



KINGSLEY NEWS

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Community

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(NB. This is a condition of affiliation).**

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 February we think of, and pray for people living in: -

W/c Feb 5th	Middle Lane and CP School
W/c Feb 12th	Mill Lane and Scotlands Lane
W/c Feb 19th	Ball Lane and Crewood Common
W/c Feb 26th	Newton Hollows and Hatcheries

We invite you to add your own prayers

EDITORIAL NEWS AND VIEWS

Dear Readers

There has been a recent spate of burglaries in the surrounding area, the latest one taking place in Top Road, Kingsley, last week. Please see the request for help detailing date and approximate times, someone may have noticed something unusual. It is important that we should all be vigilant and if you see anything suspicious immediately report this to the Police on the new 101 number, it could help to prevent a crime.

Kingsley Transition Initiative is holding a celebration evening on 3rd February to mark the achievements made to date, such as the KTI market and the allotments. This will be held in the Community Centre, and everyone is welcome to join them for a bite to eat, a glass of wine and a chat.

This year marks the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. You can join in the national celebrations on Sunday 3rd June by holding your own Big Lunch. The idea is for as many people as possible to get together with friends and family. More details in the magazine.

Elizabeth

**Articles for the magazine to be sent to the Editor
by email to - ewilsonsecretarial@yahoo.co.uk**

Tel: 01928 787678

Copy deadline is the 21st of each month

www.kingsleyvillage.co.uk



***Present, in support of KINGSLEY VILLAGE
INSTITUTE funds***

an ***ALLO ALLO*** evening

**at Kingsley Village Institute
on Friday 24th February 2012 at 7.30pm**

This is a provisional notice of the above event which is scheduled to be part of 'Players' third charity tour. For further details and bookings please contact Kevin Shore at Kingsley Village Institute. Please note this event cannot be booked at 'Players' online box office

Christian Aid Quiz and Supper

A big thank you goes to the members of the Hurst, Blakelees Church, St John's Church and friends for making this fundraising event a very enjoyable occasion. Thank you too to the Hurst for their hospitality, the organisers of the event and those who helped on the night, all those who made the delicious food and to Julie and Stuart for compiling the quiz. We raised £308 for Christian Aid.

Kingsley Classics®

Hello and welcome to what I believe may be the first ever classic car club, unless you know differently, in the Cheshire village of Kingsley. Kingsley Classics® has been long talked about in the pub, over a few beers, and it has always been our desire that we should set up such a club. The club will be open to all owners of classic cars and motorcycles in Kingsley and to be honest from any where else.

James and I have always been into classic cars of all types and it has been a passion of ours to get such a club up and running. At the moment we are in our infancy but we want to make this club grow so would welcome enquires to join us from as many like minded individuals as possible, just let us know what your classic is, e-mail me some photos and some info about your classic and I will upload onto our website www.kingsley-classics.co.uk. We have already had a positive response so I will be uploading members rides very shortly.

There is no fee to join at the moment as we would initially like to see what the interest is. The intention is just to have a bit of fun and probably start with a few meetings here and there, and when the weather gets a bit better maybe a few local runs out for a pub lunch. I will post any events on the [events](#) page, so watch this space.

You may spot me driving around the village in a dreadfully noisy black 1966 VW Beetle so give me a wave if you do :)

kingsleyclassics@gmail.com

Dan and James

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HEADTEACHER Mrs Ann Griffiths
VISITS WELCOME ANY TIME

Last autumn term we were all very busy here at Kingsley St John's. After an exciting first half term, involving trips to the Weaver Hall Museum for a fun packed activity day all about the Vikings and a trip to Norley CE to meet with the author Rachel Lindsay who inspired the children to write creatively, Class 2 returned after half term once again get involved in a varied programme of events and activities.



School Display

The theme was 'Space' and Class 2 undertook a large scale DT project to build a 3D spaceman. It was a whole class effort and the children worked together well. Firstly, they had to mould newspaper to make multiple part sections of the body.

These sections were secured together to build up the life sized model. After this came the messy bit! Once the papier mache had dried our spaceman was ready to paint. Finally the astronaut's limbs were held in place using wooden dowels.



Frodsham Advent Calendar

The children thoroughly enjoyed making this years window display box, in which they worked either individually or in pairs to create a miniature 3D Christmas scene out of craft materials. Each scene was joined together. Fairy lights were then placed behind and shone through to make a truly spectacular seasonal display. Did you find it?

Haiky Poems

This Spring term the children have been connecting with nature to inspire thoughts and stir up feelings for their poetry writing. The whole of Class 2 wrote their own poems in the style of Haiku with some Y4s keeping to the traditional rules of a specific syllable count per line. The class have word processed their poems in ICT in preparation for our next type of poetry 'Calligrams'. They have been experimenting with word art to create a visual image using written words ready to use in their calligram poems. We plan to use a software application to publish Class 2's poems at the end of the unit.



Residential Trip

The children are already looking forward to this years trip to Beoston in February, where they will be taking part in many activities such as team building, and problem solving which is an invaluable experience in helping to develop both their physical and social skills.



8:00 pm, Wednesday 15th February

@ THE HURST METHODIST CHURCH :

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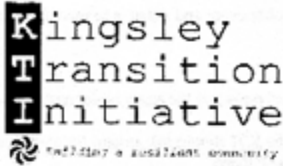
The Red Bull

Despite the rumours of a recent outbreak of Food Poisoning at The Red Bull following a Funeral Buffet during January, After exhaustive checks and tests by the Department of Health, we have been given a clean bill of health and commended on our hygienic working practices.

The outbreak proved to be a Bacterial Virus bought in by an outside source. The Red Bull has a 4 star rating for its food & hygiene practices which we held for many years.

WELCOME TO A NEW WEBSITE

**Click on www.kingsleymethodist.org.uk
for more information.**



Kingsley Transition Initiative
invite you to
An Evening of Celebration

Please come along to raise a glass in celebration of
Kingsley Transition Initiative's achievements so far:

- * 17 Allotments *
- * A quarterly Local Produce Market *
- * Solar PV Panels On The Community Centre Roof *
- * Local Primary Schools' involvement *
- * Active project groups from the KTI steering group to those involved with
Energy, Local Schools and Local Tradespeople *

We want to celebrate what has been achieved so far - whether you want to be
involved or not, come and enjoy a glass of wine, nibbles and a chat with
friends about local issues which, we hope, we may progress together.

So why not come along for a glass of wine, a bite to eat and a chat?
We would love to meet you.

Kingsley Community Centre
Friday 3rd February 2012
8.00pm

For further details ring Allan on 07785 341361
or
visit <http://www.kingsleyvillage.co.uk/kti>

PLEASE NOTE
THE NEXT KTI MARKET WILL BE HELD
ON SATURDAY 3RD MARCH

Celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee
with a

Big Jubilee Lunch on Sunday 3rd June 2012

The **Big Jubilee Lunch** is one of the ways in which people locally can join in the national celebrations at the beginning of June to commemorate the Queen's 60 years on the throne. The idea is for as many people as possible to get together with friends and neighbours for lunch on Sunday 3rd June.

The beauty of it is that you decide for yourselves everything about your own Big Jubilee Lunch event. It doesn't need to be on a grand scale - a simple picnic in your garden will be just as good as a big street party - food and people are the key ingredients.

So what about it? Let's see some Big Jubilee Lunches in Kingsley. Sunday 3rd June is the day.

www.thebiglunch.com

Kingsley

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GRAHAM EVANS MP VISITS KINGSLEY COMMUNITY PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL



WHAT DID OFSTED SAY ABOUT US?

We had our inspection visit from Ofsted just before Christmas to see how the school has progressed since the last inspection in 2007.

We are very pleased to announce that the inspection went well and the inspectors agreed with our own views of the school. The school is good overall with some outstanding features in areas where we have done a lot of work recently.

We have been working on our community cohesion and

the inspectors recognised the work we have been doing in this area: 'The promotion of community cohesion is outstanding. From pupils' active involvement in **Operation Uganda**, their work for the local **village transition initiative**, to their strong links with a school comprising a different socio-economic intake, pupils take their responsibility to foster community understanding and liaison very seriously indeed.'

Our new Foundation Stage unit was also praised: 'This is a good setting, which continues to improve as a result of good leadership and management and the establishment of the new Early Years Foundation Stage unit, of which parents and carers speak positively.'

Over the next few weeks we are looking forward to a family bingo evening, a family craft evening and some football coaching from Everton coaches.

'This is a good school. Outstanding care, guidance and support from teachers and teaching assistants ensure that pupils are happy in school and enjoy the many and varied activities open to them.'



EDWARD RALPH STUBBS 28.11.1918 to 24.12.2011

Edward did not have the easiest of starts in life, but he did have fond memories of those he knew in & around Kingsley & Norley.

He was adopted into The Stubbs family and spent an "idyllic" childhood, as he often recalled, in the heart of Delamere Forest at Woodman's Lodge. It was a large family in a small house; yet they were carefree days, even though he had to walk great distances, in all weathers, to the little school at Norley, just across from the Church. And when he went to a different school, at Manley, nothing changed except the direction of travel !

I am telling you this second-hand, yet if you were growing up at the same time as my father you will recognise things like fetching the water daily in buckets from a spring and walking across fields dripping wet with shiny dew to fetch the milk straight from the farm, and the trouble you'd be in if you'd spilt any.

I could, and probably should, fill a book with the tales of characters that he knew at school, later at work at Kingsley Mill and Crowton Mill, local farmers and customers that came into his shopnow Brow Cottages on Town Well...(this was after he returned from wartime service in the RAF as a reconnaissance photographer).

You may have bought newspapers from him - or delivered them for him. If you remember those times then you will know who those characters were and save me from possible libel by mentioning names! Suffice it to say that if the rest of us imagine a mix between characters from Dickens and those from 'Heartbeat'(The odd 'Greengrass' & 'Bernie Scripps' in there).

Still, long story short : After meeting and marrying my mother, Marjorie, who was a nurse at Hefferstone Grange, the couple, together with my older brother David, left Kingsley and lived in Germany for some time, when Eddie spent a further period in the RAF.

Upon his return they made their home in Newton-le-Willows, where Marjorie's family was based...I came along and Dad began a 23 year career in teaching, travelling daily to Salford.

In a long retirement, much of this a widower (Mum sadly died at just 62), he enjoyed gardening & painting and some Kingsley & Norley folk may well own a picture of his.

After much relocation he spent his final years in Spurstow, and sadly following a lengthy illness passed away at home on Christmas Eve 2011.

Those who knew him will, I hope remember a caring and intelligent Gentleman, and to those he knew, I must thank you all, for you are the people who shaped him in those early years and made him the man that I am proud to call my father.

Christine Stubbs (daughter)

Tea, Laughter & Company (TLC)



Beat those midweek blues and join us...

Every Wednesday from 10am till Midday

Kingsley Community Centre, Kingsley

Come along and join in the various activities or just sit and chat.

Just £2 for a morning of Tea, Refreshment and Activities

If anyone would like assistance with transport they should contact the number below.

To register for a place or for more information contact

Home Instead Senior Care on 01928 733020

SCHOOL ECO PROJECT

Kingsley Transition Initiative (KTI) has been supporting both of Kingsley Primary schools with a donation towards an eco-project of their choice. Kingsley St John's C of E has used the gift to thin out the school pond, with expert support from the British Trust for Conservation Volunteers. The children were also helped to repair the bug hotel, which had been damaged in recent gales.

The pupils at St John's are keen to look after the environment and enthusiastically completed an upgrade of the bug hotel bringing it up to four star accommodation for frogs, newts, lacewings and ladybirds. They are happy to report that the hotel is now fully booked until next spring.

Eleanor Hurst and Phoebe Geldenhuys are seen here inspecting the hotel before work began.



Frodsham Community Association

The Centre, Fluin Lane, Frodsham WA6 7QN
Reg Charity No 520051

Table Top Sale

Sunday 19th February. 10am – 2.00pm
Entrance 50p. Refreshments available

Sellers must pre-book on 01928 732222 or email
events@frodshamcc.co.uk
£10 per table.

‘Allo ‘Allo

Saturday 25th February 7.00pm
An evening at Rene’s Cafe with the Kingsley Players.

A three course meal will be served between acts.
Licensed Bar.

Join in the fun and come dressed for the occasion.
£18.00 per head.

To book call Sue on 07971 907 669 or email
events@frodshamcc.co.uk

Details are also available on our website www.frodshamcc.co.uk

Delamere Forest 41 Club

41 Club meets locally on the first Wednesday of each month and provides fellowship and community service activities for ex members of Round Table and associates. Our organisation has more than 20 active members with a large proportion living in Norley, Acton Bridge, Kingsley and Cuddington. We are mainly a social club with some fundraising activities for local charities. If you are interested and / or would like to get involved please contact Martin Bell on 01928 788658 or John Morris on 01606 851377.

ENORMOUS THANKS

May I on behalf of my children, Sarah, Anthony and Claire express our heartfelt thanks for the kind thoughts and good wishes expressed by the people of Kingsley on the unexpected death of my wife Joyce on the 23rd December.

Your presence at St Johns helped us to cope with the horror of such a sudden loss and highlighted to me the fondness and admiration that people of the village felt about Joyce. A considerable sum has been raised for the RNLI, a cause dear to her heart which honoured her family's strong seafaring background.

A humble thank you to everybody.

Frank Whitfield.

Kingsley St John The Evangelist Parish Church

Vicar. Revd.Pete Rugen. 01928 787180

Curate. Revd. Gill Stanning. 01928 788623

Services for February 2012

Feb. 6	09:30	Holy Communion
Feb. 9	10:00	Holy Communion
Feb. 13	09:30	Morning Service
Feb. 15	20:00	Café Church (at the Hurst)
Feb. 20	09:30	Holy Communion
	11:15	All Age Service
Feb. 27	10:00	Holy Communion
	18:30	Encounter Contemporary Worship

ALL ARE VERY WELCOME

CAN YOU HELP?

Between the hours of 6.45 to 8.15 in the evening of Thursday 19 January 2012 a robbery took place on Top Road, Kingsley. If you suspect anyone acting suspiciously in the village around this time please call Northwich Police Burgulary Team on 01606- 364293 .

Kingsley WI

The meeting in January was a social occasion, the New Year meal cooked by Nick Smith and Co in the Community Centre and enjoyed by all. Sylvia Batty, a WI Adviser from Helsby joined us and talked about her life in the WI dating from the 50's.

There was little business except to present Joan Barker and Alison Dixon with cups, joint winners of Bloom of the Month

Sylvia Batty congratulated Hilary Tucker who has received an Honorary Doctorate in recognition of her "outstanding contribution to education and the community of Warrington".

Hilary, who was formerly the Principal and Chief Executive of Warrington Collegiate Institute, played a key role in securing the design, planning and multi million pound funding for a state of the art new campus for Warrington's further education, whilst divesting its higher education to Chester University, thereby guaranteeing the future of both sectors in the town.

CASTLE PARK ARTS CENTRE

EXHIBITION OF OLYMPIC POSTERS AND TONY EVANS' SCULPTURES

Castle Park is hosting an exhibition of the complete set of official Summer and Winter Olympic Posters from the Olympic Foundation in Lausanne. From the start of the modern Olympics in 1896 they represent some of the most vivid snapshots of the ever changing worlds of sport and politics.

Alongside the posters are the sculptures of Tony Evans. This is a great opportunity to see the work of this local artist. His skill in capturing animal and human forms in sculpture is renowned. He quotes 'my interest is in catching the moment, the split second of action that encapsulates the energy, skill and dedication of the Olympian.

There is a lecture 'Art of The Olympics' on 7th. Feb. starting at 7p.m. by Adrian Sumner Creative Economy Officer within the Arts and Festivals team of CW&C.

The exhibition is free and runs until 20th.

February Opening Hours are Mon - Sun 10 - 4.30



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KINGSLEY GARDEN CLUB

At our last meeting for 2011 on 12th December members were treated to an interesting and informative illustrated talk by Richard Lewis of Deeside College on climbers and wall shrubs.

I found it helpful to learn which plants are happy to grow up close against a wall but don't need a trellis or wires, and which need full support. Clematis must have something to "grab" hold of, but wisteria can use a mainframe, for example. Richard also warned of some plants which will "take over" given half a chance, and others that should not be too happy if you want them to flower (summer jasmine).

Richard's enthusiasm and expertise came through in his lovely pictures as well as his presentation. He was also happy to answer questions both at the end and during the talk.

The next meeting is at **8pm on Monday 13th February 2012 at Kingsley Community Centre**. Sue Beesley from Bluebell Cottage Garden and Nursery, Dutton will tell us about "Going for Gold". I am sure we will be in for a fascinating evening.

It would be wonderful to see some new faces and also perhaps the return of some of you who haven't been to a meeting for a while. Come along, learn something and enjoy yourselves. All are welcome.

ROOM AT THE TOP

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WORSHIP AT THE HURST METHODIST CHURCH

Minister: Revd Steve Santry

Thursday 2nd February

4.30 pm: **"Messy Church"**

Sunday 5th February

10.00 am : Family Worship. Mr Brian C Moores

6.30 pm at Blakelees : Mrs Avis Palmer

Sunday 12th February

8.15 am: Holy Communion. Revd Sue Levitt

10.00 am : **All Age Worship.** Mrs Elizabeth Holmes

6.30 pm at Blakelees : Mr John Bell

Wednesday 15th February

8.00 pm: Café Church

Sunday 19th February

10.00 am : Holy Communion. Revd Steve Santry

6.30 pm at Blakelees : Revd Steve Santry

Sunday 26th February

10.00 am : Family Worship. Revd Pat Christopher

6.30 pm at Blakelees : Mr Philip Garner

All are welcome

Kingsley, Crowton & Norley Mothers' Union

The Vicar, Rev Pete Rugen chaired the A.G.M. on Tuesday 3 January. Mrs Pam Lee was appointed the new Branch Leader and Mrs Audrey Griffiths has joined the committee. Pete then told us about Anna, mentioned in St Luke's Gospel, who had been a widow for a very long time and had spent about 60 years praying in the church. Pete stressed that as a church we should value older people. Anna was the first person in St Luke's Gospel to tell the people about Jesus. He said that the M.U. is a group that wants others to know about Jesus.

At the next meeting on 7 February we are having a Members' Discussion Night on an aspect of the work of the Mothers' Union.

We meet on the first Tuesday in the month at 7.30 p.m. in the Church Room, Kingsley, and **anyone** is welcome to join us.

The Hurst Souperstars' **

SOUP LUNCH

Monday 6th February 2012

NB: changed date!

Noon to 1.00pm

Home-made Soups and Dessert, Tea or Coffee -
- only £2.50 all in.

All proceeds for
"Sightsavers International".

Everyone is warmly welcomed to the lunch - and to
"Thought for the Day" which follows !

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CHRISTINGLE SERVICE THANK YOU



Thank you to everyone who helped to organise and run the Christingle Activity Morning and Service on December 23rd. and thank you to all those who came along and contributed in any way.

Both events were well attended and seemed to be very much enjoyed.

As a result of the collection at the service a cheque for over £215 has been sent to The Children's Society to help them in their work with young runaways and disadvantaged children in danger.

www.childrensociety.org.uk



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KINGSLEY WALKING GROUP

This year the weather was surprisingly kind to the eight walkers who set out from the blue bridge on the A556 for the January walk. We walked through the woods along side the river before striking off across fields to the Vale Royal Golf course. Here we were intrigued by the notices at each tee recounting the exploits of some of the inhabitants of the Abbey in the Middle Ages. We skirted Whitegate and Foxtwist and cut through the trees down to the fishing lake where one of the party slipped on a mossy footbridge and only the barbed wire prevented him from ending up in the water! Fortunately he was untangled fairly uninjured and carried on cheerfully across fields in the sunshine back down to the Weaver for lunch. We saw herons, cormorants and buzzards near the river. and even black swans in someone's garden. An easy stroll along the river brought us back to the bridge. A newly acquired GPS informed us that we had walked 7.56 miles at an average of 2.5 miles an hour!

Kingsley Walking Group have two walks each month, meeting at the Community Centre at 9.30am. On the second Tuesday there is a long walk, bring a packed lunch. On the last Wednesday a short walk with a coffee break and a pub lunch. We are a friendly group. For more information tel. 787055 or visit our website at www.kingsley.walkers.btinternet.co.uk

St. John's, Kingsley Quiz Night

Friday March 16th 7.30 p.m.
at Kingsley Community Centre
Admission £5 including Refreshments
Bar open
Tickets available at Church or ring 788314

ASH-WORTH TIME BANK UPDATE

KINGLSEY Free Holistic Therapies: Kingsley Hurst Methodist Rooms every month.

If you are over 60, or a carer, single parent, unemployed or have recently suffered a bereavement or have anxiety or stress, come along and have free holistic therapies each month at Kingsley Hurst Methodist Rooms. There are fully qualified therapists giving Reiki, Reflexology, Aromatherapy, Indian Head Massage, Hypnotherapy and Relaxation Techniques from 2pm until 4.00pm every month.

The next session is Friday February 10th. Please telephone Susan or Caroline on 01829 751398 to reserve a place.

PILATES: Hurst Methodist Rooms: Tuesdays 1.30pm – 2.30pm

If you would like to come along to this regular weekly session please phone the Time Bank office on 01829 751398 – all levels are welcome.

REMEMBER WHEN? Are you interested in getting together each month to remember past times, plus a bite to eat? Perhaps you have lived in Kingsley all your life and would like to share your memories with others, or maybe you lived in a town or city and would like to share your experiences of city life. There will be a new topic of conversation each month, as well as guest speakers, video presentations etc. This would be a reminiscing club and a great opportunity to chat and meet new people and have soup and a roll as well as tea or coffee. If you would like to put your name down, please contact Susan on 01829 751398 – we hope to start this group at the end of March.

Ash-worth Time Bank organise a whole range of activities each month, including Pilates, Tai Chi, Creating Writing Group, Art Group and Textile Courses, as well as organising free job exchanges. If you would like further information on all activities and would like to receive our regular newsletter and updates, please contact:

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Monday	Art	Every week	2.00pm
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	Bingo	6th & 20th	7.30pm
Tuesday	Spanish	Every week	9.45am
	Line Dancing	Every week	7.45pm
Wednesday	Spanish	Every week	9.45am
	Quiz	8th & 22nd	8.30pm
Thursday	Zumba	Every week	6.00pm
	Indoor Bowls	Every week	7.30pm
Friday	Bridge	Every week	10.00am
	Learn to play Bridge	Every week	1.30pm

We would like to wish all our members a Happy New Year and thank them for their support during the last twelve months. Thanks to everyone who came to the Hot Pot lunch at Christmas and all the helpers, it was most appreciated.

ANYONE WANTING TO LEARN TO PLAY BRIDGE COME ALONG ON 9TH FEBRUARY TO SEE TONY.

We would like to send our condolences to Mrs Howarth and Mrs Marshall. Both Jack and Ron will be sadly missed at the club. Both played Bowls for many years, and Ron helped to run the Art class.

KINGSLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Electricity Supply

The Zone Operations Manager and a customer services representative from Scottish Power attended the last meeting of the Parish Council on 17th January regarding supply interruptions in the village. Scottish Power has recently carried out an extensive local tree cutting and maintenance programme and as a result, they expect the fault rate to improve dramatically. They also plan to replace some problematic underground cabling around Kingsley Community Primary School in the near future. We will keep residents informed about when this is likely to take place although disruption is likely to be minimal.

Please contact the Parish Clerk (Doreen Woods - 01928 739400) if you would like to get in touch with Scottish Power about any issues with your electricity supply and she will direct you to the relevant individuals.

Traffic and Transport

We are pleased to report that work on the Cheshire Railings at the bottom of Dark Lane/Top Road has now been completed.

Parish Plan

Just a reminder that the next meeting of the Parish Plan Steering Group will take place at 7.30pm on Monday 30th January at the Community Centre. Please go along if you would like to volunteer for the next stages of the project.

Affordable Housing

Many of you will have seen that Kingsley's new affordable housing project is nearly completed with the first residents expected to move in during February. We hope you will agree that they are a wonderful addition to the village and join us in thanking the contractors for being such a pleasure to have working here over the last few months.

NEWS & VIEWS FROM YOUR LOCAL FAMILY FARM

So far, the wet and windy winter continues. After two consecutive hard winters, we are back to more normal winters for these Islands. The exceptionally mild weather has meant spring bulbs have grown earlier this year. The first snowdrop came out in our garden on 4th January and the daffodils in Dark Lane were out just after Christmas.

Wheat plants are a dark green colour and seem to be taking up nitrogen. This is too early really, but nature always has a way of evening things up: so maybe there will be a cold snap in February. Next years seed potatoes have arrived, and are boxed up in trays and stored in the barns. All the cattle are inside, not this year to keep them warm, but to stop the fields, which are very wet, from being poached and damaged too much.

The price of wheat for next year is up and down like a fiddlers elbow! There is plenty of wheat around the world this year forcing the price down, but there is a shortage of maize. Maize, in North America, is mainly used in bio fuels and animal feeds, but droughts and frosts during the growing season have reduced potential yields. Therefore wheat is being used instead of maize pushing the price up.

The euro crisis seems to have died down over Christmas, probably because the bankers and politicians have taken a month's holiday!! Seriously though, if the eurozone should break up, it would cause havoc for farmers. Time will tell.

For some time now, I have been meaning to write about the criminal waste of good food in this country. Consumers are completely confused about the assortment of sell-by, use-by, display-by and consume-by dates on products. All these dates do is encourage the consumer to throw out good food they

perceive as being past its best. Supermarkets are quite happy with us throwing out edible food because we will go and buy some more from them. According to a recent report the average family dumps £680 worth of good food each year. Around one fifth of all food bought by households is dumped. Fruit, vegetables, dairy products and other perishables such as bread and meat are the most likely items to be thrown away. This totals 7.2 million tonnes of food a year worth £12 billion. The food waste mountain is enough to fill Wembley Stadium nine times over.

Some interesting food facts include:

All the world's nearly one billion hungry people could be lifted out of malnourishment on less than a quarter of the food that is wasted in the US, UK and Europe.

An estimated 20 to 40% of UK fruit and vegetables are rejected even before they reach the shops – mostly because they do not match the supermarkets excessively strict cosmetic standards.

The bread and other cereal products thrown away in UK households alone would have been enough to lift 30 million of the world's hungry people out of malnourishment.

10% of rich countries greenhouse gas emissions come from growing food that is never eaten.

The irrigation water used globally to grow food that is wasted would be enough for the domestic needs (at 200 L per person per day) of 9 billion people – the number expected on the planet in 2050!

FOOD FOR THOUGHT.

The Warburton Family have been asked to host the 2012 Cheshire Ploughing Match at our Hatley Farm, Frodsham on Wednesday 26th September. We are delighted and will be giving more details of the event nearer the time.

Kind regards,

Graham Warburton - Warburtons Farms

01928 788329

Please e-mail me on the following address with any comments:

warbies.depmore@btinternet.com

YOUTH OPPORTUNITY

Members of the KTI trades group would like to hear from any young person living in Kingsley or the surrounding area who would like to undertake a period of work experience. In the first instance please ring or text Frank Pilgrim, Kingsley Electrical 07711 258677 or text 07785 341361 with your contact details. Some cost may be incurred for insurance or other purposes.

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On **Saturday 14th of January** 17 of our litter pick team cleared the village of 16 bags of litter. There was an unusually high amount of litter, hopefully due to the high winds we had had just before the litter pick. As always thank you to those who pick up litter as they walk around the village.

The next litter picks will be on Saturday 11th February and Saturday March 10th. We will start at 10.00 am at the Community Centre.

New helpers are always welcome. We provide all the equipment needed.

Eila Birtwistle – Litter pick co-ordinator.



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Thu 2 Feb - 4.30-6.30pm The Hurst: **"Messy Church"** for all the family

Mon 6 Feb - Noon-1.00 pm: Hurst Soup Lunch. **NB: changed date**

Feb 6 to 13 National Marriage Week

13-17 Feb Schools out for half term break

Tue 14 Feb - 7.45 for 8.00 pm at The Hurst.

Neil Hampshire speaks about "Shaker Christians"

Tue 14 Feb - Kingsley Walking Group 9.30am KCC

Wed 15 Feb - 8.00 pm at The Hurst: **Café Church**

Wed 22 Feb Ash Wednesday

25 Feb to 9 March Fair Trade Fortnight

Wed 29 Mar Kingsley Walking Group 9.30am KCC

SOME DATES IN MARCH

Thu 1 Mar - 4.30 to 6.30 pm at The Hurst:

"Messy Church" for all the family

Fri 2 Mar *Women's World Day of Prayer*

Sun 11 Mar - 8.15 am: Holy Communion at The Hurst.

Mon 12 Mar - Noon to 1.00 pm: Hurst Soup Lunch

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