

MINUTES OF THE KINVER ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
HELD AT THE PARISH COUNCIL OFFICES ON WEDNESDAY 7th MARCH 2018

PRESENT Councillors: H Williams, J Cutler, C Allen, P Wooddisse, D Hadlington, B Edwards, G Mander, I Sadler, J Hall & D Geoghegan

IN ATTENDANCE Miss J Cree - Clerk, Mrs M Fullwood Assistant to Clerk.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT Mike Deathridge - Kinver Rotary, Mr Rhodes - Resident, Margaret Rogers - Resident

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies of absence were received from John Sharkey of Kinver Edge Committee (National Trust); Glynis Lloyd Kinver WI, also Councillors L Hingley, D Light & V Webb.

2. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF 1st March 2017.

It was proposed that the minutes were accepted as a true record by Cllr J Cutler, seconded by Cllr P Wooddisse and agreed unanimously.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES OF 1st MARCH 2017

There were no matters arising from the previous minutes.

4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

This Report covers the last parish year 2017/2018

I have been in attendance at all monthly meetings of the Parish Council and you will find in the minutes of those meetings all of the information and discussions carried out by your parish Councillors on your behalf. I do not intend to repeat those minutes here this evening. The minutes can be accessed on our website www.kinverparish.com or during office hours Mon-Fri till noon.

I have organised a Civic Service on Sunday the 22nd April 2018 at 6.30 pm to dedicate our new Standard (Flag) of Kinver Parish Council, and you are all welcomed to the service at St. Peters Church, followed by a reception at the Constitutional club.

Thank you all for your support over the last year.
Cllr Henry Williams, Chairman of Kinver Parish Council

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Prior to each Committee Chairman presenting his/her report, the Chairman of the Council explained that following each such presentation there would be a period for members of the public present to seek clarification on any points covered by the presentation.

5.1 CLLR MRS CHRISTING ALLEN, CHAIRMAN OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE THEN PRESENTED THE FOLLOWING REPORT AS TO THE ACTIVITIES OF THAT COMMITTEE OVER THE PAST YEAR - 2017/8

Planning applications numbers have remained roughly the same in the last 12 months. The number of tree works referred to Steve Dorés has however increased by 6 over the year.

Recommendations made by Kinver Parish Council:

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| Accepted | 76 | |
| Refused | 12 | |
| Comments | 14 | |
| Referred to Steve Dorés | 24 | (re trees) |

Planning decisions made by District:

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| Accepted | 78 |
| Refused | 5 |
| Other | 1 |

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| Planning applications withdrawn | 4 |
| Appeals allowed | 1 |
| Appeals Dismissed | 5 |
| Enforcement PC informing DC | 31 |
| Enforcement DC say were OK | 4 |
| Enforcement prosecutions | 1 |

Councillor Jon Irving-Bell and I made a site visit to the new food recycling plant owned by Severn Trent & Aggrivert. It was noted that Severn Trent are looking to add more waste to the facility. It was suggested that perhaps the County and District may be able to discuss utilising the plant with house hold waste in the future?

The stats from the site are as follows:

- Tonnage of food waste in: 48,500 tonnes per annum
- Tonnage of digestate out: 40,000 tonnes per annum
- Gas generation: 9 million m³ for 2017/18 (estimated value as they haven't run for a complete year yet). Next year as a full year (2018/19) they are expecting to produce 10-12 million m³ of gas.
- Electrical equivalent energy generation: 15 Gwh (estimated generation for 2017/18).
Next year (2018/19) as a full year they estimate to generate 24 GWh.
- Number of vehicle deliveries per week: 50

I would like to thank the clerk and her assistant for all their help over the past year and for the Councillors help and decision making on the planning committee.

It was with great sadness hearing about the sudden death of Councillor Jon Irving-Bell. He will be greatly missed on the planning committee and we send our deepest sympathy to his family.

CLLr Christine Allen Planning chairman

5.2 CLLR MR JOHN CUTLER, CHAIRMAN OF THE LEISURE & AMENITIES COMMITTEE, THEN PRESENTED THE FOLLOWING REPORT AS TO THE ACTIVITIES OF THAT COMMITTEE OVER THE PAST YEAR 2017/8.

Over previous years the L & A committee had seen through many "physical" projects in the village (Children's Area, Adult Exercise Equipment, Upgrade work to Danesford and Jubilee Gardens, tree Screen management to enable the church to be seen from village and Resurfacing of Legion drive This year it was decided to continue with physical projects such as Historical Noticeboards and Village road signage but to consider what additional "services" we could provide for the village

After discussion it was decided to try to assist/ do something for the youth in the village.

The idea of youth club/café/facility/drop-in centre emerged. Despite sceptism from people outside the committee the idea was pursued and a group of people from SSCYS, Youth Pastor, Rotary, KCSA formed a adhoc steering group.

The initial plan involving contracted Youth Specialist/Worker failed to obtain support from Main Council. Valid points relating to establishing need and business plan were made.

Undeterred the committee continued to pursue a voluntary managed Youth Café. Volunteers were recruited, DBS done and Safeguarding and first Aid policies developed. Location KCSA was agreed and financed .Equipment (television, X-Box, Table tennis table, Table football obtained.) Also a tuck shop was established .Registration and Behaviour guidelines were developed.

The Café started on Tues 16 January and has run every Tuesday since this date. Attendance has been encouraging and detail accounts are being kept. Its early days but the committee is very optimistic about the future.

The project for signposting the village centre on various main roads around the village was abandon due to complete lack of support from the retailers and businesses in the village. New Map boards with updated map were installed.

Led by co-opted member John Glover the committee continued to deal with Rights of Way matters. Particular issue this year has been the SCC decision to cut footpath/rights of Way path maintenance. This has resulted in SCC deciding to categories path into 3 groups A,B,C with A having the priority. We have continued to liaise with SCC on this matter.

Also we have watched carefully the construction of The Centenary path by NT on Kinver edge.

I wish to register my grateful thanks to everyone for all their support in getting the Youth Café up and running.

Cllr.John Cutler Chr. L & A Committee

5.3 CLLR MR DUDLEY LIGHT, CHAIRMAN OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE, THEN PRESENTED THE FOLLOWING REPORT AS TO THE ACTIVITIES OF THAT COMMITTEE OVER THE PAST YEAR - 2017/8

The Parish Council will deliver the 2017/18 budget according to plan. My thanks for this goes to the clerk and her staff, the Finance & General Purposes Committee and the whole Parish Council.

Fortunately this year, to date, we have not had any major or unexpected financial issues to manage.

The Parish Council has recently carried out a major review of its staffing and salary structure. This is the first review carried out for eight years.

I do have to report that again this financial year there have been deliberate acts of vandalism carried out at the shelter in the centre of the village. The cost to the tax payers of Kinver is £1,550. This is a significant drop on the previous year but it still should not occur.

- The council has been able to fund numerous projects this year, they are:-
- Resurfacing the pathways at Comber Ridge.
- Setting up a Youth Café via the Leisure & Amenities Committee.
- Purchasing five new Rights of Way notice boards.
- New Parish notice board for Iverley.
- History of Kinver Leaflets.
- Support to the safer cycling initiative.
- Planting by volunteers of 2500 daffodil bulbs.
- Repair of the village clock formerly sited at the Post Office in the High Street.
- Purchase of an additional Speed Activated sign together with six sockets and two posts to enable the signs to be moved to various points in the Kinver Parish Area.
- The ladies toilets at Kinver Edge have been refurbished, new drainage 7 sewer pipes also installed. This work has been completed by our own maintenance technicians. We thank them for this.

Work on the toilets will continue next financial year with the refurbishment of the Men's side.

Lastly I am very pleased to announce that for the tenth year running Kinver Parish Council will NOT be requesting a rise in the Precept charge for 2018/2019.

6 REPORTS FROM PARISH ORGANISATIONS

6.1 ANGLo AMERICAN ASSOCIATION/ SISTER CITIES, PARK RIDGE U.S.A.

There is no visit planned to Kinver this year by our friends from Park Ridge. We are pleased to say that Mrs Betty Henneman has returned to work as City Clerk now that she has recovered from her heart surgery.

The Sister Cities group are planning a Pub night with a quiz to promote the twinning with Kinver and to get new people interested in joining them. They have asked us to help with quiz questions we can devise to promote interest in England, Kinver and our area that they can use on the night. We look forward to hearing how things go on the night. In the meantime we are always on the lookout for new and interesting places to come up with for them to see on their next trip over here.

Anyone interested in hosting or being involved with their next visit should contact Dominic Toni on Kinver 872058 or Jane Perrins on Kinver 877357.

6.2 BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION 2018

Now we are into a New Year and February is the month we start to prepare for the Best Kept Village Competition. We hope we can depend on your support and that you continue to keep Kinver clean and tidy

(litter, dog poo and weed) free.

We really appreciate all that you do. Many Thanks.
Report by Organiser Lin Hingley.

6.3 COMMUNITY ACTION. C A

Report from Margaret Rogers Secretary, Treasurer and Newsheet Editor

Community Action (originally called Christian Action) was formed by its benefactor Sam Harris in 1972 and has had representation on Parish Council since 1974.

C A has continued to work for the Parish to improve the life of the village and contributed funding towards a wide range of projects in past years and helped set up or instigated many organisations and facilities in the village.

As with any organisation, the members change through moving, age, new interests or passing on. Many of our stalwarts such as Joan Hoste, Joan Barlow, Keith Rumley, Malcolm Waldron, Derek Hemming MBE and Helen Macdonald have passed away. Many serving on Kinver Parish Council for a number of years. Kath Fletcher an early member of CA was very dedicated in her work for our parish.

Sue Parkes is to be congratulated again on the magnificent display for the Best Kept House Frontages and was given the Community Action Glass Paper weight to hold for a year and a cheque for £40 which she kindly donated to the Kinver old Peoples Welfare towards the Christmas Vouchers.

Community Action, (which was formed in 1972 as Christian Action due to its links with St Peter's Church) continues to produce the News-sheet four times a year.

Newsheet number 164 has just been distributed, this is mostly funded through adverts, but as we moved into digital colour some time ago, it is more costly but is appreciated by our readers and advertisers.

To get the news-sheet across the parish 4 times a year 60 volunteers deliver news-sheets in bundles from Iverley to Lawnswood. We are continuing to increase the numbers printed to cover the increasing housing developments.

Residents who have move away often ask for a copy which can be sent electronically. Volunteers are the key to our distribution. News-sheets arrive with Ena Ray and ourselves in boxes of 150 and are put up into delivery areas and taken to those who do the house to house deliveries for us.

Residents find the newsheet a good source of local news and adverts provide a great directory of trade people.

Two other C.A indicatives are the Dorothy Round Bursary and The Kinver Flag Fund

The latter again the brain child of Derek Hemming MBE, and is administered very capably by Marita Fullwood. We have a committee who look at making donations. (see separate report).

Community Action Dorothy Round

Bursary administrator Margaret Rogers.

The Bursary is dormant at present and was the brainchild of Derek Hemming MBE. Derek and myself set up the Bursary in 2001 in memory of Dorothy Round a famous tennis player who lived in Kinver for several years and attended the Methodist Church. A statue was erected in Dudley in her memory.

Our funds are very low, but to look at another Bursary we would need to meet with PE teachers at the High School and speak to students in school. The age group is 13 to 18 years. For those students who go to school outside the village poster will display the information. When reinstated, as usual applicants will need two references, one being from a P.E teacher or coach. The applicants accompanied by an adult are interviewed by two independent P.E teachers from schools outside the village and a member of C.A. A presentation evening is arranged where Nigel Round (Dorothy Round's nephew) make the bursary awards of £100 each and a certificate on behalf of C.A.

6.4 KINVER ACTION GROUP KAG

Another year on and KAG continues to look at the needs of the youth of community.

Our officers are John Fallon Chairman and Treasurer. Val Davis Vice-Chairman and Minute Secretary, with myself, Margaret Rogers, dealing with Funding, Press and Media. Harry Rogers is also a committee member.

We still have no youth co-ordinator and it is difficult to approach youngsters using the facilities on our own.

The facilities are inspected looking at requirements for any resurfacing and We have a maintenance programme in place and John often meets with the construction people to look at topping up areas and cutting back the grass, which impinges on the track itself. Our biggest expense is finding the insurance each year for the Skate Park and Bike Track and we will have to look for grants this year to support this major item, as we have to keep the provisions insured.

We were supported by a grant of £3662.61p from the Ken Wrigley Memorial Charity which was almost enough to cover the annual insurance cost for the 2017/18 years

We have an ongoing ambition to hold onto our youth management groups but they grow up, find new interests, start driving and even become car owners or move away to colleges or university. This is something that all village youth organisations experience so nothing new.

If we can get a new youth co-ordinator who also has IT knowledge this would be a start: a volunteer post with little or no reward other than helping others.

We are looking to gain funding to put on more events as booking someone like MADGear or Rubicon is not cheap. Since the site is available 24/7 users are not aware of KAG being the providers and how hard it was to get the funds to build the provisions but it is enjoyed by so many which was the intention

If we put on an event it would mean making them out of bounds for a day, whilst professionals are on site teaching, demonstrating and so on. People have got so used to the provision being available this would cause some disruption and users come from a wide area as well as youngsters being brought down by parent/grandparents from neighbouring authorities

Kinver Action Group meets KSCA

Report from the Press, Media and Fundraising Officer Margaret Rogers

6.5 KINVER ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION (KAA)

Our Motto is "Sharing with others what has been shared with us"

The Kinver Allotment Association held its AGM in January 2018 and the following members now comprise its Management Committee, Mike Hails, Mick Ford, Paul Roche, Margaret Rogers, Roy Carrier, Graham Thompson, and Andy Purslow.

At its first management meeting of the year, which will be the end of March officers will be elected and all have expressed a wish to continue except Mike Hails, who although willing to serve as a committee member is retiring as Chairman after many years.

Being chairman bring many responsibilities including site inspections with other officers and seeing plot holders with the vice chairman and setting up working parties for site maintenance etc.

The past year has again proved to be somewhat challenging for plot holders. The unsettled weather and again the ever increasing wild life of squirrels, mice and voles plus the ever-present badger population on the site have required our members to invent ingenious methods to maintain a successful harvest.

The continued success of the Association (which was formed on 12th November 2009) is partly due to the advice and support, and sometimes practical help, given by members to one another. Our new plot holder, are supported when required by our experienced plot holders and their knowledge is very valuable.

We have ongoing support from Roger Pauli of Stourton Farm which contributes greatly to our success. Roger made the land available in March 2010 in order to establish the allotments.

Since moving onto the site in March 2010 our fundraising officer Margaret Rogers has attract over £20,000 in grants to improve and enhance it for everyone visitors and plot holders alike. Over that period we received grants from the National Lottery and other charities and organisations The Ken Wrigley Memorial Charity. The Anthony & Gwendoline Wylde Memorial Charity. The County Council Local Members Scheme (via Councillor Brian Edwards), Kinver Parish Council, Kinver Country Fayre and donation from Roger Pauli himself.

Our own fundraising efforts have made us self-sufficient for several years now as site maintenance replacing fences and maintaining the water supply.

One of the great strengths of the Association is the sharing of good practice between members. There is no rivalry between members and everyone is only too willing to share the secrets of their successful methods with other members, which particularly helpful to new members who may have little or no experience of growing produce.

We currently have 28½ plots being cultivated and 2½ plots available to let. Many of our members are so successful that they rarely have to buy vegetables or fruit during the year.

Our contacts details are

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| Plot availability | Mick Ford plot | 07790933426 |
| General enquiries | Mike Hails | 01384/ 873081 |
| Fundraising and support | Margaret Rogers | 01384/872073 |

Report form Margaret Rogers

6.6 KINVER CIVIC SOCIETY REPORT

The Civic Society evolved from the Kinver Residents Association and started life on the 26th March 1979 its aims are:

- *To care about our surroundings, where we live and work.
- * To improve the fabric of the area for present and future generations.
- * To safeguard the heritage and character of Kinver.
- * To set and encourage high standards of design and sustainability.

This past year has been very busy and following the AGM in March 2017 Officers were re-elected. Brian Dimmock retired from the committee and as Treasurer. Mike Cooper took on the role for the past year.

Other officers re-elected were the Chairman and Programme Secretary myself, Vice Chairman Harry Rogers Hon President, David Bills, Maureen Smith Minute Secretary and joint Programme Secretary and Mary Middleton membership secretary.

The committee continue to meet every other month for business meetings and the Civic Society itself meet the third Monday in each month other than January and August. August is the annual outing and this year we are doing the Salt and Silk trip a guided tour with Brian Draper of South Cheshire looking at the salt and silk towns. Our August trip last year was fantastic, everything laid on an excellent guide and comfortable coach. We had a 53 seater coach and we followed the source of the Thames to Abingdon.

Our 2017 Commendation Award was given to the National Trust Kinver Edge Volunteers and Sue Wright their Chairman accepted the award. Around 50 people attended including County Councillor Victoria Wilson, District Councillor and Chairman of District Evening Councillor Val Chapman, District Councillors Brian Edwards MBE and Lin Hingley and Parish Chairman and District Councillor Henry Williams along with a party of Kinver Edge Volunteers and Jane Bills supported by friends from the RNLI. Jane was the 2016 recipient in appreciation for around £55,000 she had raised for the RNLI and other projects including the high street.

At our Commendation Evenings, the history and aims of the society are read out along with a citation relating to the person/ building being awarded the Commendation Award.

The Civic Society also takes part in the Best Kept Village Tidy Up and meets on the Berkley Car Park on Sunday mornings before and during the BKV competition. We are also consulted by South Staffs Council Planning Department on building matters and tree works.

Our programme for 2018 had many interesting speaker, as follows:

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| 19th Feb. | Mike Cooper Talk HMS Victory - The longest Commissioned Naval Ship in the World. |
| 19th March. | Annual General Meeting |
| 16th April | Matt Howe Defibrillator demo/training |
| 21st May | Roy Peacock "The Foley's " |
| 18th June | Dr Paul Collins Kinver Light Railway |
| 16th July | Roy Davies Walking for Health. |
| 20th August | A guided tour of South Cheshire looking at the salt and silk towns. |
| 17th Sept. | Quintin Watt a talk on The Bromsgrove Guild |
| 15th Oct. | Commendation Evening |
| 19th Nov. | Ian Bott "The Haunted Black Country." |
| 17th Dec. | Christmas Party. |

Visitors are very welcome to join our monthly meetings for £2 fee per visit and the annual membership is £10. We serve hot drinks served from 7.15pm were members can have a chat before the meetings start at 7.30. Meetings are held at Kinver Senior Citizens rooms.

Report from the Chairman Margaret Rogers.

6.7 KINVER COMMUNITY BUS LTD

On the 21st April 1988, we launched our first bus. We are now on our fourth bus a FIAT Ducato 17 seater purchased in 2014.

The Kinver Community Bus started life through an enthusiastic band of volunteers who got together and formed a committee in 1986 from a public meeting called by Community Action President Sam Harris. Thirty-Two years on, we still operate a valuable service and from the original committee in 1986 there is only myself left.

We provide a bus stop service 3 mornings, timetable service 52 weeks a year in all weathers including the snow. We also do a hail and ride, also door-to-door for the less able. Passengers often just come out for the company but also find it useful for shopping, doctors and visiting friends. Kinver is a hilly rural community with a high majority of elderly people so our service is most important. The bus is a lifeline to many people as it travels out to Enville, Stourton and to the parish boarder. We collect and drop off passengers en route at three nursing homes and one independent living establishment.

The Public Meeting called in 1986 discussed the lack of transport in the Parish and several matters were identified the hilly community, the lack of transport even then other than the main route running through the High Street turning round in White Hill. In addition, Enville had no transport and Kinver was its nearest shopping village.

It was agreed it was imperative that something was done to provide independent transport at a reasonable cost. People were asked to come forward to serve on the committee and eight of us put our names forward, the committee was formed with a constitution and a bank account.

From then on, we started fundraising doing garden parties, bric-a-brac sales and walks and by 1988, we had raised almost enough money for our first bus. We bought a second hand bus and the service was launched.

The bus still runs the same now as then, on a designated passenger route around the village three mornings a week and as a passenger vehicle, our permit allows us to park in a bus stop.

Most of our volunteer drivers travel into Kinver in their own cars to drive the bus most from the West Midlands conurbation.

We have to raise funds for Vehicle and Public Liability insurance, repairs, MOT and fuel so are very grateful for the grant received this year of £1500 from the Anthony & Gwendoline Wylde Memorial Charity, an annual grant from Enville Parish Council of £300 and a donation of £100 from Angela de Las Casus.

The All England Passes can be used on the bus, from which a sheet is collated daily on passenger numbers destinations and includes safety checks at the start and finish of the run and fuel. The fuel returns have

to be completed twice a year to the DfT. Paper work as with anything is quiet extensive. We can also be inspected on route by the public transport services the same as any other bus.

At our AGM in October, all officers were re-elected these being: Ian Lowe is Chairman, Julie Rogers Fuel and passenger records. I deal with the day-to-day running of the bus as the bus operator, transferring passenger numbers to County the yearly fuel for the DfT and accounts audits having been Treasurer since 1990 and secretary for almost as long.

Other members of the committee are Dawn Carter and Robert Kay. John Oxley who had served on the committee for many years and vice chairman decide to retire last October. Robert Kay is now the Vice Chairman. The directors invited Mary Middleton and Elizabeth Kay to join the committee last year.

Recognised parish organisations, (with a constitution and bank account in the clubs name) can hire the bus. Hiring's are dealt with by myself, hire charges are £25 for the first 25 mile plus 50p for all extra miles and 20% VAT, hire charges have not risen in many years. Terms and conditions have to be agreed, with only those over 25 and under 70 years with a clean driving licence for 5 years and driving for a minimum of 5 years. All hiring's must have a letter of authority from the club or groups Chairman and anyone driving has to have a trial run. Some organisations use the bus quite often to go to events.

Report from the Secretary and Treasurer and Bus Operator Margaret Rogers

6.8 KINVER EDGE COMMITTEE - REPORT TO PARISH COUNCIL, FEBRUARY 2018

The Kinver Edge Committee continues to work closely alongside the National Trust to conserve and manage this unique property. The Committee has forged an excellent working relationship with the National Trust team, led by General Manager Marcus Halliwell. Visitor numbers continue to grow and the 2017 season has seen visitor numbers in excess of 38,000, a new record and a significant increase over a three year period. Tea Room sales and sales of National Trust membership have also exceeded all expectations. The new season at the property opens in February 2018 and the property will continue to have extended opening hours, opening 7 days per week during the school holidays.

People from the local area are passionate about Kinver Edge and the property relies very much on the support of volunteers. A number of new recruits have joined our extensive list of indoor and outdoor volunteers. Committee members are heavily involved in recruiting and training volunteers. There are now in excess of 120 volunteers supporting the National Trust in the day to day running of the property.

2017 marked the Centenary of the donation of the property to the National Trust, by the Lee family and the Committee organised a range of centenary events, some of which celebrated this important milestone and some of which were devoted to fund raising for the Centenary Appeal. The Appeal was set up to help fund a major new footpath, linking important areas of the existing property to the new land that the National Trust has recently acquired from Worcestershire County Council. The Parish Council has been instrumental in supporting our fund raising. In 2015 the Parish Council grant helped to fund hedge and footpath improvements. In 2016 the Parish Council provided a further grant which was used to fund replacement gates for the grazing scheme on the escarpment, as part of the footpath improvements. The Committee and National Trust are most appreciative of the support given by the Parish Council and we look forward to their involvement in future projects. The Centenary Appeal has so far raised over £170,000 towards the costs of the centenary pathway.

This year has seen the National Trust acquire over 100 acres of additional land from Worcestershire County Council, in effect doubling the size of the property. The new land adjoins the existing property near to the county boundary at Kingsford and the National Trust have a land management plan to merge

the new land with the existing property and will be investing considerable resources to effect this plan. The acquisition of new land has perfect timing and symmetry, the property doubling in size exactly 100 years after the original donation was made in 1917. Furthermore, the centenary pathway, funded through the Centenary Appeal, will be used to link and integrate the whole property, linking Holy Austin Rock Houses in the north, to Wolverley in the south. The whole site will be known as Kinver Edge, although the parcel of newly acquired land may be referred to as Blakeshall Common.

The Committee are very proud of their fund raising contributions towards the Centenary Appeal, but most of all, we are encouraged by way that the community groups and local businesses have come together to join in and support the centenary celebrations. In particular we would like to recognise the outstanding support that we have received from Kinver Parish Council, Kinver Historical Society, Kinver and Bobbington Supper Club, The Rotary Club of Kinver, The New Kinver Players, Ashwood Nurseries and Kinver Country Fayre. We are also most grateful for the support offered by numerous local charities and companies.

If you require further information about the work of the Committee or you would like give your views on current or future developments on the property, please contact the Committee through the email addresses given below.

Mick Grove (Communications Officer) m.grove928@btinternet.com

John Sharkey (Secretary) Email: jsharkeyuk@hotmail.com

6.9 KINVER AND ENVILLE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL REPORT 2018.

The Poppy Appeal would like to thank all the Poppy Collectors, Schools, Public Houses, Businesses and Restaurants' who helped to contribute to the wonderful amount of £12,024.75p. Without your help we would be unable to continue our vital welfare and benevolent work. Many thanks for all your efforts again this year.

Lin Hingley Poppy Appeal Organiser for Kinver and Enville.

6.10 KINVER FLAG FUND

The Flag Fund was set up to celebrate special dates for local people, a poster is displayed in the frames on the flag pole outside the White Harte Annex in the High Street, a donation is required for each flying, please refer to CA should you require more details behind the background of setting up KFF.

KFF is now operated by a small committee of volunteers purely for this purpose.

We are happy to personalise posters with a photograph etc., (a copy can be made for you SAE required or by email) and will discuss this with you when you call me, not forgetting that dates can also be block-booked for the year ahead to save you time and ensure you don't forget a date.

We are looking for someone to sponsor 'Flying the Flag' for Royal occasions, if you would like to do so we are asking for a suggested donation of £50 for the year. Cheques should be made payable to Kinver Flag Fund. We would be happy to put an acknowledgement of your sponsorship on the bottom of each Royal Celebration poster.

We distribute our funds within the local community, so by 'Flying the Flag' to celebrate your special occasions you are also helping others around you. We last supported and distributed funds between the following local concerns; Kinver Fitness Collective, Kinver Pre-school Playgroup, Peter Pan Preschool Playgroup, Kinver Scouts Group and First Kinver Rainbows/ Brownies/ Guides. Since its conception in 1991 we have distributed circa £9,000.

This year we have used some of the funds to purchase a new flag to hoist as the current one was showing signs of wear and tear (this has also had some repair work as a spare), we look forward to continuing to celebrate your special occasions for the years ahead.

Our funds are not huge, but if you represent one of our local organisation, charity etc., with a project or goal in mind let us know so we can consider a contribution in support to help you on your way.

FEBRUARY 2017

- 1st Jamie & Harriet Hemming Wedding Anniversary
- 6th Queen Elizabeth II accession to the Throne 1952
- 7th Ruth Hemming Birthday
- 7th Jo & Andrew Hand 30th Wedding Anniversary
- 9th Clarice Walters – birthday
- 15th George 1st birthday
- 19th Prince Andrew birthday
- 21st Bev & Doreen Fellows married 1959
- 22nd Lauren Harris 21st birthday
- 25th Nigel Hemming 60th birthday
- 27th Dennis Shepherd – Funeral
- 28th Dawn Dixon 60th Birthday

MARCH 2017

- 1st St David's Day
- 5th Julie & Graham Shepherd 35th Wedding Anniversary
- 10th Prince Edward's birthday
- 17th Anne Hammersley birthday
- 17th St Patrick's Day
- 23rd Princess Eugenie Birthday
- 24th Nathan Fullwood Birthday
- 26th Margaret & Harry Rogers 51st Wedding Anniversary
- 29th Margaret Rogers After noon at 10 Downing Street
- 30th Margaret & Cyril Powell 60th Wedding Anniversary
- 30th Joseph Harris Birthday

APRIL 2017

- 3rd Polly Willshire Birthday
- 6th Nicholas Willshire Birthday
- 6th Sadie Sprague 50th Birthday
- 7th Theo Tott Birthday
- 8th Dean Ellis Birthday
- 9th Prince Charles & Camilla Wedding Anniversary
- 16th Katie Lane & Ed Hughes D'aeth - 1st Wedding Anniversary
- 21st Queen Elizabeth II Birthday
- 22nd William Thompson - Queen's Scout Award St Georges day Parade
- 23rd William Thompson - Queen's Scout Award Windsor Castle
- 23rd William Shakespeare's Birthday
- 23rd St George's Day
- 24th Graham Pratt - 65th Birthday & Retirement
- 27th Tony & Ruth Edwards - Diamond Wedding Anniversary (60 years)
- 29th Prince William & Kate – Wedding Anniversary

MAY 2017

- 1st Rue Smith 80th Birthday
- 2nd Pam Smith 80th Birthday
- 2nd Princess Charlotte of Cambridge 2nd Birthday
- 4th Rita Orton in remembrance
- 8th VE Day
- 11th Bev Fellows in remembrance
- 12th John William Griffin in remembrance
- 14th Doreen Fellows Happy Birthday
- 15th Zara Anne Elizabeth Phillips Birthday
- 17th Edward Jenner born 1749
- 24th John Crook a truly wonderful man (funeral)
- 25th Ruth & Derek Hemming moved to Kinver 1957 Sixty Wonderful years
- 31st Elizabeth Blackwell MD first woman graduate from medical school US

JUNE 2017

- 2nd HM Queen Elizabeth II Coronation 1953
- 5th Richard Willshire Birthday
- 6th D Day Landings 1944
- 10th Prince Philip Birthday
- 11th Harriet Hemming Birthday
- 14th Roslyn Willetts - 70th Birthday
- 14th Karl Landsteiner born 1868 (discovered blood groups)
- 16th June Walker Jones Birthday remembrance
- 17th Ewan James Ellis born to Dean & Beth (nee Hemming) flown on 20th
- 18th Bev Fellows Father's Day wishes
- 18th John William Griffiths Father's Day Wishes
- 19th Colin Davies 70th Birthday
- 19th John Ridgeway in remembrance
- 19th Nigel & Sue Hemming Wedding Anniversary
- 21st Prince William Duke of Cambridge born 1982
- 25th Deborah & Richard Willshire Wedding Anniversary
- 25th Tom & Polly Willshire Wedding Anniversary
- 29th June Walker Jones - one year in remembrance

JULY 2017

- 1st Arron Tonks Birthday
- 1st Margaret & Ken Graham - Retirement best wishes
- 3rd Jack Wheeler Congratulations on First Class BSC Honours Degree in Biology
- 8th Phillip Riley 50th Birthday
- 10th John Bills 80th Birthday

- 11 & 12 Jack Wheeler Congratulations on First Class BSC Honours Degree in Biology
- 12th Sue McNaney 75th Birthday
- 12th Sue & Barry McNaney 53rd Wedding Anniversary
- 13th Ken Randle 94th Birthday in remembrance
- 17th Derek Probert 90th Birthday
- 18th John William Griffin 94th Birthday in remembrance
- 18th Roger Ray 70th Birthday in remembrance
- 21st Man takes first step on the moon 1969
- 22nd Prince George of Cambridge Birthday
- 25th Carissa Fullwood 20th Birthday
- 28th Johann Sebastian Bach died 1750
- 31st Judy Stevens 8th year anniversary of gift of a kidney to her husband David

AUGUST 2017

- 1st Battle of the Nile 1798
- 2nd ABell died 1922
- 4th Robyn Margaret First Birthday
- 5th Robyn Margaret First Birthday party
- 8th Tom Willshire Birthday
- 8th Princess Beatrice Birthday
- 12th George Stephenson died 1848
- 13th Robert Fullwood & Hannah Fullwood Birthday's
- 14th Millie 4th Birthday
- 15th Princess Royal Birthday
- 15th VJ Day
- 16th Megan Candlin Birthday and congratulations of passing your dance exam with honours
- 25th Riane Needs & Ryan Ingleton celebration of Marriage on the 26th August
- 26th Tim & Karen Bradfords Golden Wedding Anniversary
- 26th Battle of Crecy
- 28th Mary Morris 90th Birthday
- 30th Joanne Willshire Birthday
- 30th Lord Rutherford born 1831
- 31st Beth & Dean Ellis Wedding Anniversary

SEPTEMBER 2017

- 5th Millie aka Mert is starting School
- 9th Hannah & Nathan Fullwood 1st Anniversary also anniversary of Blessing in Vegas
- 14th Rita Orton Birthday in remembrance
- 14th Bill & Barbara Taylor 60th Wedding Anniversary
- 15th Prince Harry Birthday

17th Megan Evitts 21st Birthday
 18th Sue Hemming Birthday
 18th Samuel Johnson born 1709
 21st H G Wells Born 1866-1946
 23rd Joanne & Nicholas Willshire wedding anniversary
 23rd Chris Carr 30th Birthday
 25th Rachel Baker 50th Birthday
 28th Louis Pasteur died 1895
 29th Centenary of Lee family gift of Kinver Edge to National Trust
 30th Roger Ray 6 year's remembrance

OCTOBER 2017

21st Battle of Trafalgar 1805
 6th Gary Davies - 50th Birthday
 13th Deborah Willshire Birthday
 14th Battle of Hastings 1066
 16th William T G Morton
 17th Graham Shepherd 65th Birthday
 25th John Morgan - Birthday Memories
 25th Harry James Davies - 13th Birthday
 26th Sybil Bills - 80th Birthday
 27th Malcolm Oliver - 60 not out
 30th Margaret & Alisdair Fergusson Anniversary

NOVEMBER 2017

3rd John Rollason - Birthday

4th Jack Westwood - Birthday Memories
 5th Guy Fawkes Night
 6th Gill & David Tibbetts 30yrs living in Kinver
 8th Lady Louise Windsor Birthday
 10th Jamie Hemming Birthday
 11th Armistice Day
 12th Remembrance Day
 14th Prince Charles Birthday
 15th Peter Phillips
 20th Queen & Duke of Edinburgh Anniversary
 24th Stuart Hill Birthday Remembered
 30th St Andrews Day
 30th Sir Winston Churchill born 1874

DECEMBER 2017

4th George Candlin - 8th Birthday
 7th Sean & Natalie Cunningham 1st Wedding Anniversary
 12th Carole Homer - 70th Birthday
 16th Sam Hardy - 100th Birthday
 17th Harry Golder 'H' 100th Birthday
 21st Lily-Mae Essex - 8th Birthday
 21st Maurice Lucas - 90th Birthday
 23rd Bev Fellows Christmas memories
 23 & 24 Stuart Hill - 2014
 24 & 25 Ken Randle passed away 2004

27 & 28 Gill & David Tibbetts - Season Greetings & Happy New Year to Family & Friends

JANUARY 2018

7th Margaret Glover - 90th Birthday
 9th Duchess of Cambridge - Birthday
 14th Beth Hemming - Birthday
 18th Joan & Terry Charnock Diamond Anniversary
 21st Bev Fellows - Birthday remembered
 24th Sir Winston Churchill died 1965
 28th Kindred Joy James - Christening
 31st John Morgan in memory 2014

FEBRUARY 2018

1st Jamie & Harriet Hemming - Anniversary
 6th Queen Elizabeth Accession to the throne 1952
 6th Caitlin Baker 21st Birthday
 7th Ruth Hemming - Birthday
 9th Clarice Walters Birthday
 21st Bev & Doreen Fellows - Married 1959
 25th Nigel Hemming - Birthday
 26th Harry & Margaret Rogers 50 years living in Kinver Parish
 28th Dawn Dixon - Birthday

To Fly the Flag, please contact me (Marita Fullwood) on 01384-878208 (ideally with at least two weeks' notice), a minimum donation of £3 per flying is requested though more is never refused and is much appreciated. **Cheques should be made payable to "Kinver Flag Fund".**

A copy of our constitution and how we use your data is available on request. Any details we take from you will be used solely for the purposes of Kinver Flag Fund. Contact details will be kept for the purposes of the administration and contacting you in this connection, your contact details will not be passed on without your consent. The details contained on the posters will be used for purposes of promoting your special/important date i.e. any names, photos, put on the posters will be displayed in the Flag Pole frames (High Street Kinver), entered into the CA Newsheet, and in the Kinver Parish Council Annual Parish Minutes.

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to John Bills his help throughout the year in hoisting and flying the flag, whatever the day and whatever the weather also to David Bills who steps in to help when John is not available (and also hoisted the flag for many years before). Thanks also go to Sarah Sparkes who is ready to help whenever I need to call upon her.

Thank you and congratulations to everybody on your special, memorable occasions.

Give me a call, I'm looking forward to hearing from you during the coming year with your celebration Kinver Flag Fund bookings. 01384-878208.

CONGRATULATIONS EVERYBODY ON YOUR SPECIAL OCCASIONS

Thank you everyone - Marita Fullwood - Administration for Kinver Flag Fund

6.11 KINVER METHODIST CHURCH REPORT TO 2018 PCC

Kinver Methodist Church is located at the Potter's Cross end of the village and is a welcoming community with Jesus at the centre. We aim to worship Him together and draw others to love and follow Him. The church is part of the Wolverhampton and Shrewsbury District and is one of fifteen churches in the Vale of Stour Circuit.

Our minister, Rev. Peter Knight, joined us in September 2016, moving down from a church in Southport where he had been for thirteen years. As well as having pastoral oversight of Kinver and Kingswinford Methodist Churches, Peter is the Superintendent of the Vale of Stour Circuit. He is enthusiastic about the work which we do as 'Church Together' in Kinver and is keen to develop the strong partnership which we enjoy with St. Peter's Church and St. Mary's, Enville.

Our Sunday morning services are held at 9.30am and are a mixture of traditional and contemporary worship, with a focus on Bible teaching and praying together. Coffee is served after the service, giving an opportunity to reflect on what we have learned, as well as being a valuable time of fellowship. On Sunday evenings, we currently hold a 6.30pm service on the first, third and fifth Sundays of the month, with a 5.30pm service being held on the second and fourth Sunday evenings. The 6.30pm has been a quieter, more traditional service with the 5.30pm service being a more relaxed and informal act of worship, focusing on Bible teaching in a relevant, practical way. The 5.30pm service also gives an opportunity for those who attend our weekday meetings, to come together for worship on a Sunday.

After careful thought and discussion, we have decided that with effect from the end of February 2018, we will no longer hold our 6.30pm service, but will instead have a weekly 5.30pm service, giving that congregation the opportunity to grow and develop with a more regular pattern of worship. This decision is a response to the need to provide a more diverse pattern of Sunday worship, encouraging those who have not previously had any contact with the church, to become more involved.

As a busy, lively church we also run a full programme of meetings and events throughout the week, catering for all ages. To mention just a few, our Afternoon Fellowship meets on a Wednesday at 3pm and is a friendly and welcoming group of ladies. They invite a variety of speakers and enjoy tea and fellowship together. For children aged 7-11, J Team meets after school on a Friday during term time. This is a time of fun and games, whilst also introducing children to an understanding of the Christian faith. Full details of all our activities and meetings can be found on the church website: www.kinvermethodistchurch.co.uk.

We actively support the youth work in the village, led by the Youth Pastor Jon Pedley. Our support is 'hands on' with many of our church members involved in the leadership of 'Alive and Kicking' (the Sunday evening youth group) as well as helping to facilitate the annual youth weekend away.

Highlights of the past year have been the 'Christianity Explored' and 'Discipleship Explored' Courses which we have undertaken as a church. These have been especially helpful in reminding us of the extraordinary truths of the Christian gospel and in challenging us to live as Christian disciples, here in Kinver.

As we look forward to Easter, we have an opportunity once again to reflect on what God has done for us in Jesus. We thank Him for His love and faithfulness to us throughout the past year and trust in His goodness and mercy for the year to come.

Ruth Stilton
Kinver Methodist Church

6.12 KINVER OLD PEOPLE'S WELFARE

Each year we distribute vouchers on the first Friday in December, last year being 1st December. As always a resounding success as we gave over 900 vouchers.

Those collecting vouchers stayed to enjoyed a cuppa, and catch up with friends. Due to our ever-increasing population of ladies 60 and over and men 65 year and over, we are handing out more vouchers so have to raise more money.

Six ladies provided three stations from 9.30am to 1.30pm checking details and writing the names on the vouchers. The kitchen helpers were kept busy making hot drinks throughout the morning. Traders give me call when they have a number of vouchers and I take a cheque to the value then tick the vouchers off the distribution list. Signs were handed out in November to shops who would accept the vouchers to help people know where they can spend them.

There is a wide selection of places to use the vouchers. The committee really appreciate the shops supporting the scheme, and thank them for accepting the voucher each year.

We issued 912 vouchers on 1st December at £7 each, which produced £6384 for the high street shops who took part.

We purchase gifts to the value of the vouchers and take to Kinver Parish resident who now live at one of the Prestwood Complex homes.

To make this annual gift possible we received grants and donations the following:

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| £100 | The Terry Wood Legacy past Dunsley resident. |
| £40 | Sue Parkes donated her BKV First Prize Money from CA |
| £183 | Kinver Darts Club |
| £300 | Kinver Constitutional Club Members Fund |
| £6000 | The Ken Wrigley Memorial Charity |

Without this wonderful support, this annual gift to parishioners would not be possible.

Kinver OPW has relocated to the Kinver Senior Citizens Bungalow for our meetings with the demise of the Burgesses and we have been allowed to hang our chiming antique wall clock in the main meeting room so lots of people will now see it.

We continue our work in the community, and make note at our meetings of those who are sick and anyone who needed advice and we have pointed people in the right direction for help and assistance. Committee members re-elected in 2017 (who have served for many years) were Cllr Lin Hingley - Chairman, Pam Perry - Vice Chairman, Val Davis - Minute Secretary, Margaret Rogers - treasurer & press, and Councillor Christine All the Parish Council representative who has been with us since 2015.

With this year behind us now and shops having received their money, we will be starting to look for grants and donations to support the 2018 voucher distribution on Friday 7th December.

Report from Margaret Rogers Treasurer

6.13 KINVER ROTARY CLUB

More than 30 charities centered chiefly on Kinver, Enville, Wollaston and Wall Heath received cheques from the proceeds of Kinver Rotary Club's record 2016 sleigh collection which raised more than £7,000.

The club agreed donations ranging from £100 to £400 for the elderly, the young, bereaved, handicapped and disadvantaged. Cash was put aside for the club's annual senior's party, held on March 31, and the

Kinver Community Library project was presented with £500.

A total of 90 people attended the 31st charter anniversary dinner at The Fox at Stourton when the guest speaker was BBC Midlands Today and Kinver resident Nick Owen was guest speaker. A special raffle prize of a visit to the BBC TV studios in Birmingham followed by dinner for four at the nearby Cote Brasserie raised more than £600.

The club's increasing involvement with local schools has resulted in pupils from three schools recording competition successes at regional level, with two students going forward to national finals. Sue Wright and John Sharkey from the village's National Trust Committee visited the club to receive a cheque for £2,000, proceeds of a comedy and music event, which will be added to the fund for the centenary Pathway on Kinver Edge.

Members elected Clive Corbett of Mount Pleasant, Kingswinford, as their new president, succeeding Rtn Ian Maddock who completed a second term in the office. Clive, who joined the Kinver Club in 2007, had recently retired as head teacher at Pershore High School, a position he had held since 2002.

The club's annual distribution of dictionaries to youngsters leaving junior schools in the area was extended to embrace five schools. Since the club introduced the scheme ten years ago, when students from Brindley Heath Junior School in Kinver and St James School, Wollaston were presented with individually inscribed dictionaries to take with them to their secondary school education, its popularity has led to others.

Brierley Hill Primary School and The Ridge in Wollaston were added and in 2017, for the first time, students from Corbett Primary School in Bobbington received a visit from the club president, Clive Corbett who presented the gifts taking the 2017 total to almost 200.

A raffle organised in association with the Kinver Music Festival raised £2,426 which was divided between Mary Stevens Hospice and Acorns Children's Hospice who each received £1,118 after the Festival itself had received a donation of £200.

The Club's Sheepwalks Shocker and Sheepwalks Shuffle running events for 2017 produced record numbers of entries and three first-time winners. A record 380 runners entered the 10k "Shocker" multi terrain run across the Enville Estate by kind permission of Mr & Mrs Peter Williams.

As all running costs for the Shocker had been covered by main sponsors BodyKraft of Pensnett, with support sponsors, all £6,600 proceeds went to Dudley charity Action Heart. Proceeds of £307 from the "Shuffle" were donated to Kinver Fitness Collective.

The Club received £3,118 from the Inland Revenue's Gift Aid scheme as a result of qualifying functions and activities over the past three years. The beneficiaries of this windfall included Rotary International's fund to eradicate polio across the world and one of the club's international projects assisting a school in India, while £720 was put into the club's general charities account.

As £1,848 of the repayment was related to collections from the Christmas sleigh, which raises funds exclusively for "local charities", a sum of £1,500 was earmarked for a major project in the area (to be decided) with the balance being used for the refurbishment of the sleigh itself.

The annual Children in Need quiz hosted by Voice of the Balls Alan Dedicoat netted £1,125 while the club's harvest auction put £1,273 into its general charity account. A whisky tasting evening raised £752 for the Place2B charity and a music evening organised by the club's international committee resulted in £982 being earmarked for overseas charitable works.

Kingsford Lane Country Park is soon to have more than 300 additional ash, beech and spruce trees as part of a worldwide scheme by the Rotary movement to plant more than 1.2 million trees across the Continents - one for each member of the organisation. Although the Rotary Club of Kinver has a membership of 45 the club has agreed with the National Trust to plant 300 of the broadleaved species as part of the Trust's Woodland Trust initiative.

Despite being hit by the pre-Christmas deluge of snow which forced the cancellation of four nights' Santa tours, Kinver Rotary Club's Christmas sleigh raised more than £4,500 for needy causes in Kinver, Wollaston, Enville and Wall Heath. Fortunately the club was able to visit its newest locations - Doulton Brook in Wollaston and Aldi at Kingswinford/Pensnett before the snows arrived, so mitigating the deficit on the annual collection.

Mike Deathridge - Kinver Rotary Club

6.14 KINVER VOLUNTEER BUREAU REPORT

We have had a busy and interesting year in 2017

We continue to give a good service within the village with regard getting people to hospital, Doctors and varying other appointments

We have lost quite a few drivers this year but I feel we still manage to accommodate 99% of our requests for transport

Due to the closure of The Burgess's we decided to take the Bull by the Horns and look for a new place to home the Bureau, Kinver Library was our first choice and we had a very successful move into the Library in January 2018, all seems to be working well and our Volunteers and the library seem very happy with our move

We have re started the Luncheon Club which is held on 3rd Wednesday each month at the Constitutional Club, However we are fully subscribed and now have a waiting list of people wishing to attend

Once again my Thanks to all our Volunteers for their continued support

If anyone has a few hours a month they can spare us either as a driver or to man the bureau we would be very happy for them to join us

We are holding our annual get together on March 22nd at the Constitutional Club

Marilyn Beattie -KVB Organiser

6.15 PETER PAN PRE-SCHOOL - STOURTON

Peter Pan has operated at Stourton Village Hall since its inception in 1969 when the hall opened in the February 1969. It is a private voluntary and independent (PVI) group registered with Early Years and OFSTED

We offer childcare from 22 months to 5 year olds, five mornings each week. The term children pass their 3rd birthday they receive 15 hours Nursery Education Funding for 38 weeks each year. This is broken

down into terms and funding is drip fed into settings, a little at a time throughout the year. We are now offering 20 hours a week as some families can claim 30 hours child care once their child is 3 years old

Families on a lower income or special circumstances can claim the Think 2 and forms are available for parent carers to discuss their finances in confidence with the County Council's Early Years Team. Whilst funding has helped families, it has become more complicated when parent carers move provisions, as funding (although budgeted for) has to be paid back.

Each year we have children moving into full time school in September at just 4 years old, days before the school year starts. Movement between the areas is very limited as fuel costs increase and bus fares are expensive for parent carers, travelling back and forth and some are not on a bus route.

We have an OFSTED Inspection every four years and we always have a good result and the inspector always comments on the low staff turnover and the good behaviour of the children. Because of our good OFSTED result if we want a visit from Early Years visit (which was once a year) we would have to pay £220.

Staff continually renew their personal development, with Safeguarding, Safe Moving and Handling, Fire Safety, Health & Safety at Work Level 2, Food Safety Level 2, and Paediatric First Aid. All have to be renewed every 3 years as a requirement especially the Paediatric First Aid which all staff have to do. Settings can be closed if all staff are not First Aid Qualified. This is addition to the Early Years Teacher training keeping up with the curriculum changes

The group has to raise it own funds to operate as although a Private Voluntary and Independent group it is still regarded by many as a business .

Training is mainly in Stafford but can be as far as Leek; this cost as much as £95 per hour. Some local training is possible at £99 per student with a minimum of 12 students.

Staff give many voluntary hours and as they are already qualified some distance learning courses via the Internet are possible but at a cost.

We cover a wide range of topics throughout each week of the year, which helps extend children's knowledge and understanding, whilst they enjoy learning through play in a spacious hall with outdoor facilities with one to one tuition being provided. The current A to Z is all story titles and children have great fun in role play activities.

The setting has a very large hall allowing space for children to play and learn. We have two secure outdoor areas with permanent outdoor play equipment which belongs to the school. We are very fortunate that the pre-school is surrounded by woodlands and we have a picnic area and a large pull out canopy for protection on sunny days. Children are supervised at all times indoors and outdoors.

"Visitors are welcome but by APPOINTMENT ONLY, as we place great value on our security and safeguarding we also have CCTV in place"

Margaret Rogers Early Years Teacher

6.16 SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY

Small Business Saturday which was held to celebrate our small businesses in Kinver, went well considering a very rainy day. We were visited by The Minister of Defence Gavin Williamson who sang with St Peters

Choir a Christmas Carol and circulated around the shops and spoke to the shoppers. We were extremely grateful to have a visit of our MP. Also we thank the other entertainers. Kinver Pre School Play Group accompanied by Viv Bamber. The U3A Ukele Band, The New Kinfare Singers, Katie Collins Irish Dance School and Bev Jackson. Thank you so much for weathering the storm and carrying on with the entertainment. We are also great full to South Staffordshire Council for their support. Here's to next December.

Report by District Cllr. Lin Hingley.

6.17 STOURTON VILLAGE HALL

Another busy year of bookings has passed by and we have now been open 49 years since 9th February 1969. The hall is self sufficient through its bookings.

The Peter Pan Pre-school and Stourton W.I have been with the hall since it opened. There all kinds of activities which take place at the hall as well as people celebrating special events. In January, we had a wedding reception, child's birthday party and the Royal National Lifeboat Institute held their annual fundraising event.

Among our activities, we have a Pre-school 2 -5 years, Little Kickers 5 -7 year olds. Junior and Adult Taekwon Do 7- 13 year olds and classes for 13 years upwards with no upper age restriction as well as classes for green belts up to black belts.

Each week we have a Yoga classes starting with Beginners. The hall is used for the General, County, District and Parish elections as well as the Crime Commissioner elections. We have seminars and events on Saturday including "A day of Yoga" from a Stourbridge group raising funds for their local charity.

The Village Hall is the base for the Women's Institute using two Wednesdays a month plus using the hall for other events - an "All day bridge fundraising event", group walks and hosting other W.I groups in the Hereford and Worcester Federation. Kinver W.I has also used our hall on occasions.

Peter Pan and Unite Taekwon Do also use the hall for their exams, training (events), fundraising and other events, on Saturdays.

Our AGM in 2017 was well attended and we have 12 dedicated trustees. which include our officers with the booking secretary and management secretary being available at all times by phone and in person to assist people with viewing and enquiries.

We have a wish list and look at a major project each year through either our own funds or being assisted by grants.

In December 2017, we installed CCTV and Internet connection with help of grants from County Councillor Victoria Wilson, the Local Members Scheme and The Anthony and Gwendoline Wylde Memorial Charity plus our own funds. Having an Internet link means the system can be monitored 24/7 by the provider and ourselves. This gives security for our users, the whole of the building, grounds and car park.

All painting is done in-house, as are repairs unless something major occurs.

We are responsible for the village hall and it's running costs, car park, driveway and grounds which are private. This includes street lighting on the driveway and car park itself. The car park is marked and includes parking for disabled persons and has a large A frame gate which secures the car park is locked

when the hall is not open. This was erected in 2010 after many incidents of fly tipping, joy riders, anti-social behaviour and even people sleeping over in cars.

Report from Margaret Rogers Premises and Business Manager

6.18 ST PETER'S CHURCH REPORT TO THE 2018 APM

St Peter's is the Parish Church serving all residents of Kinver working in partnership with St Mary's Enville and Kinver Methodist Church. We work together to bring the Good News of the Risen Christ to the village.

Our services throughout 2017 continued to change and grow. We expanded our twice monthly informal 6:30 pm "welcome, worship and word" services to provide a more informal, interactive style of service. Our quiet and reflective Saturday 12 noon communion services continued to grow in support as did the monthly children's Messy Church on Sundays at 11:30pm. The focus of our worship remains the 9:30 am family communion service which we continued to adapt and grow introducing visiting speakers and sermon themes that enable people to follow through a complete Bible story. Despite all these changes, we able to retain the 8:00 am traditional Book of Common Prayer Communion Service twice a month. The big celebrations of the church year - Easter, Harvest and Christmas continued to attract very large congregations.

We were overjoyed to welcome our first ever curate, Reverend Deborah Walton who will be training under our Rector and working with our very busy ministry team. Another great cause for celebration during 2017 was the licensing at Lichfield Cathedral of Lynn Other as a lay reader.

Saturday mornings continued to provide an open welcome to visitors to our lovely old Grade 1 listed building, whether they just wanted to explore the building and have a cup of coffee or meet our clergy by appointment to arrange Baptisms and Weddings. During the year, St Peter's hosted 28 Baptisms and 17 weddings with the church building very often full to near capacity. These wonderful celebrations on the Christian road through life were facilitated by our tireless teams of volunteers.

St Peter's was privileged also to support 47 grieving families through funerals for loved ones, whether in church or at the local crematoria. Support for such families has always been offered before, during and soon after such a service; but in 2017 we were able to extend that support into the medium term. Our new Bereavement team is now offering group support sessions which participants have found of great benefit in their grief.

We continued to support work with village children through Churches Together in Kinver and Enville and our ecumenical Youth Pastor. "J-Team" for junior school pupils continued to meet after school during term in the Methodist Church. "Alive and kicking", the weekly Sunday evening group for High School students moved to meet in St Peter's Church Hall. We also welcomed into church again the whole of Brindley Junior School, class by class each day, to "Experience Pentecost" and "Experience Peter" in a very fun and interactive way. The primary school federation once again held their own very dignified and moving Service of Remembrance.

South Staffordshire District Council took over maintenance responsibility for the main church-yard earlier in 2017 and that enabled us to focus more on other areas. The big project facing St Peter's is to renew our ancient and leaking heating system and a programme of fund raising and grant application got underway. We receive no national or local government funding and as well as running our own affairs, we need to pay over £60,000 per year to Lichfield Diocese for clergy salaries, training and pensions. The financial support of the village is essential to enable us to continue to operate and thrive. Our new

Friends of St Peter's scheme is proving very helpful in that regard, but we do rely on the generosity of congregations and visitors to fund our £2,000 per week running costs. We hope be able to continue to grow and serve our community for many years to come

Mark Middleton
St Peter's Church, Kinver

7. ANY OTHER MATTERS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC

Paul Wooddisse of Kinver Library, Mike Deathridge of Kinver Rotary, & Mr Rhodes a resident were present and wished to speak. Margaret Rogers was present but did not wish to submit any additional reports.

Mr Wooddisse advised that the Community library is running well, number of visitors are up, several events and groups are regularly meeting and using the facilities available.

Mr Deathridge said that the Kinver Rotary had been most disappointed that they had not received PC support in their request to have 'Kinver Rotary' signs added to existing village signs and would like an opportunity to re-apply for support after the appropriate time had elapsed. The clerk confirmed that a period of six months should elapse since it was previously raised.

Mr Rhodes addressed the Parish Council to ask for their support in the proposed development of the Burgesses and Mill House as it is going to cause privacy issues for all the residents that live in that end of the High Street.