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FROM THE EDITOR

Welcome to the February 25 edition of Kingsley News,

A warm welcome again from the team at Kingsley News.

What a start to 2025 we have had so far; snow, ice, wind and rain. Thank you to Val Boote for sending in our front cover photograph. Let's hope that February is slightly kinder to us, although I like many others will be hoping for some clear nights to check the parade of planets in the night sky this month (check out the Astronomy article for more details).

I hope everyone takes time each month to read Malcolm Clark's Kingsley Walkers article. If you don't then do take time this month to read the piece; a fitting and moving account of friendship and celebrating the memory of Dave Wood.

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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For those interested, soon after dark each day (and until about 19.30) four planets are currently visible in the night sky.

Over in the west, and very bright (the next brightest night sky object after the Moon) is Venus.

Just below Venus (quite bright) is Saturn (whose rings are decaying away). It might get too close to the local horizon for some very quickly, so look early after dark if you want to see it.

At the same time, in the southeast, moving towards the south as night progresses, and quite high up in Taurus is Jupiter — the next brightest after Venus.

Finally, more towards the east, in Gemini, you'll find Mars – obvious in its redness.

A basic pair of binoculars will enable you to see the Galilean moons of Jupiter — it's like its own little solar system — and a basic 75mm telescope will give you a glimpse of Jupiter's stripes and Saturn's rings. Make the most of the opportunity to see the rings since they'll be significantly less

spectacular in about 100 million years and pretty much altogether gone 200 million years after that.

More than 250 activities, including stargazing events, planetarium shows, and talks, are planned across the UK to celebrate this year's theme: 'Chasing the Moon.' This theme highlights the Moon's journey across the night sky, passing the brightest planets, except Mercury, which remains hidden behind the Sun.

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A view of the moon taken from a garden in Kingsley 9th January 2025

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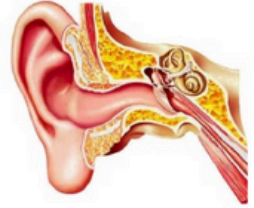
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When we start the walk programme for another year we normally talk of our happy Christmas times with family, New Year celebrations and prospects for better weather to come. This year, late December brought the sad news of the death of Dave Wood (23rd September 1949 - 30th December 2024). Dave was an outstanding member of the Kingsley Walkers, leading many lovely walks using his extensive knowledge of local paths, pubs and coffee houses, and his exploring spirit to find trails further afield.

On Tuesday 12th January we retraced one of Dave's favourite walks though Delamere Forest. A walk he had shared with his beloved family and, always expanding, group of close friends. We remembered him so fondly, talking of his warm and kind spirit, his curiosity, passion for life and his total engagement with the person he was with. At the Forest Cafe we raised our coffee cups to Dave's memory and shared around one of his favourite treats - Tunnock's Tea Cakes.

Though extremely fit and a keen walker, Dave would often trail behind, involved in a full hearted, usually light hearted, discussion of one of the vagaries of life.

Life is but of moments

Glad are those I shared with you
Stopped! Still and sideways on a path
Distractions gone, the group, the view

No worldly thoughts beyond our words
Your soul was bare and just for me
Warm, impassioned and focus total
In happy days when time seemed free

Though gone you are from this lessened world
Your love still carries through
I will stand some sideways on some future path
And be warmed again with you.

A wonderful thanksgiving service for Dave's life was held at a packed Hurst Methodist Church on 17th January.

Kingsley Walkers undertake two walks per month. A short one of 4-5 miles on the second Tuesday and a longer 8-11 miles on the fourth Tuesday. New walkers are always welcome, please contact us on kingsleywalkerswa6@gmail.com

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Our next meeting is on Monday, 10th February 2025 at 8pm when our speaker will be Andrew Gould from Cheshire Safron – a specialist saffron grower from Commonside, Alvanley. This should be an interesting and unusual talk about an innovative, local horticultural business.

Visitors are always welcome at our meetings and it costs £5 per meeting – why not come along and find out more?

We look forward to seeing you at the Community Centre on 10th February at 8pm



KINGSLEY AND NEWTON VILLAGE INSTITUTE IS LOOKING FOR AN INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

KNVI is a registered charity (number 517740). Our annual accounts need to be independently examined each year. We are looking for a qualified person, who may be willing to volunteer their time, to examine our accounts in readiness for the AGM, which takes place in the autumn. The Independent Examination needs to be done in compliance with The Charities Act 2011 and Charity Commission guidance. We are therefore looking for someone with accountancy qualifications in accordance with that guidance.

The income in the year to the end of April 2024 was £38,886. The current year will be less, since a one-off payment was received last year. We do not anticipate this to take a significant amount of time.

If you want a chat about what is involved or want a copy of our accounts and last year's Independent Examiner's report, please contact KNVI Secretary, Fiona Crane fiona.crane1@outlook.com . We would love to hear from you.

KNVI Management Committee

PERSONAL NOTICE

Allen Crocker age 64 years, a resident of The Hurst, Kingsley passed away at home, 6th January following a short illness.

A beautiful 'Celebration of Life Service' was held at Vale Royal Crematorium and The Forest Hills Hotel attended by over 200 mourners.

Denise, Esmé, Ash and Seth would like to thank all relatives and friends for the kind expressions of sympathy shown towards them at this sad time.

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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.

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KINGSLEY PARISH COUNCIL



The Parish Council met on Tuesday 21st January 2024, at Kingsley Community Centre. There were eight members of the public present, including a representative from United Utilities and OCU the main contractor for the Vyrnwy Aqueduct refurbishment.

Two members of the public expressed concerns about the speeding drivers on Waterloo Lane, and also the inconsiderate parking of cars on the bad bend at the end of the Waterloo Lane straight. The residents were seeking the implementation of the 40mph speed restriction on Waterloo Lane that CWaC have recommended, but as yet, not put in place. One resident raised the state of the private land at the top of Dark Lane formerly used by Factco, who have remove fencing and cabins, but have left large amounts of rubbish in the area. A further two residents raised concerns at the rubbish being left by pedestrians and car drivers on the wooded slope at the top of Top Road / Guest Slack junction. These same residents have offered to lead a litter pick of the area, please see below about a general village litter pick in a few weeks time. Finally, United Utilities and OCU updated the meeting about their progress with the project in the Kingsley area, and have offered to assist in any village projects as way of compensation for any disruption to the village.

January meeting is the time when the Council must agree its budget for the forthcoming financial year April 25 / March 26, and also agree a Precept for the village that will be applied as part of the CWaC Council Tax. Following lengthy debate and discussion, it was agreed a modest year-on-year increase of £3.23 per Band D property. This increase allows the Council to:

- Cover essential ongoing costs, such as playground maintenance and general operational expenses.
- Maintain adequate reserves to handle unexpected expenditure.
- Prepare for key upcoming projects, including the repair and rebuild of the cemetery boundary wall on Hollow Lane, the potential adoption of Middle Lane Playing Field, and a proposed cemetery extension to secure space for future generations.

In the very near future, all households will receive a Parish Council Residents Survey, this has been compiled over the last few months with the aim of giving residents the opportunity to have their say in what priorities they would set for areas of maintenance and potential improvements to village assets. This is NOT a guarantee that the works will be undertaken in the forthcoming financial year as budgets have already been set. Instead, it is hoped that this will aid the Council in prioritising projects, and allowing us to set targeted budgets for the future. It is now abundantly clear that CWaC have abandoned many routine services which the Parish Council is now having to take onboard if we want to maintain our village.

With the above in mind, and following on from last year's very successful work days, it has been agreed to have the first of our (hopefully) seasonal work day events. The initial date set for this is 22nd March 2025, with a provisional 9.30 to 12.30pm work period, but there may be an afternoon shift if there is sufficient work remaining. The Parish Council will look once again to have the Community Centre open for toilets and for small refreshments (tea / coffee and biscuits).

As referred to above, we intend to now incorporate into the work days a "Village Litter Pick" for those less able to wield tools and undertake the heavier works. The Parish Council has obtained some work tools to help the tidy up, and we are seeking to obtain from CWaC, litter grabbers, hoops and bags for the litter picker teams. If anyone is aware of the whereabouts of the original litter picking equipment from the previous groups who did this work, could they please contact the Parish Clerk and we will aim to get this equipment as well. Let 2025 be the year we transform Kingsley and once more show our pride in this wonderful village of ours. Please look at the village Facebook page for updates on this work day.

As many of our residents who regularly walk the playing field tarmac path will have noticed, there is a significant depression developed at the top end near the basketball area. We believe this is due to subsidence caused by an underground stream.

We are looking to get this repaired when weather conditions permit. We have also been in discussions with regards to the Wild Flower meadows and the poor show last year. It appears that these areas have become very waterlogged and we are seeking advice how best to overcome this. As a consequence there may not be a wild flower meadow this year.

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..... that Jesus was a real person? And what's more – he was a refugee!! The idea for this article came to me firstly when I saw on the television the other day a 'celebrity' who had been educated at Eton admit that he thought Jesus was simply a myth and hadn't existed.

Then at the Hurst on Sunday the local preacher focused on Jesus' family and their refugee status. This is a HUGE subject of course!

Firstly, was Jesus a real person?

The first-century Roman Tacitus who is considered one of the more accurate historians of the ancient world, mentioned superstitious "Christians" (from Christus, which is Latin for Christ), who suffered under Pontius Pilate during the reign of Tiberius.

Suetonius, chief secretary to Emperor Hadrian, wrote that there was a man named Chrestus (or Christ) who lived during the first century (Annals 15.44).

Flavius Josephus is the most famous Roman-Jewish historian. In his Antiquities he refers to James, "the brother of Jesus, who was called Christ." There is a controversial verse (18:3) that says, "Now there was about this time Jesus, a wise man, if it be lawful to call him a man. For he was one who wrought surprising feats....He was [the] Christ...he appeared to them alive again the third day, as the divine prophets had foretold these and ten thousand other wonderful things concerning him." One version reads, "At this time there was a wise man named Jesus. His conduct was good and [he] was known to be virtuous. And many people from among the Jews and the other nations became his disciples. Pilate condemned him to be crucified and to die. But those who became his disciples did not abandon his discipleship. They reported that he had appeared to them three days after his crucifixion, and that he was alive, accordingly he was perhaps the Messiah, concerning whom the prophets have recounted wonders."

None of these historians was Christian, therefore their reporting can be considered unbiased.

Secondly, how do we explain his refugee status?

Well, Jesus's parents, Mary and Joseph, had to go to Bethlehem to be counted in a population census. Jesus was born there, and as his parents were about to return to their home in Nazareth, King Herod announced that every first-born son in Bethlehem should be killed. (He had been led to believe that a child who had been born in Bethlehem would one day be King, and he feared for his own position.) As with present refugees living under a tyrannical regime, they feared for their lives and fled to Egypt!

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St John the Evangelist, Kingsley

We are part of the United Benefice of
Norley, Crowton and Kingsley
with Alvanley and Manley

Services in February 2025

Sunday 2nd February

10.00 am Family Holy Communion at Norley
6.30 pm Sacred Space at Crowton

Sunday 9th February

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

Sunday 16th February

10.00am Holy Communion at Kingsley

Sunday 23rd February

8.30am Holy Communion at Crowton
10.00am Holy Communion at Alvanley
4.00pm Family Event at NCK Centre, Norley

Mid-week Holy Communion all at 10.00 am

6th February at Norley
20th February at Kingsley
13th February at Crowton
27th February at Norley

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Worship at The Hurst Methodist Church

February 2025

Sunday 2nd February

8.30am Holy Communion
led by Rev G Gresswell
10am Morning Worship
led by Mrs R Lane

Sunday 9th February

Morning Worship
led by Mrs N Hughes

Sunday 16th February

10am Holy Communion
led by Rev C Heald

Sunday 23rd February

No service at the Hurst today
10.45am United service at Norley
led by Mrs A Hanks

We are anxious the most vulnerable of our
community feel safe, so ask that you
please do not attend if you have cold or flu
symptoms.

Feel free to wear a mask if you wish.

Church Open St John's is open on Tuesday Mornings from 10am to 12noon
for those who wish to take some quiet time out or for private prayer

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 2nd Newton Hall

**W/c Feb 9th Middle Lane
and CP School**

**W/c Feb 16th Mill Lane and
Scotlands Lane**

**W/c Feb 23rd Ball Lane
and Crewood
Common**

Coffee and Chat

Please come and join us each
Tuesday morn 10am at the Hurst
Methodist Church

For 'Coffee and Chat', meet old
friends and new.

You will be most welcome

Men's Brunch

*Friday, 28th February at 10.30am
in The Hurst meeting room for
bacon/sausage bap.*

Please come and join us.

Last month I spotted a snowdrop. A brave green shoot, already with milky white petals. Years ago snowdrops were called Candlemas Bells, as they bloom in our part of the world around 2nd February when we celebrate Candlemas. Snowdrops symbolise all sorts of things, from purity to the Holy Trinity – not bad for a tiny flower!

They also symbolise hope. While the days are lengthening now, the darkness of winter persists and Spring can seem far away. Catching sight of a snowdrop refreshes our hope that Spring will come.

We need signs of hope. Even if life is going smoothly (and who enjoys that luxury for long?!), when we hear news about the wider world, darkness can threaten to overwhelm us. We can feel powerless in the face of developments beyond our control or understanding.

Long ago a man called Simeon had been faithfully waiting for a sign of hope. The story goes that when Mary and Joseph brought their baby son Jesus to the temple, at Candlemas, Simeon saw in the child the "Messiah", the promised hope for the world to become a better place, more like the kingdom of God on earth. Hope, it turned out, lay not in a self-confident hero offering simple solutions and 'right/wrong' answers to the world's problems, but in a helpless baby born into a modest family in relative obscurity. A reminder of our shared vulnerability and mutual dependence. Of our need to learn to love our neighbour as ourself.

Simeon – and Luke, who told the story – recognised the baby Jesus Christ as a sign of hope. Of God revealed in the world; bringing light into darkness. Whether you own this belief or not, there is little doubt that being alert to signs of fresh life and hope, smiling when we recognise them, and at the end of each day, giving thanks for them, lifts our spirits, and the spirits of those who see and maybe return our smile. Like the snowdrop, in a tiny way, making the world just a little bit better.

What signs of hope will you find and share this month?

Yours in Christ. Anne Davidson Lund

*"Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation,
be constant in prayer." (Romans 12:12)*



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CAR BOOT SALE

Saturday 22nd February

10am till 3pm

Kingsley Community Centre
2 rooms of stalls. Cafe serving hot
food & drinks, toilets, parking.

Host: Anne 01928 618113

2 Brow Cottages, Kingsley

SEE YOU THERE!

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The Hurst Church

Friday nights just got better for those in year 6 and above. The NCK Youth Club is now meeting twice, rather than once, a month at the fabulous NCK Centre in Norley. Run by friendly, DBS-checked volunteers from St John's church and the wider benefice, the club offers the opportunity for kids to get together to chat, play games and generally have a good time from 6.30pm until 7.45pm.

As well as football, table tennis and crafts there is always an organised game to get everyone laughing and joining in. In January, we played Call My Bluff and December saw a spectacular evening of Sardines inside a darkened Norley church. In the warmer months there's time for its a Knockout, rounders and other ball games.

NCK

6:30-7:45PM

£1

YOUTH CLUB

FRIDAY, 7TH FEBRUARY

FRIDAY, 21ST FEBRUARY

FRIDAY, 7TH MARCH

FRIDAY, 21ST MARCH

FRIDAY, 4TH APRIL

FRIDAY, 16TH MAY

FRIDAY, 20TH JUNE

CHAT **TABLE TENNIS** **GAMES** **TUCK SHOP** **TABLE FOOTBALL** **CRAFTS**

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NCK CENTRE, ST JOHN'S CHURCH, NORLEY ROAD, WA6 8NE

YEAR 6+

[HTTPS://WWW.NCK.ORG.UK/YOUTHCHILDREN/YOUTH-FELLOWSHIP](https://www.nck.org.uk/youthchildren/youth-fellowship)

Subs are £1 per session and there are refreshments and a well-stocked tuck shop.

Dates for February are Friday 7th and Friday 21st, so bring your year 6s and high school kids along to join in the fun at the NCK Centre next to Norley church.

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