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FROM THE EDITOR

Welcome to the May 23 edition of Kingsley News,



Well I do hope you like the pictures of dogs about Kingsley on the front and back cover. Here's a challenge for next month, photos of getting active in Kingsley - horse riding, cycling, cricket, bowls or whatever your sport or exercise even if it is just a quite ramble, please do send in your photos. My wife, Lisa, has just run the London Marathon, so I too will be putting in a photo for consideration!

In this month's edition we have our fourth instalment of Kingsley past, the war years and the story of Kingsley Players exclusive production of "'Allo 'Allo". Of course, you are welcome to read it more than once! There are lots of things happening this May in Kingsley - so why not join the coronation celebrations, catch the Highfield Choir or chill listening to jazz.

Don't forget to get ready planning those Kingsley Village Scarecrows and, of course, the winning scarecrow will be adorning the front cover of the September edition of Kingsley News.

I thought that it might be good to share the hiring costs for the community centre. They are exceptionally competitive and can be found below.

I hope you enjoy reading this edition and please do give feedback too. Please, don't forget that Kingsley News is also available in digital format on the Kingsley village website, www.kingsleyvillage.co.uk.

Articles for the newsletter to be sent to the Editor at

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Copy deadline the 21st of the month.



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Steve

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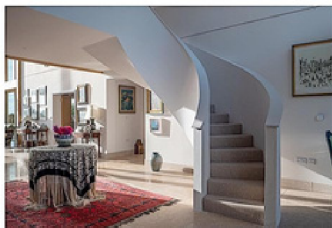
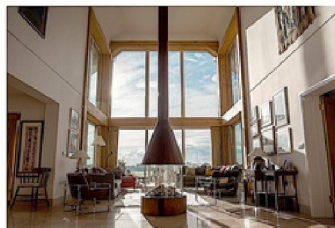
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KINGSLEY: THE STORY OF A CHESHIRE VILLAGE PART 4

KINGSLEY PAST

A further instalment from the book by William Gibson and Alan Waterworth, published in 1975, but told from a perspective in the 1950s.

At a time when war has again returned to Europe, we can be reminded that Kingsley, like other towns and villages in the UK, was directly affected by the world wars in Europe.

KINGSLEY AT WAR 1939-1945

Extracts taken from the Village Scrap Book compiled by the Kingsley Women's Institute.

Bomb damage occurred in the village on two nights. A stick of four bombs fell in the area of the Cross, shattering windows at the Horse Shoe Inn, Westminster Bank, the Grocery Store and four cottages. The shippen at Kingsley Hall was also damaged and two cows killed. In the second raid a land-mine was dropped in Beech Lane fields but did not explode and was dealt with by the Bomb Disposal Unit.



Anti-aircraft guns and a searchlight unit were stationed on the high ground at Newton and the RAF men billeted with village families. Thirty barrage balloons, flown to protect ICI at Runcorn and Northwich from low flying aircraft, could be seen from almost any point in the village.



Women's Voluntary Service (WVS) members served hot drinks to village families using the air raid shelters at the Church of England School, during the nights of August and September 1940.

Knitting parties sent hundreds of garments to local servicemen, whilst on Tuesday and Saturday afternoons the WVS opened a gift shop in the village. It also ran a small library and second-hand magazine depot. Before it closed down the shop had raised £608 (c£36000 in today's money) for the Red Cross. It was also used as a centre for distributing cod liver oil and orange juice for children under five years of age. Whist Drives and Auction Sales enabled the Kingsley Men's Institute to send every local serviceman eight pounds (c£480 in today's money).

Food parcels came to the village from Women's Associations in Australia and from Home Makers clubs in the USA. These were divided between WI members and Old Age Pensioners.

.....Another war story from the history of Crewood Hall.

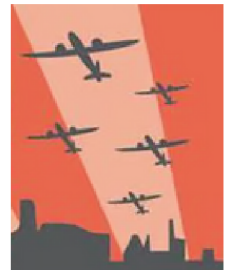
The First World War caused many changes: it was very difficult to find staff to run the farm at Crewood Hall. Over time, the farm itself began to take on a neglected appearance, and certainly the land was overrun with rabbits. Any day of the week even a moderate shot could be certain of bringing home a dozen rabbits from an hour's walk over the farm's land.

One of these poachers was Sam Stubbs – a one legged veteran of the Somme who had established squatters' rights over part of the River Board's land at Pickering's Lock. For years he had rowed up and down

the river shooting rabbits, eventually settling at Pickerings and later, much later, establishing a small caravan park on the banks of the Weaver.

Stubbs snared rabbits on Crewood fields regularly during the 1930's but the highlight of his poaching career was one night in 1941. Together with his terrier he left his wooden cabin beside the river and despite the disabilities of an artificial leg clambered up the steep slope of Barren Clough to stake out his nets as he had done so many times before. The night was dark, he placed the nets about six feet or more from the edge of the wood intending then to send his dog to the bottom of the field, thus driving the rabbits into the nets as they ran up hill to the safety of the woods.

Suddenly, the German bombers were overhead dropping flares which lit up the countryside for miles around. There was the shattering crash of bombs falling several miles away and first the flash and then the crunch of anti-aircraft guns. The rabbits were terrified. Soon the nets were alive with struggling half demented rabbits. Stubbs, amazed at his luck, moved swiftly amongst this unexpected harvest expertly dislocating the necks of forty-seven of them before deciding to call a halt.



The very success of the expedition was an embarrassment to him. He gathered together the still warm bodies and then slipping down the slope of Barren Clough and moving stealthily beside the river he returned to his home. There he woke his two daughters and the three of them, whilst it was still dark- pushed a wheelbarrow uphill to the edge of the woods, filled it with the rabbits and then brought their precious load safely back home, unobserved and unsuspected.

It was this same Stubbs who two years earlier in the very first days of the war was sitting at home one winter's evening when there was a knock at the door. It was a young army deserter, not twenty years of age. He lived with his widowed mother at High Leigh, and he certainly didn't want to fight, let alone to die. It was a dramatic moment. There was the Stubbs who had been crippled for life one dreadful day on the Somme, whose body still bore twenty-seven wounds from the horrors of that day; and there too was this frightened lad fleeing from his unit with no place to go. Quickly Stubbs pulled him inside and cooked a meal for him but even as he did so he saw the lock-keeper across the canal hurrying to his telephone hut. The keeper had seen the incident and was ringing for the police.

Shortly afterwards the village constable came cycling down to Stubbs' cabin, but there was no sign of the deserter. Reinforcements combed the area for a day before setting up a checkpoint at Frodsham bridge but still there was no sign of him. Stubbs had told him where to hide, where no one could find him, in an old poachers' hide-out almost at the head of the deep gully known as Barren Clough. There, for nearly a week, the young lad was safe and each night under cover of darkness he would come down to Stubbs' house, collect the food that the old soldier had put out for him and then slip back to his sanctuary in the woods of Crewood. One morning the food was still there, Stubbs knew that the boy had decided to move on. That same day they caught him at Frodsham bridge.

Continued thanks to Simon Batey, for bringing Kingsley's history back to life

Thank You

MAY QUIZ

1. What's the birthstone of May - it represents love and success?
2. Which tennis Open Championship normally begins in the last week of May?
3. What are the two zodiac signs for the month of May?
4. May in the Northern Hemisphere is similar to which month in the Southern Hemisphere?
5. Which sweetly scented, highly poisonous woodland flowering plant is the birth flower of May?
6. Historically, what sort of dancing has been linked to May Day celebrations?
7. What music contest takes place in May and launched the careers of Celine Dion and Abba?
8. 'The Third of May 1808', is a painting completed in 1814 by which Spanish painter?
9. How long is the lifespan for the adult female Mayfly, Dolania americana: 5 minutes, 5 hours, or 5 days?
10. What New York landmark opened on May 1, 1931 and was the tallest building in the world at the time?
11. What world famous film series is celebrated every year on May 4th?
12. Rough winds do shake the darling buds of May is a line from a poem by what famous writer?
13. Victory in Europe Day, generally known as V-E Day, was celebrated on which day in May, 1945?
14. In the nursery rhyme 'Nuts in May', on what sort of morning are the nuts gathered?
15. The Mayflower left England for the Virginia Colony with which other ship on the 15 August, 1620?

May Quiz Answers:

1. Emerald, 2. French Open 3. Taurus (until May 20) and Gemini (May 21 onwards) 4. November 5. Lily of the Valley 6. Morris Dancing 7. Eurovision 8. Francisco Goya 9. 5 minutes 10. Empire State Building 11. Star Wars 12. William Shakespeare 13. 8th May 14. On a cold and frosty morning 15. Speedwell

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VACANCY - ROLE OF TREASURER

Simon Batey, KCA's Treasurer for the last eleven years, has indicated his intention of retiring in September 2023. There is therefore a vacancy to fill. The Treasurer is responsible for handling all receipts and payments, using online banking, reporting on the Association's financial position to KCA's Trustees and preparing accounts for independent examination and submission to KCA's annual general meeting and to the Charity Commission. The Treasurer works within the team of volunteers who run the Community Centre and KCA's other activities.

Simon describes the role as 'fulfilling but not onerous, giving a real sense of contributing to the community. The current financial position of KCA is sound and offers the Treasurer a great opportunity to participate within the team in the further development of KCA's activities'.

Simon is willing to provide guidance and support to his successor, so stepping into the role will not be difficult.

For further information, contact Elizabeth Batey, Chair (01928 788788), or Steve Easton, Vice Chair (01928 788050).

Newsletter distribution volunteers needed.

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For further information
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CHURCH NEWS

They're back- two of our pre lock
down favourites – please come and
join Us

Tea at 2.30 – Thursday, 25th May
2023 at 2.30pm at The Hurst meeting
room

Men's Brunch – Friday, 26th May
2023 at 10.30am at The Hurst
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Coffee and Chat

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KINGSLEY PRAYER DIARY



Each week of the year Christians
in Kingsley pray specially for
people in a different area of the
village and its surroundings.
During May we think of, and pray
for people living in: -

W/c May 7th Westbrook Road
W/c May 14th Church View
W/c May 21st Smithy Lane
W/c May 28th Horseshoe Close

**We invite you to add your own
prayers**



CHURCH NEWS



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10.00 am There will be a service of
Celebration in Norley, Crowton, Kingsley and
Alvanley

6.30 pm Sacred Space at Crowton

Sunday 14th May

10.00 am Family Worship at Kingsley
6.00 pm Holy Communion (BCP) at Alvanley

Sunday 21st May

10.00 am Family Communion at Crowton
6.00 pm Healing Service with Communion at
Kingsley

Sunday 28th May - Pentecost

8.30 am Holy Communion at Crowton (BCP)
10.00 am Holy Communion at Alvanley
6:00 pm Evening Prayer at Norley

Mid-week Holy Communion all at 10.00 am

4th May - Crowton
18th May - Norley - Ascension Day
11th May - Kingsley
25th May – Crowton

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Worship at The Hurst Methodist Church

May 2023

Sunday 7th May

8:30am Holy Communion
led by Revd N Stacey

10am Morning Worship
led by Mrs E Holmes

Sunday 14th May

10am Morning Worship
led by Mr K Martin

Sunday 21st May

10am Holy Communion

Sunday 28th May

10:45am United Service at Norley
Methodist Church led by
Revd I Rigby

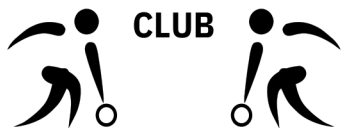
A warm welcome awaits all who wish to
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community feel safe, so ask that you please
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COME ALONG AND BE BOWLED OVER AT KINGSLEY BOWLS



A new action packed season is underway! We are competing in three leagues as usual and will be organising club competitions for all to enjoy. Already we have several new members this year enjoying the fun, friendship and fitness this great game affords. Don't worry about equipment the Club will be happy to provide bowls whilst you give it a try. So, don't delay get in touch and reap the rewards of joining our welcoming and friendly club.

Contact: Rob Hill , Secretary,
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mob 07871 556108

P.S. If anyone reading this has bowls equipment they no longer need and would like to donate to KBC it will be very gratefully received.

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Kingsley Players

Listen carefully, I shall say this only once...

On a cold wet, blustery Saturday evening in March, The Kingsley and Newton Village Institute was transformed into Café Rene in wartime France. Where the welcome was as warm as the guests' striped jumpers, berets and false moustaches.

The diners, most of whom had donned suitable stereotypical French garb, were treated to an hilarious performance by the Kingsley Players with delicious refreshments to soak up the wine. A few guests found themselves "volunteered" for more audience participation than they had bargained for! The play was certainly familiar to those who remembered the television series back in the 80s and 90s, with all the key characters and catch phrases set in Rene Artois' small café in France during World War Two. While his café doubles as a safe house for British airmen, he also runs covert operations, flirts with his waitresses (although one is somewhat daunting!) while trying to keep his wife and the occupying forces happy. The Players certainly seemed to enjoy themselves as much as the audience, whilst their talent and "professionalism" always shone through.



Allo 'Allo has become a Kingsley tradition that was conceived almost twenty years ago in the Horseshoe Inn, Kingsley. The late Barrie Speed and Malcolm Barker were having lunch with a business associate (a one-time professional actor) when he asked if they would like a script to raise some money for the Kingsley Players. His professional group used to tour a presentation of their version of 'Allo 'Allo. Malcolm and Barrie shared the idea with the Kingsley Players committee who were enthusiastic to present it as an alternative to the annual concert they used to hold in November. Permission to perform was sought and granted by David Croft, one of the two writers of the TV show. He was advised the script would be largely original but would include the characters from the TV show and all the performances would be to raise money for charity. The script was written by Barrie, John Topliss (another Players member) and Malcolm. It was cast and first performed at Kingsley Community Centre in November 2003.

Kingsley Community Centre suffered severe fire damage in 2004 so 'Allo 'Allo sought temporary venues for two performances, one in Frodsham and the other at the Village Institute that year. Two years later the Kingsley Players were back in action at the Community Centre, performing to a full house.

However, by 2009 the team had changed. Neil Silcock had joined the team and took over as director. Neil joined Malcolm in some script revisions and 'Allo 'Allo was performed again at the Kingsley Community Centre to a packed house. In view of the success of the show, it was suggested that the existing show should tour to new venues for new audiences. A successful trial run started at the Tarvin Community Centre, in November of that year.



Following a problem with flooring contractors at the Kingsley Community centre, £6,000 needed to be found to rectify the floor and the "Players" stepped up to the plate to raise the sum by touring further afield with 'Allo 'Allo. In the early years they performed between 6 and 8 shows per year in a variety of venues in Cheshire and surrounding counties. Today, four performances a year continue solely for charity and the proceeds, after costs, are divided between the hosts' charity and Kingsley Community Centre. Crew and actors give their time freely, and enthusiastically to maximise the sums payable to the charities.



The atmosphere in The Kingsley and Newton Village Institute in March this year was most convivial as the hall filled with laughter. As one audience member commented, "This really was a community event. Performed by the community, for the community". If the audience reaction were anything to go by, the demand for "encores" will keep 'Allo 'Allo running for a few more years yet!

Many thanks to The Kingsley Players for a memorable evening and to the members of the Institute who certainly were excellent hosts. Look out for news of further performances in the Autumn!

DID YOU
KNOW?

..... that Whit Sunday is the seventh Sunday (50 days) after Easter and is the name used for the Christian festival of Pentecost (Whitsuntide)

It commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit on Jesus' disciples after he had ascended into heaven.

Dating back to 1821 in Manchester, local churches or chapels would parade down the street behind huge banners as a walk of Christian witness. They were usually led by children from Sunday Schools and brass bands, which were often linked to brass band competitions, still held in many places on Whit Fridays. Frodsham Silver Band has entered the Saddleworth and District competition and in 2000 were featured there in BBC's "Songs of Praise".

Such walks were held to "encourage community activity without the demon drink and also to keep people away from the temptations of the nearby races held at the same time", as they were held on the Whit Bank Holiday! These were an annual event, particularly in Northwest England, although we believe there has not been one held in Kingsley in living memory. This year's Whit Walk in Manchester is to be held on Monday 29th May starting at the cathedral in Victoria Street heading to Albert Square where there will be a brief Anglican service.

Here is a picture of one held in Bedworth in Warwickshire in the 1960s, where I was brought up. AP



HIGHFIELD MALE VOICE CHOIR & KINGSLEY PLAYERS



present joint Kingsley concert - Thursday 25 May

Highfield Male Voice Choir has joined forces with Kingsley Players for a special evening concert featuring “enchancing melodies and harmonious voices” on Thursday 25 May at 7pm.

The choir is delighted to be returning to perform at Kingsley Community Centre again after a break of several years. Conducted by Gary Hill, with piano accompaniment by Helen Jackson, the concert promises a wonderful opportunity to experience the power of music and the beauty of choral singing.

Supporting the group will be a small ensemble of singers and actors from award-winning Kingsley Players, who will be performing a selection of memorable musical theatre treats.

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The May meeting will be held on Monday 8th May, in the evening of the Coronation Bank Holiday.

The speaker this evening will be one of our own members, Neil Holding. Neil has given us a preview of the content of his talk, which is printed below.

Margaret and Neil first opened their gardens for the National Garden Scheme in 2020. Before then they had an interest but no real gardening experience other than to keep a tidy garden.

However, all this changed when they retired from full time work and purchased Norley Bank Farm. Come and listen to how they restored the gardens which were then accepted by the NGS as being worthy to open. How they became part of the Cheshire Smallholders Association and now foster Donkeys for the Donkey Sanctuary and how they keep and breed Coloured Ryeland sheep, one of Britain's rarer breed of sheep.

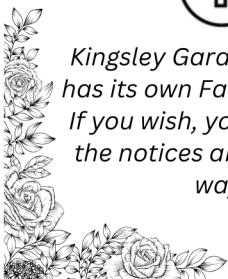
The garden is now established as one that opens annually for the NGS and specialises in a large variety of perennials, all of which are propagated and offered for sale. The wild life ponds are of huge interest to visitors which are an important breeding ground for many amphibians and dragonflies including the Emperor Dragonfly which is the largest in Britain.

The meeting will be in The Community Centre at 8:00 pm, doors open at 7:45.

We look forward to seeing members, and visitors are always welcome.



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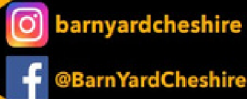
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KINGSLEY WALKERS



March's long walk for the Kingsley Walkers had a distinctly different theme!

Eleven of us boarded the train at Acton Bridge to Liverpool South Parkway and despite some misgivings all eleven changed platforms, crossed the bridge and with seconds to spare caught the train to Cressington from where our 7 mile hike to Pier Head began.

Unfortunately, it wasn't the bright Spring day we had hoped for and by the time we began to walk along the Otterspool Promenade the rain accompanied by a cool breeze looked set for the day. However in true stoical walking style we set off along the southern banks of the Mersey determined to have fun and savour the delights on offer.

We began in the wealthy Grassendale area and were impressed by the individual large houses still maintained and inhabited. From here we continued to Otterspool Cafe and then to the once magnificent Liverpool Festival Gardens. The group enjoyed a warm drink and snack in the cafe whilst looking at the continuing rain outside. The Festival Garden area is being redeveloped but the Japanese Gardens were still in evidence and the horticulturists amongst us were impressed by what must have been.

From here we continued along the wide promenade and, although Pier Head looked a long way in the distance, we soon found ourselves in the Albert Dock. Despite being shrouded in mist the views across the Mersey to the Southern Docks and the Liverpool Marina had been spectacular. Typically there was a busy dockland scene, large ocean going vessels with huge cranes in attendance.

When we arrived at the waterfront it was lunch time and very tempting to offer our sandwiches to the seagulls in exchange for a warm bowl of Scouse. The relentless rain prevented us from picnicking outside and eventually we were welcomed into the Liverpool Museum to consume our own lunch. From the window of the museum we looked over the city of Liverpool. Sights included the Ferris Wheel, Anglican Cathedral, Liver Building, Docklands area, Liverpool 1 and the equally impressive modern offices and apartments.

Finally, we made our way back to Lime Street Station, en route stopping at the Royal Liver Building, passing the Cavern Club, and St John's Gardens. On the train journey home everyone felt the day had been a huge success.

The April short walk started at the Yew Tree pub in Bunbury. It rambled over 5 miles of lovely countryside with stops at Bunbury Mill and then the canal locks for a coffee from our flasks. A few large drops of rain fell at one point and we fully expected the forecast downpour but we were spared and enjoyed a fresh but mostly dry morning, finishing up back at the pub where most stayed for an excellent lunch.

Appreciation is owed to our walk leaders for scoping out a short walk on the second Tuesday and a long one on the fourth Tuesday of each month, through the year. New members are always welcome, please contact kingsleywalkerswa6@gmail.com

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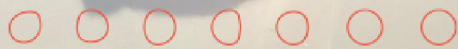


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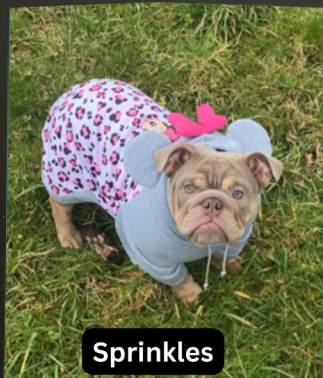
The BIG DAY is nearly here. The Carnival Committee has spent the best part of eighteen months planning, organising and fine tuning this special Jubilee Carnival on behalf of and for the enjoyment of Kingsley. It is especially poignant that The Day goes with a swing after the bereavement of the Queen. Thank you to all members of the Committee who have worked so hard. The proceeds of the Carnival procession will go to the Macmillan Nurses and money raised at the actual Carnival event will go to "Save our Centre". Mark Moraghan, Star of T.V's Holby City will judge the Floats and start the ball rolling.

Another BIG thank you must go to the sub committee of the KCA who organised the questionnaire; Berra Brooker led the team, aided and abetted by Robin Graham, Dave Spence, David Needham and myself. It was quite a task for the team of volunteers to distribute and collect the papers so many thanks.

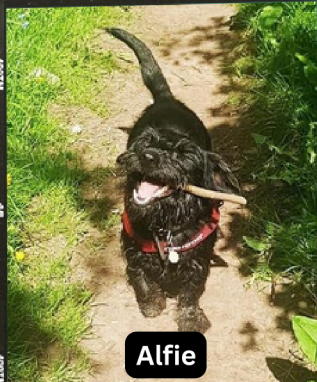
Last but not least, I have written to Paula Radcliffe, offering congratulations from the people of Kingsley on her great win in the London Marathon.

Cheers

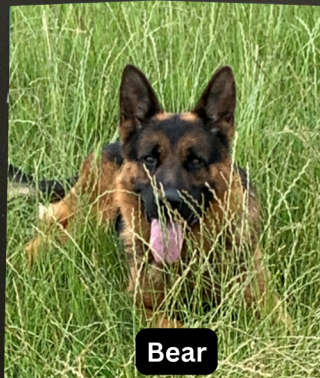
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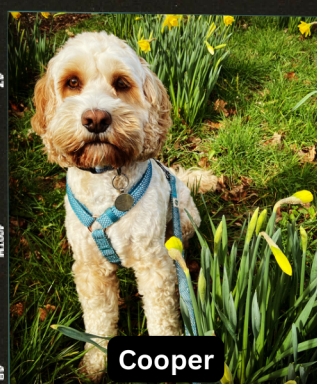
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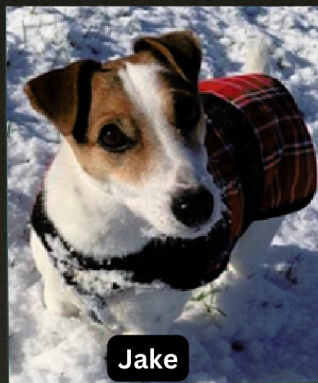
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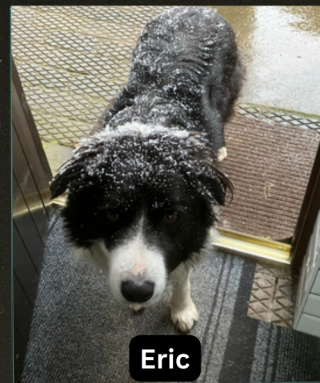
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