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Community Council

Your Monthly Higher Kinnerton Community Newsletter



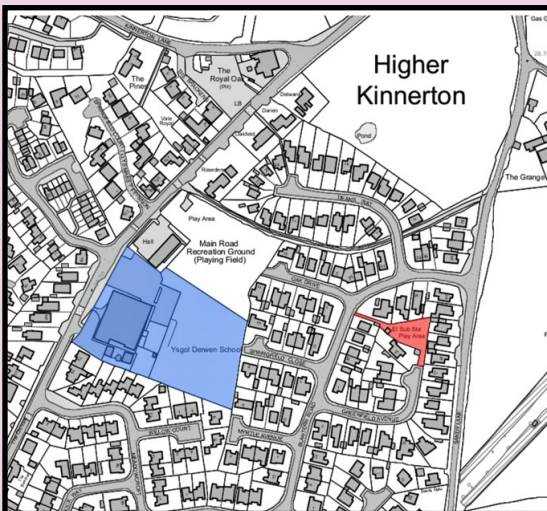
St. David's Park Play Area Improvements

Earlier this year members of HKCC recognised that this small play area between Blanter Road and Greenfield Avenue required some remedial works and agreed at the February meeting to arrange a site meeting with Flintshire County Council (FCC) to review repair and maintenance requirements.

Following this site meeting, FCC made arrangements to replace the swings and to refurbish the remaining items of play equipment as required with the cost being met by FCC via Section 106 funding for play space improvements and additionally agreed to install a pedestrian gate from the alleyway entrance off Blanter Road to improve safety for little ones.



Damaged metalwork on the play equipment



The works were completed in August and the before and after photos hopefully demonstrate the improvements to the play area which has a range of play equipment to appeal to younger children. The location map pinpoints the play area (in red) and we would welcome your comments and feedback regarding the recent improvements.



The newly restored play equipment in St Davids Park

Afternoon Tea for Macmillan Cancer Support.

This event was a huge success and we raised an amazing £1305.

Many thanks to everyone who bought tickets, made donations and bought raffle tickets. Thanks also to The Royal Oak, Old School Beauty and Tips on Nails who provided vouchers for the raffle. Special thanks to everyone who helped on the day, to those who made sandwiches and delicious cakes and to Alex at Tesco who provided the scones.

The Village Hall Committee were very supportive which was most appreciated.

Examples of how our money could be used.

£247 could pay for a Macmillan Nurse for 1 day helping people living with cancer receive medical and emotional support.

£181 could provide emotional support to 1 person living with cancer for 8 weeks through regular telephone sessions with a Macmillan Buddy.



Thank you Kinnerton for making it a very special and rewarding afternoon.

Margie Edwards.

Kinnerton Little Acorns

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Spaces Available at our Playgroup

We have spaces in our Playgroup sessions here at Kinnerton Little Acorns which run Mondays to Thursdays 9am - 11:25am during term time next to Ysgol Derwen in the village.

We are also able to welcome more children who would like to join us for our Wraparound Care sessions which run Mondays to Fridays 11:30am - 3pm.

If your child currently joins us for Playgroup (and are aged 2½ years or over) or if your child currently attends the Nursery Class at Ysgol Derwen and they would like to stay for our Wraparound sessions too then please get in touch via email and we can arrange this for you.

For full details of availability and costs please contact us at office@kinnertonlittleacorns.co.uk or by phone on 07594 265652. You can also visit our website at www.kinnertonlittleacorns.co.uk

Kinnerton Cricket Club

Not how we wanted the season to pan out but onwards and upwards.

Our End of Season bash and Presentation Evening is on Friday 29 September at Parivaar Restaurant in Mold with pre drinks in Spoons and the Chester League Presentation Evening is on Friday 13 October at Boughton Hall CC with guest speaker former England allrounder Ronnie Irani. That's it then until March 2024 and if anyone is interested in getting involved please ring Mike on 07977119179.



Kinnerton Oaks football news

Kinnerton Oaks Under 12s start the new season on 24th September. Already treble tournament winners over the summer, the team is pictured with the Rhos, Menai Bridge & Airbus tournament trophies. They are looking forward to some tough games ahead, with hopefully more trophies to come, a big thanks must go to Champion Accountants who have sponsored KOFC for 5 years now. Well done KOFC.

Also, Kinnerton Oaks U11s (Year 6 of Primary School) are looking to recruit 2 players, particularly midfielders or strikers to add to what is already a developed team, playing in the highest division in the Flintshire League. Training takes place on a Monday evenings between 6pm and 7pm. Matches take place on a Sunday morning.

If interested, please message on the club Facebook page for further information. Thanks.



Pollinator Gardens competition update

You may recall that, back in the Spring, we offered residents free packets of pollinator flower seeds to encourage the growth of flowers to attract butterflies, bees and other pollinating insects into our gardens throughout the village. Take-up was pretty good and by early summer we had no packets left. We had been hopeful that people round the village would enter into the spirit and sign up for our Pollinator Garden competition, but sadly this has not been the case and it is with heavy heart that we have returned the prize garden voucher. This may well be, at least in part, due to a poor summer in terms of growing conditions - in my garden most flowers and vegetables have been much later than normal. Nevertheless we would hope that people have

enjoyed some success and that the pollinator insects that are so necessary for all our flowers, fruit and vegetables have enjoyed themselves.



Kinnerton Walking Group

Due to the exceptional hot weather September's out of village walk was cancelled as walking in temperatures exceeding 30C is not recommended. We still had our normal 3 to 4 mile walks around the village for the other weeks though.

If anyone would like to join us we meet at 1 pm on Thursday at the Village Hall and following the walk we have tea, cake and biscuits all for a cost of £2. Just turn up or contact Mike 07977119179



Higher Kinnerton Community Holiday Camp 2023

Dragon Sport hosted a four-week community holiday camp in Higher Kinnerton in the summer. Michelle Thomas from Dragon Sport sent us a summary of the holiday camp.

"Yet again it was a great success. Over the four-week period we have collected registers for the 4 to 6 year old and for the 7 to 11 year old camp. The attendance figures for each session were recorded for the 4 to 6-year-old camps and can be summarised thus.

- The total attendances for the 8 sessions over the 4 weeks was 104 (first session 25th of July the last session on Thursday the 17th of August).
- We averaged 13 children per session which is good over a four-week period as our maximum was 16 per session.
- 14 hours of physical activity offered.
- A range of sports were delivered across the four weeks.



The weather has been good on the whole with this year camps running for all the dates. It has been great to have the use of the scout hut as we have had a few occasions that we have had to use the indoor facilities.

Similarly, the attendance figures for each session were recorded for the 7 to 11-year-old camps and can be summarised thus.

- 176 attendances at the 10 sessions over the 4 weeks (first session 24th of July the last session on Friday the 18th of August)
- We averaged 18 children per session over a four week period, the maximum per session was 20.
- 18 hours of physical activity offered.
- A range of sports were delivered across the four weeks.

We did not encounter any major issues and it has been a pleasure to be involved with the organisation and delivery of the community camps. Overall, the weather was ok but we did have to cancel the last Monday and Friday for the older age group due to the rain which was a shame. We were able to use the scout hut for the younger age group, so we did not have to cancel any sessions as the room is big enough for this age group. Unfortunately it is not big enough for the older age group and that is why we had to cancel the sessions.

With regards to the Booking system, the holiday camp sold out in record time again this year. Sadly not all 20 children attended each session, despite them being fully booked. We did have some parents book on and not turn up again this year which is a shame as it takes away spaces from everyone else, although we did call those on the waiting list when we could to fill the spaces.

A total of 280 children attended from both age groups which is a great turnout in 4 weeks. It has been a pleasure being involved in the camps and thank you for providing your community with the opportunity to be active over the summer holidays."

Your Village Hall

The village hall currently run lots of activities, including Taekwondo, Pilates, Toddler groups and indoor bowls...

We have a Monday evening slot that has become available, if you're a member of a club or group that wishes to use the hall, or you're looking to start one, please let us know.

We might be able to help you promote your club or group's activities in this section of the newsletter!

If you're interested please get in touch for more details.

Email our booking secretary, Jason, at hkhallbookings@aol.com, or visit our online booking website at <https://hallbookingonline.com/kinnerton/>

QUIZ NIGHT

The quiz night being held on October 14 in aid of the Wales Air Ambulance has now completely sold out. However to maximise the profits we would be grateful for a donation of bottles of wine as prizes. We intend to put the quiz on with no cost so that all the takings will be donated to this wonderful cause. Contact Mike 07977119179



HARVEST Lunch

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All Saints Church News

Saturday 30 September: Farm Blessing Day – Revd Hana and Revd Robin are visiting farms in the parish to offer prayers of blessing and to give a token of appreciation for the critical role farmers play in the nation's food supply.

October Church Services

Sunday, 1st October at 9.30am **All Age Harvest Service**.

Sunday, 8th October at 9.30am Holy Communion - Theme - Let the dreamers dream

Saturday 14th October at 11.00am – 12.30pm – Vision Saturday. Joint Open Meeting at St Mary's Church Dodleston

Sunday, 15th October at 9.30am Holy Communion – Theme - Blessed to be a Blessing

Sunday, 22nd October at 9.30am Holy Communion – Theme - Life in all its fullness

Sunday, 29th October at 9.30am Holy Communion

Dates for your Diary

Flintshire Foodbank – Village Collection – Sunday, 1st October 10.30 – 12.00 noon

Outside the Main Road entrance of All saints Church.

Harvest Lunch Thursday, 5th October at 12.00 noon in church. (Ploughman's Lunch, Tickets £6). Everyone welcome

Coffee Morning Wednesday, 18th October 10.30 – noon Everyone welcome

Church Lunch Thursday, 19th October at 11.45am. Invitations will be sent out.

Advance Notice

Sunday 5 November 4pm All Souls Day Service, to remember the dear departed.

Sunday 12 November 10am Remembrance Sunday Service

Saturday 16 - Sunday 17 December Angel Festival

1st Kinnerton Scout Group

JUMBLE SALE

28th October 2023 from 2pm to 4pm

at Scout Headquarters

Refreshments available

If you have items to donate, they can be brought to the Scout HQ on Kinnerton Road on the evening of Thursday 26th October, from 6-30 to 8pm or during the day on Friday 27st October.

If you are unable to take your donations to the HQ, please ring Julie on 01244 660907 or 07761 208742, or Lesley on 01244 660579 or 07817 131961 to arrange collection. Items will be collected after 13th October.

If you would like to volunteer to help either before, during or after the Jumble Sale, we would be absolutely delighted. Just ring Lesley on the number above.

Thank you to everyone for your support of the young people of the village, all those involved really appreciate it.

Cheshire West and Chester have introduced a revised bus timetable for buses running between Higher Kinnerton and Chester (nos 61 and 62) which is current from September 3 2023. We have published this on the Community Council web server and we published a link last month. For those people who prefer here is a cut-out-and-keep copy of the timetable which you can pin on your noticeboard at home. We would stress that whilst this timetable is correct at the time of going to press it is liable to change if and when the service is reviewed.

61, 62 Chester-Handbridge-Westminster Park-Dodleston-Higher Kinnerton Stagecoach 61, 62 Higher Kinnerton-Dodleston-Westminster Park-Handbridge-Chester Stagecoach

Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays (excluding Public Holidays)													
61							62						
Boughton, Bishop's Blue Coat Sch							Higher Kinnerton, Bennetts Lane						
Chester Bus Interchange							Lower Kinnerton, Moor Lane						
Foregate Street (Stop CC)							Dodleston, Primary School						
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Codes:

FO - Journey operates on Fridays only

Sch - Journey operates on Schooldays only

NSch - Journey operates on Non Schooldays only

R - Journey terminates at Rowcliffe Avenue, returning via Lache Lane

- Journey terminates at Foregate Street during school holidays



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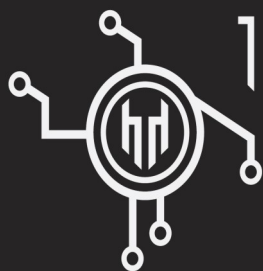
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