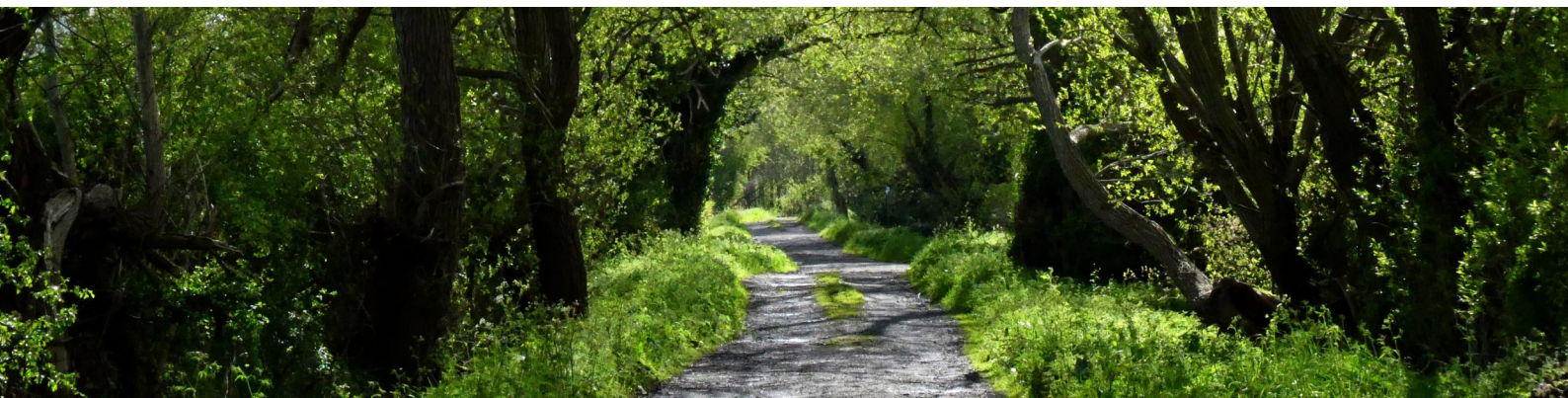


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Your Monthly Higher Kinnerton Community Newsletter



Bishop on a Motorbike!

The Bishop of Chester, Mark Tanner, and other members of the Chester diocese clergy visited All Saints Church (the most western end of the diocese) on a damp Friday 14th July during their 'Beating the Bounds' motorbike ride, putting a modern stamp on an ancient custom which traditionally involved swatting local landmarks to maintain a mental map of the parish boundaries.

The bikers arrived in Higher Kinnerton at about 9.45am where Bishop Mark gave a short morning prayer with a reading from Rev Robin Mosley, after which Bishop Mark took the obligatory selfie to post to his Twitter account. The group then enjoyed a warm drink and chat before braving the elements and heading off to Hoylake for their

next stop off. The Bishop spent the day praying, as they rode around the West side of the Diocese, stopping off at various places to pray and meet, at churches, schools and other centres along the way.



All Saints Church News

New Vicar

It was great to see so many in Church on the 9th July to welcome the Rev. Hana as she begins her ministry at All Saints and St Mary's. We all wish her and Warren well and hope they'll be very happy here. Hana will now be taking the services at All Saints.

Church Services

Sunday, 6th August at 9.30am Morning Worship.

Sunday, 13th August at 9.30am Holy Communion

Sunday, 20th August at 9.30 am Holy Communion

Sunday, 27th August at 9.30am Holy Communion

Coffee Morning

Wednesday, 16th August , 10.30 – 12 noon. Join us for coffee and a chat. Everyone is welcome.

Church BBQ

The annual church barbecue is back and will be held at Chester Lakes on August 20th beginning at 1.00pm. Tickets are on sale at a cost of £15.00 per adult, £7.50 per child of primary school age or a family ticket at a cost of £40.00. Children under school age go free. Entrance is by ticket only which can be purchased from Mike & Mel Allport (tel 01244 660796), Elaine Davies (tel 01244 660817) or Claire Browett, (tel 01244 660329). Join us at a great location and enjoy a super BBQ and great company.

All Saints Church 100 Club

I would like to remind members of the 100 Club that the subscription for most members whose numbers are between 1 – 69 and a few others, is due by the 1st September at a cost of £12.00 per number. You can pay by cash, by cheque made payable to "All Saints Church 100 Club" or by bank transfer if you prefer details of which can be had from Helen Francis (tel 01244 660588). Thank you all for your continued support. It's very much appreciated.

Higher Kinnerton Mobile Library Service

The Mobile Library visits Higher Kinnerton on a regular basis. Forthcoming visits take place every three weeks and the dates for the remainder of 2023 are as follows:

August 9th and 30th

September 20th

October 11th

November 1st and 22nd

December 12th

The Mobile Library will be parked up between 1pm and 3pm on Main Road by All Saints Church.

All are welcome and the Mobile Library is fitted with an access lift for anyone who needs it. We carry a wide range of books covering a variety of Adult Fiction; Childrens' Fiction (baby and toddler through to young adult literature); audio (CD) books; large print books; a selection of non fiction books; and a small selection of Welsh books language.

New members are welcome to join on board. All that is required is proof of identity and an official proof of address (Driving licence, Passport, Utility bill, etc). We look forward to welcoming you on board.



Spare a thought for the wasps in your garden by Caroline Harcourt

Those of you who came to the Environmental Group stall at the Village Day last month will, I hope, have gone home with your own bee hotel made from bamboo canes. If you're lucky, it may provide a home for both bees and wasps.

Most of us are very familiar with social bees, such as the honey bee and bumble bees. We also know social wasps, especially the common wasp, the yellow and black one that likes jam! However, there are many more species of solitary bees and wasps in the UK than social ones – 250 solitary bees (only 24 social ones) and almost 3000 solitary wasps, as opposed to eight social species. Bees are generally more appealing to humans – they are chunkier and hairier than wasps so look more “friendly” to us. We associate them with visiting flowers and collecting pollen and nectar to feed to their larvae and, thereby, acting as essential pollinators. Wasps we tend not to like, thinking of them as creatures that sting you and do nothing useful.

Needless to say, that's not the case - wasps too pollinate plants. They also rid our gardens of what many consider pests, such as aphids, weevils and caterpillars, as these



Digger wasp that preys on frog-hopper nymphs

are what they feed their larvae on. Some of the solitary wasps have fascinating (some people may even think gruesome!) methods of provisioning their young. For instance, some spider-hunting wasps inject their prey with venom that paralyses it briefly. That enables the wasp to lay an egg on the abdomen of the spider, which then recovers and gets on with its life. Meanwhile the egg hatches and the wasp larva begins to feed on the spider, eating the non-vital organs first. It is only when the larva is ready to pupate that the spider dies – its essential body parts having finally been consumed!

Other species of wasps have an incredible repertoire of chemicals to keep their prey alive while their larvae feed on it. One, the beewolf, catches honeybees. She first squeezes them to remove any honey or nectar, which would be a breeding ground for microbes. Next, she covers the bee in waterproof saliva that prevents fungi invading, then she releases an antibiotic into the underground brood cell where prey and egg are buried; the larva incorporates this into its cocoon to kill bacteria. Additionally, the egg itself gives off nitric oxide that kills mould – astonishing!



Another group of solitary wasps, the cuckoo wasps, don't do the hard work of catching prey. Instead, they insert their eggs into the burrows of hunting wasps and then their larvae feed on the other wasps' developing larvae and its prey – very idle! There are many other incredible stories about the behaviour of these solitary wasps, but I'll finish with plants “talking” to them. Some plants, when attacked by caterpillars, release chemical compounds that attract wasps. These wasps lay their eggs in the caterpillars and, hence, kill them. Amazingly, the plants indicate exactly what sort of

caterpillar is attacking them and the wasps that come to their aid are ones that prey on that particular caterpillar!

As for your bee hotels –good luck with getting solitary wasps in there too. They are fascinating and, almost invariably, totally harmless to humans.

Are you ready for the new 20mph speed limits?

On September 17th the Welsh Government will implement a new default speed limit for built-up areas throughout the whole of Wales. The current 30mph limit will be reduced to 20mph for roads with street lights pretty much across the board, with a few registered exceptions.

The rationale behind this is complicated but there are a number of benefits that this change will bring. In short, the changes are designed to:

- reduce the number of collisions and severe injuries from them (also reducing the impact on the NHS from treating the people who are injured)
- encourage more people to walk and cycle in our communities
- help to improve our health and well-being
- make our streets safer
- safeguard the environment for future generations.



As you might imagine implementation will require a coordinated programme of change as the current signage will require replacement in time for the big day. Information about this change can be found on the Welsh Government website at <https://www.gov.wales/introducing-default-20mph-speed-limits>

Our understanding is that all current 30 zones in the village will default to the new 20 limit on September 17th, all of which will help to make Higher Kinnerton and even more agreeable place to live.

New 40mph Speed Limit

A new 40mph speed limit was introduced on Kinnerton Lane in July, providing a buffer zone from the brow above the Lesters Lane turn down to the existing 30mph limit signs outside the Kinnerton Meadows estate. This should improve traffic flow all round and will help drivers as they approach the village. We would ask all drivers to please respect the speed limits.



Ysgol Derwen Y6 Leavers 2023

Last month saw the Y6 pupils "graduate" from Ysgol Derwen as they prepare to move on to secondary school. Headteacher Mr Jones told us:

"We'd like to wish all our Year 6 pupils the very best of luck in all that they do in the future. The children led a fantastic Leavers Service on Monday July 17 and reminded everyone present what a special group of children they have been throughout their time at Ysgol Derwen. "



Kinnerton Cricket Club

Since the last Newsletter I think it's fair to say that things have not gone to plan. Our first game was a home match against Abergele CC who managed to play Indian all rounder Ankur Malik (just Google him) against us. They scored 105 all out and in reply we could only reach 77. Our next game was at Wirral CC against Manor Athletic. This was arguably our worst performance, we batted first and scored 111 for 9 and in reply they made 112 for 1. Our next home match against West Cheshire College was rained off and the following week our game against HGWCC at Christleton was cancelled due to a water logged ground. Both these games were ones we expected to win and now we are in a relegation battle with two games remaining against the top two teams. More next month.



Buckley Fflecsi Service

The Buckley and Area Fflecsi service has been in service for nearly 12 months now and continues to grow in passenger numbers and popularity amongst residents. To encourage new service users, especially amongst younger residents who now have the prospect of six weeks summer holidays to enjoy, the Buckley Fflecsi service will be available for bookings from 09:15 to 18.30, Monday to Saturday. In addition, passengers up to the age of 18 years of age will be able to travel for free from Monday 24th of July to Saturday 2nd of September. The Fflecsi service update for passengers can be accessed via the link below and shows the area that residents can travel within and how to register for the service. This is an ideal opportunity for residents of all ages to take advantage of a local pre-bookable service that will offer them bespoke journeys to local leisure services, retail outlets and places of interest as well as being able to travel to local transport Hubs at Buckley and Broughton.

<https://higherkinnerton.org.uk/app/uploads/2023/07/Fflecsi-Information-for-Passengers-July-2023.pdf>

Higher Kinnerton's Tallest Sunflower Competition!

In the March newsletter, Higher Kinnerton Community Council invited entries for the tallest sunflower competition.

Our judges will walk round the village to see all your lovely sunflowers on Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th August and we'll be in touch with everyone who entered the competition.

If you haven't done so and wish to enter, or if you have entered and have any questions about the judging arrangements please send an email to sunflowers@higherkinnerton.org.uk or contact Liz on 01244 660277

There will be prizes for the three tallest sunflowers!



1st Kinnerton Scout Group

ADVANCED WARNING – please put the date in your diaries.

The Scout Group AUTUMN JUMBLE SALE will be on OCTOBER 28th. We will be collecting items 2 weeks before the date.

The Scout Group Leaders are having a well deserved rest over the summer holidays, but if you have any queries about the Group, do email kinnertonscouts@gmail.com

Higher Kinnerton Indoor Bowls Club news

The Crown Green Outdoor Bowls will soon be finishing, hopefully you've all had a good season, but that doesn't mean you should put your feet up. The Indoor Short Mat Bowls Season starts in September in the Village Hall. We are looking for new members, you don't need to know how to play, there are members who can teach you. We have Bowls you can use, all we ask is you wear flat shoes.



The Club meets on a Wednesday Evening, this is a social till 21.00 with a break for a drink and a biscuit. The Club also has a Team in a Wrexham League, which plays on a Tuesday afternoon.

The indoor season start date is Wednesday September 13th, start time is 18.00. The cost is just £2 per night after your first night.

Our first evening will be for an AGM , then a session of bowls after if time allows. We would like as many people as possible to attend because we need to elect new officers and a committee.

I am the Tuesday League Captain, the only officer at present, this is why i am doing this notice, we don't want the club to close.

Geoff can be contacted either by email geoffhaffenden@yahoo.com or mobile 07830114937

Afternoon Tea for MacMillan Cancer Support

Tuesday 5th September 2pm to 4pm in the Village Hall.

Tickets £10 available from Walter's or Margie (from early August).

If you can help in anyway please contact Margie Edwards on 01244 661090 or 07929369259. Or pop into the craft group between 3pm and 4pm on 4th or 18th August.

Higher Kinnerton Walking Group

July's walking adventure started with a train journey from Penyffordd to St Michaels. From there we walked to the site of the International Garden Festival opened by the Queen in 1984. The Garden was built on a former household tip and was a concept designed to regenerate Liverpool and drive tourism following the huge industrial decline and Toxteth riots. During the five month pageant the Festival Gardens attracted 3.4 million visitors with its huge range of ornamental gardens from all over the world and the grand centre piece the Festival Hall. Unfortunately the gardens fell into disrepair in 1997 but redevelopment took place in 2010 and the area has been transformed into an ideal walking and picnic area. The two large pagodas have been restored and a new pedestrian walkway to the promenade has been built. We followed this walkway to the River Mersey and then walked along the Otterspool Promenade to the Pier Head, about 4km. Next was lunch and a beer on the roof terrace of The Captain Alexander and then across the road to James Street Station and back to Penyffordd.



Higher Kinnerton Environment Group

Please note that we will be taking a break and there will be no group meeting in August. We aim to get together again in September, watch out for the date in the next newsletter. Happy holidays!

Welcome to our new Rector, Hana Amner

My name is Revd Hana Amner, and I am the newly licensed Rector (Vicar) of St Mary's Dodleston, All Saints Higher Kinnerton and Chaplain of Bishops' Blue Coat High School.

Originally from South London, I moved to Chester in 2017 to study Theology and in my second year I felt the call to ordained ministry. In the last seven years, I graduated a Master's in Theology, I met my now husband Warren a dairy farmer for the Duke of Westminster. We have accumulated what I like to call 'fur babies' Fudge the Corgi and two British Shorthair cats Larry and Bear and I have just recently finished my curacy at St Mark's Lache cum Saltney, serving for nearly 6 years under the Revd Hennie Johnston.

In a short time I have been encouraged by the warmth, support and sense of excitement from the two churches and communities.

Walter's coffee shop is my new favourite coffee shop, I love the staff, their love of dogs and would have to say they serve the best coffee in the north! It has also been a joy to connect with the local pubs setting up 'Meet the new Vicar' for a drink and inviting the community to meet me. I am also excited to explore how I can best support Derwen Primary School in the near future, the head Mr Jones is a real asset to the life of the school, I was inspired how he has brought so much vision into being in order to see the school community flourish.

The passion I bring with me is to seek to be a blessing to both communities, I want to create space for listening, understanding need and exploring what part we as the church can play in order to see communities flourish further. I am an artist named Creative Priest and this is intrinsic to how I minister, I love coming up with new creative ideas, running events and seeing a diverse people come together, of all ages, cultures and walks of life.

I am proud to be part of this parish, I love all that both communities stand for and can't wait to explore more opportunities to be a blessing and work with you to see our community to keep thriving!



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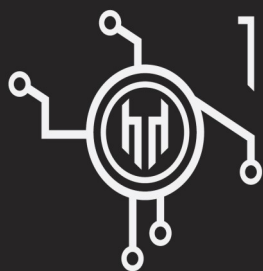
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