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JANUARY 2025

HAPPY NEW YEAR! Newsletter Highlights

Kingsley Player's Annie - coming to a community centre near you

Camino to Santiago de Compostela - a follow up 'Did you know? ...'

Kingsley Walkers



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FROM THE EDITOR

Welcome to the January 25 edition of Kingsley News,

A warm welcome again from the team at Kingsley News and wishing you all a very Happy New Year!

Following on from Bryan Bullock's exploits as shared by him in last month's Kingsley News, there's a great, 'Did you know ..' article giving the background story and the origin of the Camino de Santiago de Compostela.

And following on from the Kingsley Surgery's SOS message last month, this month there is a link to 'The Knoll Surgery Patients Participation Group'.

Finally, there's also a lovely little poem, celebrating the Kingsley tidy-up a few month's ago. Thanks again to all those who volunteered and Kingsley Parish Council for organising the 'Village Enhancement Day' in September.

Keep warm, keep dry (or is the global warming all a myth? ... personally I think not) and keep on reading Kingsley News!

Best Wishes Steve

> I hope you continue to 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.

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Christmas Lunch

The members of the Kingsley Walking Group were again affected by weather towards the end of 2024. Following Storm Bert the 26th November walk was rerouted when it was clear that our planned walk, alongside the River Severn in Shrewsbury, would only be suitable for those of over 2 metres in height and owning snorkels.

The resulting route in Chester more or less retraced our January path. The minor deviations included someone dropping into a wine shop and picking up their Christmas champagne order. The bottles were distributed amongst the group's haversacks for transport over the rest of the walk. Such, I guess, are the travails of leading a group of Cheshire walkers and I can only hope that all the bottles made it safely to the end point and back to the grasp of the owners unsampled. It did save them a separate trip into Chester.

We made good use of the Park and Ride bus for Chester and then the i-bus for getting to the start of the pre-Christmas Lunch walk on the 10th December. Margaret Thatcher allegedly said that anyone over 30 using the bus could count themselves a failure. Google has 'reliably' told me that it was actually Loelia Ponsonby, after her 1947 divorce from the Duke of Westminster. I am not sure if there was an upper age limit but you couldn't have wished for a more sociable bunch than our travellers.

On the 10th, one group rode the bus from the Goshawk out to Oakmere before walking through woodlands close to the Crown Farm Sand Quarry, then piercing the territory of the Prince Albert Angling Club. Following Storm Darragh several hazards had been reconnoitred and partially cleared but we still had to squeeze through the horizontal gap between two felled tree trunks and walk for a hundred metres on the flattened security fencing at the back of the Earlsbrook Estate. Mid morning, home made mince pies (thank you Jane) were distributed and coffee enjoyed in the picnic area of the forest visitor centre.





Afterwards, untroubled by Gruffalo, we continued our walk and met up with a second group at the Goshawk. After shedding some (not all) of our walking gear we headed inside for a thoroughly enjoyable Christmas Lunch. All our heartfelt best wishes were sent to group stalwarts Dave and Sue, who could not attend but were there in our thoughts and prayers.

There was a huge thank you for all the leaders and walkers who had made 2024 such an enjoyable year. Have a great Christmas and a Happy New Year. We will look forward to more walks in 2025, we walk 4-5 miles (to a pub) on the second Tuesday of each month and 7-10 miles on the fourth Tuesday.

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Kingsley Tennis Club are delighted to announce that our Honorary President, Elizabeth Batey won the LTA President's Award for recognition of her exceptional work in launching and continually striving to improve the club throughout the 8 years she was Chairperson.

The award was accepted at the Cheshire LTA Awards Evening on Monday 9th December 2024 by our tennis committee member, Ann Conduit on behalf of Elizabeth. Elizabeth is pictured here with both her 2024 Cheshire LTA "Tennis for Life" President's Award as well as her 2016 Cheshire LTA "Volunteer of the Year" Award. Congratulations Elizabeth and thank you for everything you have done for Kingsley Tennis Club!





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Kingsley Players stage hit Broadway musical 'Annie'. (Wed 5 – Sat 8 February 2025)

The captivating tale of little orphan 'Annie' is set to make the 'sun come out' in Kingsley with a new production of the hit Broadway musical by award-winning Kingsley Players and Youth Theatre, on stage from Wednesday 5 to Saturday 8 February.

Based on the short story 'Little Orphan Annie', it tells the tale of a baby girl who was left on the doorstep of a New York orphanage and the only clue to her birth was a note from her unknown parents and half a locket.

The musical opens during the American Great Depression, when millions are unemployed and forced to live on the streets in ramshackle communities nicknamed 'Hooverville' (after President Herbert Hoover) - the title of one of the songs.

Orphan Annie, now 11, (played by Rachel Horton) is plucked from the orphanage by Grace Farrell (Lisa Buckley), secretary to wealthy industrialist Oliver Warbucks (Phil Murray) to spend Christmas with him as a PR exercise to help soften his hard public image. And the rest is toe-tapping history....

Director Valarie Ball said: "Rehearsals are going brilliantly for KP's forthcoming production of 'Annie'. We have a great cast of adults, 11 amazing orphans and one wonderful Annie, who are all working really hard getting ready to entertain everyone in February."

'Annie', with music by Charles Strouse and lyrics by Martin Charnin, will be on stage nightly at 7pm in Kingsley Theatre in Kingsley Community Centre, from Wednesday 5 to Saturday 8 February 2025, with a Saturday matinee, starting at 2pm. (Note the change to usual start times)

Tickets cost £12, with £8 tickets available for students/children. These can be booked online at www.kingsleyplayers.co.uk or by ringing the box office on 07724 892154.

Kingsley Players Youth Theatre is kindly sponsored by Forresters. This is an amateur production presented in arrangement with Music Theatre International.



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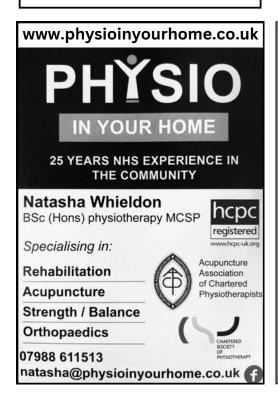
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.... the background story and the origin of the Camino de Santiago de Compostela?



Last month Bryan Bulloch who is a regular attender at the Hurst Church wrote about his walk - or more accurately his shuffle along the Camino to Santiago de Compostela notching up 64km in 7 days. Bearing in mind his long-standing Parkinson's diagnosis this completely unexpected achievement astonished Bryan as much as anyone else. His two nominated charities (Parkinsons UK and the Chester Neurotherapy Centre) both accessible via

https://<u>www.justgiving.com/page/sabrina-bulloch-1729424656059</u> have now raised over £5,900 with gift aid and will remain open for donations until the end of the year.

Since Bryan's December article, people have been asking about the origin of the Camino de Santiago.

The city of Santiago de Compostela lies in Galicia, northwest Spain. "Santiago" in old Spanish means "of Saint James" one of the twelve Apostles and patron saint of Spain. "Compostela" according to some scholars derives from the Latin "compositum tella" meaning a formal burial ground, while other scholars consider it derives from the Latin "campus stellae" meaning the field of the star (of which more later). "Camino" simply means the "path" or the "way".



According to legend the remains of the Apostle James were brought to Galicia for burial, but over the centuries the location of the burial site became forgotten. Legend then has it that in the 9th century, a shepherd guided by a bright star found burial remains that were identified as those of Santiago the Apostle whose sanctification is related to the many miracles that occurred around him during his evangelising work in Spain and Portugal. With the discovery of the remains of his body, the king in Oviedo ordered the construction of a church to guard the holy tomb. So, a desire was established throughout Spain to follow in the footsteps of the monarch, to pay tribute to the Apostle, and this has continued worldwide. From all corners of Spain, and from various points in Europe, Christians set out to walk to Santiago de Compostela. Even if there is no religious motive for doing the walk, it has become a 'must' in serious walkers' aims.



The scallop shell is an iconic symbol of the Camino de Santiago appearing on the regular route markers and set into the pavements in Santiago. The radiating lines on the shells are said to represent the many routes that lead to Saint James' tomb in Santiago. The shell icon can also be found across the world in churches dedicated to Saint James. Many of the Camino walkers have a scallop shell hanging from their backpacks.

Various rituals and customs are associated with the Camino de Santiago. For example, places along the way catering for walkers each have a unique identification stamp that walkers can stamp on their cards. If pilgrims can show evidence of having walked at least 100km when they reach Santiago they can obtain the "Compostela" certificate. There is a daily Pilgrim's Mass in the Cathedral. On some occasions a large censer (the Botafumeiro) is set spectacularly swinging over the nave. It is customary for pilgrims to embrace the statue of Saint James in the Cathedral.

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The second edition of the (KSPPG) Newsletter is now available . The edition includes comment regarding the proposed Kingsley Surgery closure, together with a brief history. The link to the newsletter on the website is below:

https://www.theknollsurgery.nhs.uk/service/practice-participation-group-meetings/

The group comprises local people who meet monthly with the Practice management and clinicians. Our purpose is to improve communication between the practice, patients and the wider community. We are keen to assist the surgery with continuous improvement and we want to be as representative of the local community as possible. We therefore welcome any registered patient who wants to be a member of the group.

If you have a suggestion or you wish to join us, please send us an email to <u>knollsurgeryppg@gmail.com</u> and we shall respond."

Musings on your village tidying group!

The Kingsley villagers were sad and dejected Their poor village looked sad and neglected With grass in the pavements and leaves all around The local council was nowhere to be found So armed with tools off they departed And just couldn't wait to get started They worked so hard all through the day With coffee and pastries to help them on their way The results were amazing they felt so proud And all looking forward to the next time around

I have never written a poem before but hopefully it will give you a smile. Lots of love Heather (a regular visitor to Kingsley)

Whilst keeping the wording to the original, the editor would like to acknowledge that the clear-up in September was as a consequence of the the 'Village Enhancement Day' organised by Kingsley Parish Council.

CHURCH NEWS

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Sunday 12th January

10.00am Holy Communion at Crowton 6.00pm 2nd Sunday @ 6 – at NCK Centre, Norley

Sunday 19th January 10.00am Holy Communion at Kingsley

Sunday 26th January 8.30am Holy Communion at Crowton 10.00am Holy Communion at Alvanley

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KINGSLEY PRAYER DIARY



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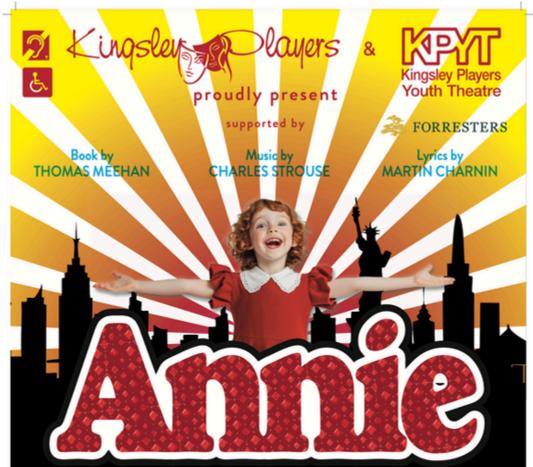
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