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Welcome to the December 22 edition of the Kingsley News,

This month the front and back cover of the Kingsley News is awash with colour, thanks to the children of Kingsley St Johns and Kingsley Community Primary School. I hope they put a smile on your face like they did do to mine. Please see the online version of the Kingsley News for more artwork from the children.

Inside the newsletter this month you will see that for many of us it will be a busy one. The Hurst Methodist church has been extra busy with the production of knitted angels that will be left around the village for others to find. A few years ago I was delighted to discover one myself, I passed it on to my mum and it now hangs from her tree each year.

Our “roving” reporter, Zora Castling, has also been busy. Zora met with Tony and Brenda Evans and discovered not only what a great couple they are but also what an amazing talent Tony has. It would be good to be able to have further articles and if you do know of anyone who would be willing to share their experience or history with us then please do let me know.

This month we have two new advertisers, Main Street Kitchen, based in Frodsham and also Factco the new Broadband provider. For those of you who haven't been to Main Street Kitchen before it is well worth a trip, Lucy and Abelines Geldenhuis, who live in the village, own the restaurant, and not only is Lucy a very talented artist but she's also a talented chef. The income we receive from our advertisers each month allows us to cover the printing costs of the Kingsley News, and I would like to thank all our advertisers for their continued support, without their contributions there would be no Kingsley News.

So, all that's left is for me to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Best Wishes

Heather

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KINGSLEY WALKERS

What was that I was saying about the weather in the last issue? The rains have certainly arrived now but Kingsley's finest continue doughtily, out and about and stirring up mud in Cheshire.

The October 25th long walk was fairly close to home, around Tarporley. The sun was out that day but not completely, we stopped at 10:45 in Eaton village to observe the partial solar eclipse using a pinhole device. It had been constructed that very morning using an old cereal box and other Blue Peter style essentials, guided by a modern essential, a Youtube video. I preferred Valerie Singleton, Joan Noakes and Shep.

The walk continued with fine views East towards Jodrell Bank and the Cheshire Plain, West towards the hills of Wales and South West towards Beeston Castle. It was quite a small group, just eight of us but we did manage to get separated at one point before clumping together again to continue our task of re-distributing the soils of Cheshire



on our boots. This included bringing some of it into a cafe in Tarporley despite our best efforts at tap dancing and improvised hokey cokeys outside. It did occur to me that I could supplement my modest but triple locked (so far) income by setting up a website which reviewed the willingness of eateries to accept muddy boots and long winded discussions about the relative merits of carrot cake and scones (cream or butter) and tea versus cappuccino. I checked and www.mud.co.uk has already been taken, by a "professional game design consultant" - the world's gone mad. The November short walk was very local, around Crowton and Acton Bridge with a stop at Dutton Locks to look at the recently completed hydro-electric installation and a discussion about megawatt hours and tonnes of carbon dioxide (www.hallidayshydropower.com/casestudy/dutton/). It did involve dodging showers and there was a bit of mud slinging going on at one particular point.

The walk was very well attended and most went on to a very enjoyable lunch at the Hazel Pear, muddy boots being exchanged for glamorous footwear in the car park prior to entry.

Kingsley walkers run a short and longer walk every month. You are welcome to try it out, please email kingsleywalkerswa6@gmail.com. Current activity is focussed on the Christmas Lunch on 13th December and members are welcome to join us for walks on that morning or just for the lunch and social element.

The Kingsley Sculptor.

Born and raised in Liverpool, Tony Evans retired to Kingsley 25 years ago where he lives with his wife Brenda and Bonnie the dog. He had imagined spending his days sorting out the garden, finding a part-time job and relaxing in the Cheshire countryside. But his life took a different direction, and the garden has had to wait! Since retiring, he has become an acclaimed artist and his time has been spent producing copper and bronze sculptures for galleries, institutions, private collectors around the country, as well as a fair number of Kingsley residents.

How did it all begin?

Tony was offered early retirement from the insurance company he had worked for in Liverpool for thirty years. He had witnessed distasteful changes in the job and was happy to leave despite the small pension. Whilst Brenda still had a year to work before retirement, he used the opportunity to turn to his long-suppressed love of art. What began as a simple watercolour painting class, five years later had led to a string of qualifications culminating in a B.A. Honours Degree in Fine Arts, at the age of fifty-eight, from Wirral Metropolitan College. During his time at college, one of Tony's tutors suggested he tried his hand at sculpting as he had shown a leaning towards shapes and movement. He began by sketching his subjects, then making a wire model before using recycled copper and other metals to capture the movement and beauty of the piece.

During his degree course Tony was approached by Lever Faberge. He was commissioned to supply 3 large sculptural panels where they remain today in the permanent collection in the Leveson Gallery, Port Sunlight. This was the first step to realising this venture could be more than just a hobby!

Having graduated, the College offered him a year's Fellowship which enabled him to develop his skills further and provided him with the opportunity to exhibit his work at the end of the year in the Williamson Gallery, Birkenhead. All his exhibits sold and so it was dawning on him that he could make an income out of the art he loved to create. Could this be the part-time job he was seeking? Further success followed when he was asked to exhibit at Southport's Atkinson Gallery amongst renowned artists such as Alfred Munnings. This attracted the attention of many in the art world, including an agent who took on the task of pricing Tony's work and selling it to galleries around the country. This helped launch the business side of the venture.

It wasn't long before Tony's talent drew the attention of the media. He has appeared in several television series including Nick Knowles' "Home Is Where the Art Is," and "Scrap Kings". Having won the competition in Paul Martin's "Handmade in Britain," his work was to be exhibited in the Victoria and Albert Museum. A high accolade for any artist. The sculpture that won the contest wasn't ever displayed as it was sold whilst being unwrapped! However, Tony was asked to send a substitute. Certainly, a good addition to his CV.



Other most notable works have included a commemorative World War One piece for Chester Cathedral, an impressive crucifix, and a beautiful nativity tableau. Unlike a static scene, the figures in the nativity scene are processional. They are placed at various stages of the nativity story during the days leading up to the birth of Christ and beyond to the Epiphany. This had its challenges including the creation of two

Mary's to depict before and after the birth! To his credit, Tony's work is not just for Christmas but is on permanent display in the Cathedral and well worth a look.

Not surprisingly, Tony's work often evokes an emotional response from those who receive it. He felt honoured to be asked to make sculptures of the Liverbirds for several families of the victims of the Hillsborough disaster. An emotional commission for Tony, meeting the families who have been through so much.



And today?

Tony continues to create his sculptures in his garden workshop, remaining true to his original ideas, using recycled materials whenever possible. He produces a range of work, but his birds and animals especially, show case his ability to capture movement and the beauty of nature. Tony himself has a particular love of horses and has created several sculptures of diverse sizes, including life-size! Despite his achievements, Tony modestly claims he still feels like an insurance man with a hobby! His work defies any idea of a mere hobby.

And the garden still waits.....

More of Tony's sculptures can be found on his face book page or in the online edition of the Kingsley News

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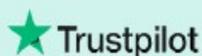
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1. In the pantomime Aladdin what relation was Wishy Washy to Aladdin?
2. Which historical English figure banned Christmas?
3. According to a survey, how many different variety of sweets normally are there in a tub of Quality Street?
4. In the Vicar of Dibley 1998 Christmas Dinner Incident, how many Christmas Dinners did Geraldine eat?
5. Mistletoe's white berries are said to have which property?
6. Where did there arise such a clatter? in the poem 'A Night before Christmas'?
7. What was given on the 7th day of Christmas?
8. Whose 'eyes are all aglow' in the Christmas Song?
9. Astronauts broadcast which Christmas song from space in 1965?
10. What is the name for an adult male Turkey?
11. What brought Frosty the Snowman to life?
12. Historically, who has been the only King to be crowned on Christmas Day in Westminster Abbey?
13. What is the collective noun for a group of Angels?
14. In the 1947 film White Christmas, which other comedian actor co starred alongside Bing Crosby?
15. In the 1977 Good Life Christmas Special, what did Barbara make for them all to wear?
16. What decoration do Elves normally wear on their shoes?
17. In the Christmas Carol 'Good King Wenceslas' which Saint's feast day was mentioned?
18. In Scandinavian folklore, Nisse or Tomte are names given to a mythical creature believed to be a bringer of gifts or good luck at Christmas time. A representation of Santa Claus. But who, or what form, do they appear as?
19. What was the name of the confectioner who invented the first Christmas Cracker?
20. What nuts are used to make marzipan?

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Sunday 4th December

10.00 am Holy Communion at Norley

6.30 pm Service of Stillness and Reflection at Crowton

Sunday 11th December

10.00am Holy Communion at Kingsley

6.00pm Holy Communion at Alvanley (BCP)

Sunday 18th December

8.30am Holy Communion at Kingsley

3.00 pm Lessons and Carols at Norley

Saturday 24th December – Christmas Eve

4.00 pm Christingle Service at Alvanley

4.00 pm Carols around the Crib at Crowton

11.15 pm Holy Communion at Kingsley and Alvanley

Sunday 25th December - Christmas Day

10.00 am Family Service of Holy Communion

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1st Dec – Norley – 8th Dec – Crowton

15th Dec - Kingsley

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

W/c Dec 4th Town Well and The Brow

W/c Dec 11th Waterloo Lane and Finney Lane

W/c Dec 18th Dark Lane

W/c Dec 25th Delamere Road and Crofton

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Sunday 4th December

8:30 Holy Communion led by Revd. A Emison

10am Advent Worship led by Mrs Ruth Lane

Sunday 11th December

10am Holy Communion/Gift service led by Revd. A Emison

Sunday 18th December

10am No service at The Hurst

6.30pm Carols by Candlelight led by Revd. A Emison

Friday 23rd December

4pm Christingle led by Revd. A Emison

Christmas Eve

11.15pm Midnight Communion led by Revd. A Emison

Christmas Day

10am Morning Worship led by Mrs Janet Batey

Sunday 1st January 2023

No service at the Hurst

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Kingsley Parish Council - November 2022

The Parish Council met on the 15th November for the final meeting of 2022. There were three members of the public in attendance, two of which were representing Kingsley Players Youth Theatre, as well as a prospective new Parish Councillor in an observational role. KPYT addressed the meeting seeking funding for the young members of KYPT to undertake a workshop as part of a joint venture with the National Theatre. KPYT advised that this will allow young members to benefit from the experience of professional actors and directors from the National Theatre. They sought the grant funding as part of matched funding with a donation received from Arnold Clark Community Fund. KPC listened sympathetically to their request and will consider the funding at the next Parish Council meeting.

Work has now been completed to repair all the fallen and damaged headstones in the cemetery. The cost of the works has been borne by the Parish Council, as the Council's insurers were reluctant to pay for any works in the cemetery. Grave owners are therefore advised that in future they would be responsible for the cost of any repairs, and you are advised to take out appropriate insurance.

The Parish Council is in discussion with CWAC regarding a proposal to take over the operation and maintenance of the Middle Lane playing fields. KPC await the details and costs associated with the existing operation before deciding whether to take on this additional facility. Should KPC decide to adopt the playing field operation, it will require a notional increase in the precept.

The Parish Council agreed to proceed with CWAC to establish Community Orchards at Middle Lane and Kingsley Playing Fields. Planting of any trees will now take place in the early spring 2023. We have once again spread wildflower seeds on the areas at the top of the playing field. We would respectfully request that everyone please keep off these areas, please ensure dogs and children are not allowed to stray onto or, dig up these areas. The display this year (our first ever year of a wildflower meadow), was widely acknowledged as outstanding, and we look forward to a larger and more stunning display in 2023.

The RoSPA recommended repairs to the play equipment in the children's area have all now been completed and regular inspections are undertaken by the Parish Clerk who is now qualified to undertake RoSPA inspections. Please respect the equipment.

Once again KPC will be erecting a Christmas Tree in the village on the raised area outside St John's School. This will be in addition to lights on one tree at The Brow, and trees on the Co-op. The works will be undertaken by Parish Councillors during early December. It is hoped that next year we will have additional lights at The Brow to replace those damaged in Storm Arwen earlier this year.

Finally there will be no Parish Council meeting in December, the next meeting will be on the 17th January 2023. The Parish Councillors wish all our residents a Very Happy and a Peaceful Christmas in these very challenging times.

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Friday 9th December - Xmas Party

Watch out ! The angels are coming !

In the Bible when God's messengers , the angels appear they often start by saying "Don't be afraid" With the current state of the world perhaps that is a message we need to hear.

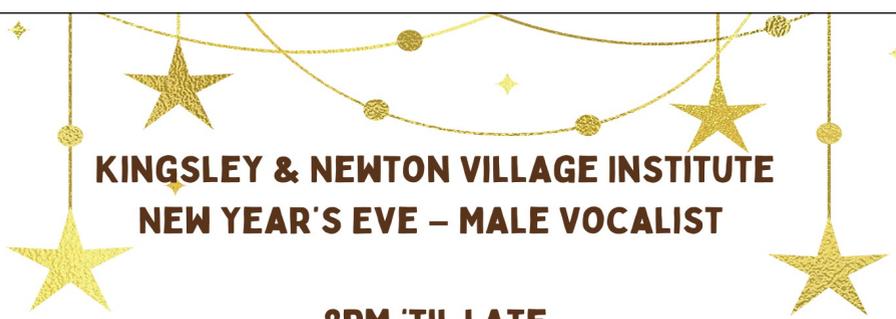
At the first Christmas the angels brought the good news of Jesus' birth . They announced that far from wanting nothing to do with the muddle and mess of human life our God was willing not just to be with us but to become one of us in the person of Jesus.

At the Hurst Methodist Church we want to share that news of God's amazing love To remind everyone of the true meaning of Christmas we have been knitting little angels that will be hidden around the village in the week before Christmas . If you find one hang it on your Christmas tree to remember that 'We love God because he first loved us (1 John 4. 19)

If you find more than one please would you leave it for someone else to find or give it to a child , or someone who lives alone or who is unwell

**May you know the peace and love of God this Christmas
From your friends at the Hurst Methodist Church .**

Our services are advertised elsewhere in this magazine but if you have children or are young at heart please join us for our candlelit **Christingle service at 4pm Friday December 23rd.** (There will be puppets)



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The Big Breakfast

The “Big Breakfast” in aid of Team Oasis(a Liverpool children’s charity) raised a total of £350 on Saturday 19th.It was enjoyable to see over 50 people tucking into a full breakfast.

Thank you to all the helpers for all their very hard work and thank you for donations from the Co op ,Forresters and Chris and Pat Pemberton.

The Hurst Church

Sheila Turner, and family, would like to thank everyone, for all the cards, flowers and messages of sympathy, following the death of John. The offers of help, and love received during John’s illness, and afterwards, will never be forgotten.

Thank you all so much.

DID YOU KNOW..... that ‘TBTS?’ stands for ‘Too Busy To Stop?’?

Since 1983 ‘TBTS?’ has been offered at the Hurst every year except 2020, when material was made available online for people to use at home. The original idea came from Peter Robinson and Rev. David Blanchflower, our then minister. This year, 2022, sees the fortieth ‘TBTS?’.

It is a day of peace and reflection; a chance to step away from the busyness of Christmas; to revisit the story of Christ’s birth; to light a candle for someone dear to you; to offer a prayer. It provides a quiet refuge at a time of year that has become difficult for many people, for many reasons.

It provides a warm space – somewhere just to come and sit. For some, ‘TBTS?’ is Christmas.

This year it will be held on Saturday 17th December from 10am until 6pm at the Hurst. On arrival, someone will greet you and introduce you to this year’s ‘TBTS?’. You will then be left free to explore what is on offer without any interruption. Stay as long as you like. Everyone is welcome.

Come on your own, or bring someone with you. We hope you will find even half an hour to drop what you are doing and recharge your batteries!



Keep a look out for the
Angels in the week before
Christmas





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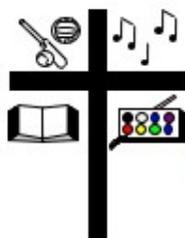
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