

# OUR VILLAGE



Higher Kinnerton  
Community Council

Your Monthly Higher Kinnerton Community Newsletter



## Changes ahead for the Community Council

Many of you will be aware that Liz Corner, clerk to Higher Kinnerton Community Council since 2009, has now moved on to pastures new, with our sincere thanks and blessing. Liz has been the cornerstone (no pun intended) of HKCC for 17 years and she will be very much missed by all of us on the council. She has guided us through much and kept us on the straight and narrow with a dedication and knowledge which has been invaluable. Her diligence and support has certainly made my role as Chair easier over the last 12 months and I'm sure the same is true for Chris Upton who was Chair before me. It would not be right if we didn't ask her to say a few words as she starts her new life in South-west Wales.

This is what she told us.

"I moved to the village in 2008 and in 2009 I saw an advert in the free locally delivered newsletter for the role of Clerk to the Community Council. I applied and was fortunate enough to be offered an interview in the village hall which I remember vividly. I was appointed on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2009. During my time as Clerk to the Council, I have worked with and formed friendships with so many lovely people in the village. Since 2009, the role of Clerk has changed considerably with a massive increase in audit and governance requirements and statutory regulation. That is just one side of the role of a Clerk which the Society of Local Council Clerks has, perhaps dryly but accurately, summarised as follows:

The Clerk:

- Advises the council on legal matters
- Administers the council's finances
- Organises the council's procedures
- Gathers information to help the council make decisions
- Raises the profile of the council in the local community
- Guides the council as it engages with its residents
- Negotiates with other organisations
- Implements the council's decisions
- Manages the council's projects

When I was asked to reflect on my time as Clerk, whilst it has been often challenging it has always been a privilege to be part of the village and to have been involved with so much and to have met so many people. *Cont...*

### ADVANCE NOTICE

1<sup>st</sup> Kinnerton Scout Group  
will once again selling

### BEDDING PLANTS in May

We are delighted to once again working with our local growers, The Dale Plant Nursery and Garden Centre, of Kinnerton Road. Their plants are magnificent. What a spectacular display we had last year.

We will have all the familiar favourite plants, which we will **deliver to your door** on **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May**

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We will have a number of ways for you to order and pay this year. You can choose from using the order form which will be in the newsletter for May, or you can order on our webpage or QR code. You can then pay by Bank Transfer, by cash or cheque.

This is one of our major fundraising events for the Group, so please support us.

**Thank you as always for your support.**

If I had to list my top hi-lights that I've been very much involved with in the village with they'd probably be:

- Village Day – in 2012 the Community Council hosted a village day to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee which is now a bi-annual event that I have helped to organise and somehow every year the sun shone!
- Community Walks – I helped set up the Community Walk Group in 2011 – the group is still going strong today!
- Dragon Sports – I arranged a new style summer camp for the children in the village with Dragon Sports in 2015 and ever since the sessions have been fully booked every summer.
- Christmas Event (and being hands on with helping and clearing up!) – it's a lovely event that holds special memories for me especially as my son sang at two of the events.
- Village Newsletter – from writing articles, to arranging for publication and everything in between.
- Village Bench and Community Library – sorting the behind-the-scenes logistics (location, licence, supply and installation, delivery, insurance) and I'm so glad both have been well received.

I couldn't have contributed to anything I've mentioned without the help and support of some wonderful people in Kinnerton. It's the village where my children grew up and I have been fortunate to have the most amazing friends and neighbours. I'll miss you all and I'll miss the Community Council but now my children have grown up, I have seized the chance to move to my happy place in Pembrokeshire."

Liz has been very much a part of the Higher Kinnerton community and many of you have asked after her over the last couple of months which demonstrates how she will be missed. For my part she will always be welcome if she chooses to come back and visit us and in the meantime I'm sure every one of us will wish her all the very best in her new happy place.



## A warm welcome to our new Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer...

With Liz leaving us Higher Kinnerton Community Council has now appointed a new clerk and Responsible Financial Officer, Ian Jones. He will be starting in the role officially on April 1<sup>st</sup> but is already working with Liz on a smooth handover. We asked him to write a bit about himself and introduce himself to our village.

"I was born in Llangollen and brought up in Trevor Isa, near the Pontcysyllte aqueduct and attended Dinas Bran School. I am educated to Degree level and hold a professional qualification as a Chartered Company Secretary. My career has spanned over 40 years, mainly in local government, working for various principal and town councils. Most recently I have been a Locum Clerk as I took early retirement three years ago.



I live in Brynford, Flintshire with my partner Dawn and I have two grown up children. We have a dog, a cat, two horses, chickens and fish. My hobbies include walking football, gardening, DIY, and walking our dog, 'Amber'. I also enjoy supporting Wrexham FC (over many years both good and not so good times!). I enjoy watching many sports including the occasional trip to see Lancashire County Cricket Club in Manchester.

As Clerk to the Council I hope to bring a smooth transition, professionalism, good advice and efficient administration and financial management. I am very much looking forward to working with Members of the Council and assisting the community wherever I can."

We on the council very much extend a warm welcome to Ian and look forward to working with him. We trust that he will enjoy his new role as we get to know each other.

## More Community Council changes

We are very sad to announce that our Vice Chair, Chris Upton, has decided to step down from the council with immediate effect after two stints on the council over a number of years, his latest one dating from mid 2021, a difficult period for all of us as we learned to live with the after-effects of the Covid pandemic. He assumed the role of Chair in May 2022, a post he took very seriously, and carried this out for 3 years before handing over the reins to myself in May 2025. He agreed to continue as my Vice Chair and has been an invaluable source of information and support over the last 12 months. The next few months present a challenge as we adjust to new personnel and begin the process of replacing Chris as councillor. We wish Chris all the best in the future and the Council would like to express sincere thanks for his time serving on the council.

*Martin King, Chair*

## ALL SAINTS CHURCH NEWS – APRIL 2026

- **Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April at 6.00pm at Kinnerton Village Hall.** Join us for a Maundy Thursday reflection on the significance of the Last Supper. We invite you to bring your favourite cheese to share. Please confirm your attendance with Rev Hana by March 28<sup>th</sup>.
- **Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> April – Good Friday Service at 2.00pm.** Join us for a reflective service at the Cross, where we will remember Christ's sacrifice for us all.
- **Easter Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April 6.20am – Sunrise Service at Hope Mountain viewpoint – LL12 9HE** where we will greet the dawn of Easter together.
- **Easter Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April at 9.30am – All Age Easter Holy Communion service.** Celebration with an Easter egg hunt! During the Service the names of loved ones whom the family wishes to be remembered will be read out.
- **Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> April at 9.30am – Holy Communion**
- **Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> April at 10.30am – Coffee Morning** when the names of the winners of the 100 Club for April will be drawn. Everyone is very welcome.
- **Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> April at 11.45am – Seniors Lunch.** Invitations will be sent out.
- **Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> April at 10.00 am –** Members of St. Mary's Church will join us for a Bring and Share Brunch before a short service followed by the Annual Parish Church Meeting. Please come along to find out what has been happening in the church during the last year.
- **Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> April at 9.30am – Holy Communion**

### Reminder 5<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Sunday

Anyone wishing to remember a loved one at Easter time can make a donation towards the Easter Lilies being used to decorate the church on Easter Sunday. Please put your donation in an envelope together with their name. Mike and Mel Allport, 63 Main Road or Margaret Smith, 29 Llys Derwen will be pleased to accept your donations.

The names of your loved ones will be read out during the morning service on Easter Sunday.



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Higher Kinnerton



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from us all at  
All Saints Church*

## 1<sup>st</sup> Kinnerton Scout Group - Time for a Spring Clean?

Our spring **Jumble Sale** will be on **Saturday 25<sup>h</sup> April** at 2pm. As usual we will be accepting donations of saleable items on the evening of **Thursday 23<sup>th</sup>** and during the day on **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November**. Donations of books, clothing, toys, bric-a-brac and bedding (but not pillows) will be gratefully received.

If you are unable to make these dates, then please phone Julie on either 07761 208742 or 01244 660907 or Lesley on 01244 660579 after 13<sup>th</sup> April, and we will make appropriate arrangements.

Thank you everyone.

## Higher Kinnerton Walking Group News

Another change of plan last month saw the group head to Neston on the train from Penyffordd for a circular walk to Parkgate following the Wirral Way and then a Fish and Chip lunch.

On 2 April we will be walking across the fields to the Red Lion in Dodleston for lunch and then returning on the bus. The following Thursday is our 16th anniversary and we are going to Urbano 32 in Bridge Street there and back on the bus. Where has the time gone?



## Kinnerton Cricket Club

This season we will be playing in the Chester & District Midweek League Division 3 with our home matches at Northop Cricket Club on Thursday evenings.

The other teams in the league are Defib (Northop Hall), Dodleston, Llay, Malpas, Tattenhall, West Cheshire College and Westminster Park. Each team plays each other

home and away, making a total of 14 matches. The format is 20/20.

Anyone interested in playing or getting involved, ring Mike 07977 119179.

## Higher Kinnerton Indoor Bowls Club

Higher Kinnerton Social Indoor Bowls will be continuing on Monday 13th, 20th, 27th April at 6pm-9pm.

We have some bowls for you to use, please wear flat shoes when playing on the mats. This is for a trial period, if there is enough interest then it will continue throughout the summer, but it will need to cover the cost of the village hall.

The normal Season + the League Matches starts September 14th and runs till the end of March

Hope to see you there,

Geoff

## Buckley and Area Fflecsi Service

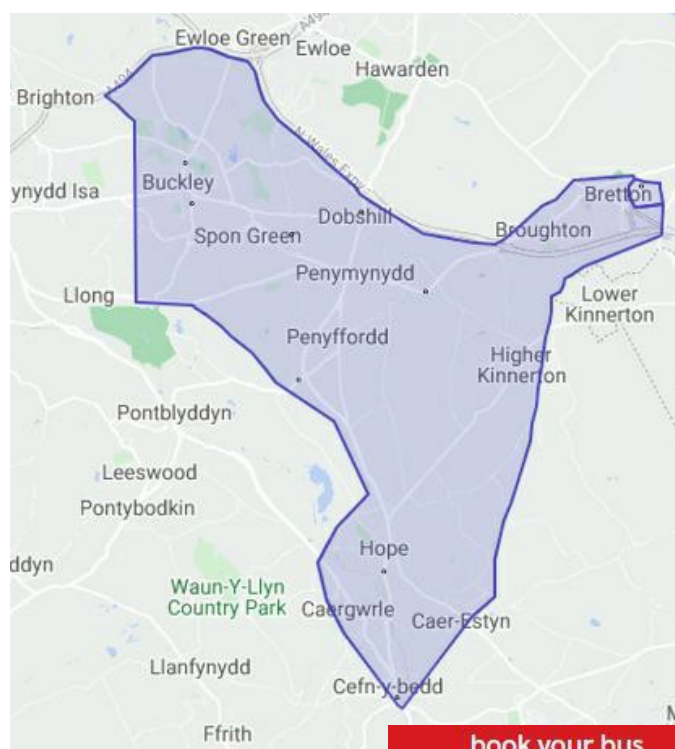
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- You can choose where to be picked up from or dropped off as the bus doesn't run to a fixed timetable or route. However, the route varies based on who else has booked at similar times or destinations.
- You can book via an app (which also allows you to track your bus) and by telephone on 0300 234 0300.
- There are a number of ways to pay: on-board with cash, £2.50 per journey for adults/ £1.50 for children. MyTravel Pass is also accepted whilst concessionary card holders travel for free.
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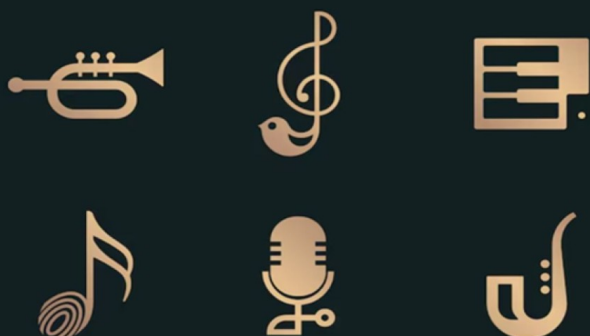
@ The Swan, Higher Kinnerton, between 7pm & 10pm.

Local musicians just having fun.

If you play an instrument - (vocals included), come and join the SwanKinnerton Jammers.

See you there. Either to play or to listen.

ps: No food on Mondays – just the bar



### Higher Kinnerton Community Council

Your Community Councillors are:

- Martin King - Chair
- Vice chair - vacancy
- Ian Jones - Clerk
- Mike Allport
- Josh Swash
- Carroll Nugent
- Joe Cooper
- Fallon Turrisi
- Peter Cottam
- Klaus Armstrong-Braun

If you would like to contact the Community Council, please email [contact@higherkinnerton.org.uk](mailto:contact@higherkinnerton.org.uk)

## What's On at Higher Kinnerton Village Hall

Higher Kinnerton Village Hall has a wide range of regular activities going on throughout the week - something for all ages and interests . For one-off events, check the noticeboard outside the Hall.

<b>Monday</b>	
9.30am – 11.30am	<b>PopCats Music Time</b> - Call: Emma 07450483406
7 – 8pm	<b>Adults Dance Class</b> - Email: dancenorthwales@gmail.com
6 – 9pm	<b>Short Mat Bowls</b> - Call: Geoff 01244 660721
<b>Tuesday</b>	
1 – 4.30pm	<b>Bowls League</b> - Call: Geoff 01244 660721
6 – 7pm	<b>Zumba</b> - Call: 07941281434
<b>Wednesday</b>	
11.30am – 12.30pm	<b>Post Office</b>
10am – 12pm	<b>Art Classes</b> - Call: Carol 01352 375493
1 – 4pm	<b>Line Dancing</b> - Call: Eileen 01978 760070
5 – 7pm	<b>Fish &amp; Chip Van (1st &amp; 3rd Wed)</b>
6.30 – 7.30pm	<b>Yoga For All</b> - Call: Lauren 07480279023
<b>Thursday</b>	
9am – 12pm	<b>Pilates</b> - Call: Lucy 07816776230
12 – 4pm	<b>Walking Group</b> - Call: Brian 07983494235
6 – 10pm	<b>W.I. Meeting (1st Thurs of month)</b> - Email: shirleyathome@talktalk.net
<b>Friday</b>	
9 – 11.30am	<b>Baby &amp; Toddler Group</b> - Call: Jane 07401369062
1 – 4pm	<b>Craft Group</b> - Email: margieedwards@hotmail.co.uk
3.30 – 6.30pm	<b>Dance &amp; Drama</b> - Call: Samantha 07598430454
<b>Saturday</b>	
9.45 – 10.45am	<b>TaeKwonDo Classes</b> - Email: philipstarr1@hotmail.co.uk

\*Please note that Indoor Bowls operates from September to March – Monday Club, Tuesday League



### Creating habitat for pollinators

**Thursday, 23rd April 2026  
from 7pm to 9pm  
Kinnerton Village Hall**

A talk given by Sarah Slater, Biodiversity Officer for Flintshire County Council

A look into how we can change management across the public realm to help support pollinators, the Wales wide Bee friendly scheme and some actions everyone can take.

Tea, coffee and biscuits will be available on the evening for a small donation.

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# Higher Kinnerton Cinema April Screening

Our April film screening will be 'The Choral' [12A] and will be shown on **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2026** in the village hall. 1916 – as war rages on the Western Front, the Choral Society in Ramsden, Yorkshire has lost most of its men to the army. The Choral's ambitious committee, determined to press ahead, decides to recruit local young males to swell their ranks. They must also engage a new chorus master, and despite their suspicions that he has something to hide, their best bet seems to be Dr. Henry Guthrie (Ralph Fiennes) – driven, uncompromising, and recently returned from a career in Germany. As conscription papers start to arrive, the whole community discovers that the best response to the chaos that is laying waste to their lives is to make music together.

Tickets are available for £3 (cash or card) on the door, or can be booked in advance on our secure online ticket platform at:

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/higher-kinnerton-cinema> where you can also watch the trailer for the film. Doors open at 6.30 pm with the film starting at 7.00 pm.



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