they are favoured by pollinators which prevents native flowers being fertilised.



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So, What Can You Do to Help?

North Wales Wildlife Trust hosts many volunteering events, in all areas of conservation. Throughout the summer we host Balsam bashes to manage the species along our rivers, alternatively you could set up a local action group that aims to tackle the invasive species in your area using the new toolkit produced by the WaREN project. If you are interested in volunteering or creating a local action group visit our website!

www.northwaleswildlifetrust.org.uk

Biosecurity

By far the easiest way to prevent the spread of invasive non-native species is through biosecurity. Biosecurity is a set of actions taken to prevent the spread of invasive species and can be as easy as cleaning your footwear after a walk. Many INNS can spread through seeds or fragments, the seeds of Himalayan Balsam are only 2mm wide and are easily trapped within clothing, the treads of your shoes or even the paws of your dog! If a seed is transported in this way it has the potential to establish in a new area, to prevent this we use CHECK – CLEAN – DRY. This simple three-part method will prevent the spread of any invasive non-native species and protect your local nature. Firstly, CHECK your equipment for any soil, plant matter or live individuals. Secondly, CLEAN everything thoroughly with clean tap water, paying attention to hard to reach areas. Thirdly, DRY all your equipment for as long as possible before you use it again, preferably in the sun for 48 hours as some species can survive as long as 16 days in damp conditions. CHECK – CLEAN – DRY applies to anything that comes into contact with the soil or water including footwear, clothing, paddling equipment, bicycle tyres and your pets.

To help you stay biosecure when in nature the North Wales Wildlife Trust has provided Higher Kinnerton Community Council with Biosecurity kits to be handed out. These kits contain a boot brush and hose attachment to clean down your equipment, a hoof pick to remove any stubborn material in the treads of your shoes, a towel to wipe down any damp equipment and an ID guide that shows you common INNS and how to identify them. All of the kit is waterproof and comes in a dry bag for those who enjoy our rivers and water ways. We ask you to use these kits after enjoying time in nature to protect your local areas prevent the spread of invasive non-native species.



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Reducing our water usage

Water. H₂O. The precious resource we cannot survive without. With hotter summers and drier winters in the UK it is really important to conserve water in our homes and businesses. There are many actions that we can take, and many of us will already be doing some of them, so this is a gentle reminder of some of the things we can do to reduce water usage. Consider a water meter if you don't already have one as this can reduce water use by around 20% and may save you money. You can do a check on the Money Saving Expert website.



What can we do in the different areas of the home?

Bathroom

- Shower instead of a bath.
- Reduce time in the shower to 5 Mins (use a timer or Kate Bush's "Running up that Hill" is 5 mins long!).
- Fix any leaking taps.
- Only fill the sink with as much water as you need.
- Don't leave the tap running when brushing your teeth.

Kitchen

- Use the economy setting on a dishwasher and use it fully loaded.
- Make up a full load for the washing machine and select water-efficient cycles.
- Fill the kettle with the amount of water needed (this also saves you energy too).

Garden

- Avoid using sprinklers and hoses however a trigger nozzle on a hose will reduce water use by half.
- Collect rainwater in water butts
- Look at planting more drought tolerant plants.
- The RHS website has some great watering advice.

Higher Kinnerton Walking Group

Our out of the Village walk in June was a 4.7 mile circular walk from Neston. We took the train from Penyffordd to Neston and then followed part of the Wirral Way footpath before crossing the golf course to the River Dee and then into Parkgate for a fish and chips lunch before heading back along the river to Neston. The highlight of the month though was a stroll around our Village on a sunny day and then visiting the legendary Bennie Hollywood OBE and to see the boat in which he rowed the Atlantic Ocean. Not all heroes wear capes!



Higher Kinnerton Environmental Group Bio Blog

The British summer is abundant with a variety of wildlife to look out for, Bees, butterflies, Bats, Birds Buttercups - and plenty of others that don't start with the letter B!

Bees will be busy pollinating over the summer. If you see a bumble bee with full pollen sacs (also known as pollen baskets) on their hind legs then you can be pretty certain it's a female bee. Don't forget to deadhead your flowers so that the plant concentrates on producing new blooms instead of seeds and continues to provide pollen all summer long. If you have joined in with growing a sunflower this summer remember to keep watering it and the bees will thank you, and visit often as the small individual florets open up later in the year.

If you would like to know more about how you can help bees then take a look at the Bumblebee Conservations Trust webpage "Bee the change" at www.bumblebeeconservation.org/beethechange/

There are 1,400 species of bat worldwide with 18 species in the UK. 15 species are resident in Wales and summer evenings are a good time to spot them around dusk. Bats act as an indicator species whereby we can monitor changes to an area's biodiversity by looking at the changes to the bat population and their distribution. There are lots of threats to bats including farming practices and our beloved cats. From June to August is the maternity season so keeping our cats indoors at night during these months will help, if you can't keep them in at night, keeping them in till an hour after sunset and if possibly bringing them in an hour before sunrise when bats are more active will give infant bat numbers the best start to life.

There is no shortage of bird life in and around Higher Kinnerton but we shouldn't take them for granted. Not everyone wants to invite them into their garden on a regular basis by providing food but perhaps you can help by having a small bird bath or a small shallow container topped up with fresh water to help them keep cool during the hot weather. Here's a link to the RSPB page on making a suitable bird bath. www.rspb.org.uk/birds-and-wildlife/advice/how-you-can-help-birds/how-to-make-a-bird-bath



Bumblebee be with full pollen sac , Sandy lane

Afternoon Tea for Macmillan Cancer Support.

The popular Afternoon Tea is being held on Tuesday 5th September between 2 pm and 4pm in the Village Hall. This is a great opportunity to meet with family, friends and neighbours and support this worthy charity which has helped so many local families.

This event has been very successful ably supported by a small group who have made sandwiches and cakes and helped with setting up etc. We have not held the Afternoon Tea since Covid and would like to enlist some new volunteers to help us. We would be grateful for donations of homemade cakes and scones and offers to help on the day with setting up the hall and washing up etc.

So that we have an idea of numbers for catering we would prefer if tickets are purchased beforehand. Tickets are £10 per person, children go free but a small donation is most appreciated. Tickets available in August from Walter's or from Margie. They can also be collected from Craft group in Blue Room on 4th and 18th August between 1-3pm. There will be a 'Grand Raffle', donations of suitable prizes will be most appreciated.

Let's make this, with your help, even more successful than in previous years. If you can help please contact Margie, details below or call into a short meeting on 4th August at 3.30pm in Blue Room. Many thanks, Margie Edwards 01244 661090 or 07929369259.

K60+

Due to a low level of interest in the Over 60s group we shall not be continuing. Thank you to all those who have attended in the past.

CRAFT GROUP

Recently we have been trying new crafts. The Crafty Sisters came and held a workshop for us, we dyed a silk scarf using vinegar, dye and a microwave. We had some amazing results and are now keen to buy the scarves and dyes to have another session ourselves.

On 2nd June we made gift boxes which will be decorated using a quilling technique in our next session.

A few of our members are also in the WI and one of the entries for the Flint and Denbigh show craft competition is a mosaic pot stand. We decided to make it a project for craft. Once again we had some excellent results, although some still in progress.

Whether you just come along and do your own craft or join in one of our projects you will be enjoying an afternoon making new friends and become inspired. We have our class on the 1st and 3rd Fridays each month in the Blue Room in the Village Hall. Dates are on both noticeboards.

Please contact Margie 01244 661090 or 07929369259 for more information.



Thank You

My family and I would like to thank all friends and neighbours from Higher Kinnerton for your love and support during John's long illness. You often stopped to chat or just wave Hello to John, which he loved.

So now I am sending you all my heartfelt Thank You for prayers, sympathy, message cards and flowers following John's passing.

I also thank all of you who attended John's Funeral Service, it was lovely to see you all there. God bless you all, **Janet Joliffe and Family xx**



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