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EDITORIAL NEWS AND VIEWS

Dear Readers

This month Kingsley News is online only due to Coronavirus and social distancing making it impossible to print and collate. It is also the shortest edition I have produced in my 13 years as Editor. Easter will seem strange this year as we will not be able to celebrate in the normal manner.

Although we haven't been able to produce a normal newsletter, the Kingsley Village Facebook page is a very good source of information about bin collections, businesses that are delivering to the village and updates from Cheshire West. There's also lots of news about how people are getting together to help each other and information about activities available online, including exercise classes. It's a good idea to keep checking there for news and updates.

Unfortunately, Facebook and this electronic version of the newsletter won't reach people who live in the village and don't have access to a computer or smart phone. With that in mind, we are producing a short printed version of the newsletter with useful information and phone numbers. These will be placed in the Coop, Holland's Pharmacy and in the church porches. If you know of someone who might need the information, please pick up a copy and pass it on to them.

If you know of anyone who is isolated in any way and would like some help with **shopping or medication collection** then please contact **Contact Sam on 07798 722 957**. Sam has a full list of helpers. Details are included in the St John's section of this newsletter.

During this unprecedented time let's all look after each other and make sure, friends and neighbours are coping with the situation, particularly those who do not have family living nearby. Kingsley has a track record of being an active and caring community, which is really needed at this time.

Please keep checking Facebook for the latest information. And stay safe until it is over.

Elizabeth

EASTER IN ISOLATION

As I sit writing this, the sun is shining and we are at the end of the first week of isolation.



How quiet everywhere is, no planes passing, very little traffic on the main road a couple of fields away. Ball Lane however is busier than usual with walkers, horses and cyclists all cheerily waving as they pass.

I understand that as a result of all the shut-downs cities are seeing more of the sky at night, some countries are seeing a clear daytime sky for the first time in many years. Surely, this is telling us something.

Isolation for Christians is not a new thing. Jesus often took himself off for long periods of time. The Dessert Fathers and Mothers distanced themselves to help them come closer to God. Monastic communities often set themselves up in remote places near the sea to remind themselves of the whole rhythm of life with God's creation in the seasons and the pulse of the tides.

This coming and going is all part of life, this weird part of life we are living through will eventually go.

This Easter will be very different for many of us but perhaps it will bring us closer to God as we experience something of the disciples great loss on that first Good Friday and the shear joy of the First Easter Morning.

We are Easter people living out the Gospel, with a self giving love, rooted in the cross, a love that gives itself away as a gift. A love that will see us through this testing time and a love that gives us great hope for our future with Him.

With love and prayers,
Curate Hilary.

Kingsley Garden Club April 2020

Last month we had Sue Clarke speaking to us on Hardy Geraniums, it was interesting to hear that she holds the national collection which she grows in her cottage style garden in Nantwich. What was a surprise was that not all geraniums are "thugs" spreading everywhere, she introduced us to varieties that are more compact and long flowering.

As you are all aware by now, the Coronavirus is classed as a pandemic and the British Government along with other world and European governments are calling for restrictions on meetings of groups of people to try and curtail the spread of the virus. The government is also looking to put restrictions on the "high risk" groups of people (i.e. those over 70 and those with underlying health conditions). With this in mind, the Committee has decided that the **April 2020 meeting will NOT NOW go ahead**. The committee will review the ongoing situation with regards to the May meeting and will advise in these pages in due course.

Things to do in the garden in April....

- Apply general purpose fertiliser to trees and shrubs, such as roses and clematis.
- Lift, divide and replant Snowdrops
- Prune winter jasmine after flowering
- Sprout or chit seed potatoes before planting
- It is time to cut those lawns with a high blade setting, after this scarify to remove moss and then apply a good weed and feed to the lawn.
- Put out wool and hair to help nesting birds build their nests.
- Tie in rambling and climbing roses
- Protect fruit blossoms from late frosts.

The Parish Church of St John's Kingsley

'How can we sing the Lord's Song in a strange land' Psalm 137

Our doors may be closed but we are still open for business as we learn to do church in a different way during this unprecedented situation we find ourselves in

The Archbishop's write –

'Being a part of the Church of England is going to look very different in the days ahead. Our life is going to be less characterised by attendance at church on Sunday, and more characterised by the prayer and service we offer each day. We may not be able to pray with people in the ways that we used to, but we can certainly pray for people. And we can certainly offer practical care and support.

Then by our service, and by our love, Jesus Christ will be made known, and the hope of the gospel – a hope that can counter fear and isolation – will spread across our land'

We are urged to become a different sort of church in these coming months: hopeful and rooted in the offering of prayer and praise and overflowing in the service to the world.

If you are isolated in any way and would like some help with **shopping or medication collection** then please contact Sam Kimpton Smith
Contact Sam on 07798 722 957

If you have any **Concerns, or would just like a friendly chat** to then please contact Audrey Griffiths

Contact Audrey on 01928 788 535 M: 07981 806 107

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Normally in a crisis the church is the place people come to for prayer and support. With this virus we have a duty of care to protect people and to keep physical contact to a minimum. Even touching a pew that someone else has touched could pass on the virus as we don't always know who has the illness. Therefore for everyone's safety the Church and Church Halls must remain closed for the foreseeable future.

Funerals will be at graveside only with just immediate family present maximum of 5 people including the clergy.

Weddings - clergy, bride and groom and the two witnesses making a maximum of 5 people

Baptisms are suspended for the time being.

Our website is the best way of getting information and we will be updating this as and when we get information to share. **www.nck.org.uk**

We look forward to the time when we can once again open the doors and come together as a worshipping community.

We are holding our communities in prayer

'May the peace of God which passes all understanding keep our hearts and minds in knowledge and love of God'

Rev'd Hilary Merrington

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KNVI & CORONAVIRUS

Sadly the Kingsley Institute will be closed temporarily, due to Coronavirus. We will open again as soon as government advice tells us that it is safe to do so.

Individual tennis members are still welcome to play on the courts, until we are advised by the LTA that this should not continue.

THANK YOU

Ron & Maureen Nield of Top Road wish to thank our families, friends and neighbours for all the generous offers of support and help, with all sorts of things, during our current situation. We appreciate it so much. We're doing ok, and will not hesitate to ask if necessary. Stay safe everyone, and please God, we will all get through.

We've had such support and wish to thank everyone.

As always, the Kingsley news is well read & very much appreciated, so thank you to you, and all your team.

Thinking of you all & wishing you good luck throughout this bad time.

Thank you all.

Litter Pick Update

On the 21st March 10 of the litter pick team collected 13 bags of litter from around the village.

I have now suspended all official litter picks for the foreseeable future. However, everyone who was there today has taken equipment with the intention of trying to keep our village tidy. We will resume our collections when it is safe.

Thank you to our dedicated team for all their work and to anyone that picks up litter (please remember to wear gloves).

In this difficult time let's try to keep Kingsley safe.

Eila Birtwistle (Litter pick coordinator)

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Daffodils: toxic to dogs and cats. The whole plant is toxic not just the bulb. Daffodil flowers contain small crystals that can cause severe tissue irritation.

Oleander: Every part of the Oleander plant is poisonous to dogs and cats. Can be fatal if ingested.

TOXIC CHOCOLATE

NO amount of chocolate is safe for your dog or cat.

Chocolate contains an ingredient called theobromine which is poisonous to dogs and cats and is naturally found in the cocoa beans used to make chocolate.

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