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Welcome to the April 22 edition of the Kingsley News,

Spring is certainly in the air, at last the clocks have gone forward and the days are finally getting longer.

In this month's edition you will see that we now have a range of activities planned for the coming months. At the end of this month the Mid Cheshire 5k run is coming to the village, this time a group of us (Fun Runners) will also be participating in this our first race. During the winter months we have been meeting weekly at the playing fields and have been working our way slowly through the couch to 5k timetable. Many of us have never run before so do come along and wave us on as we will certainly be needing some encouragement!

After two years absence due to Covid, The Red Bull are now busy planning their Spring Fair. The fair is taking place on Sunday 1st May. There will be traditional fair-ground games, a boat race in the brook, a dog show and the formal crowning of the May Queen. Please come along and join in the fun, there will be something for all the family and all proceeds will be going to local causes.

For anyone that is seeking a different form of exercise, we are pleased to welcome a new weekly Tai Chi class to the Community Centre. Expert trainer, Kam Lau will be running the class from 12.30pm to 1.30pm each Monday starting from 9th May. Booking in advance is necessary and you can reserve your place by contacting Kam direct at liverpooltaichi@gmail.com

Finally, in this edition, Cliff Maddock has very kindly taken us on another historic tour of our village. This time Cliff explores the local businesses without a shop front but who also serviced the needs of the village. Cliff has also provided several photographs, which I will upload onto the online edition of the Kingsley News.

Thank you to all our contributors this month, it is much appreciated.

Wishing you all a very happy Easter.

Best wishes

Heather

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Kingsley Parish Council April 2022

The Parish Council met by Zoom for the March 2022 meeting, and there was a single member of the public in attendance by Zoom. The next Parish Council Meeting will be on April 19th 2022, at 7pm will be held in the Green Room at Kingsley Community Centre.

It was reported that quotations have now been received from contractors for the repair of the gravestones and memorials in Kingsley Cemetery following the recent vandalism. These have now been forwarded to the Council's insurers for their consideration. It was also reported that a resident had brought to the Council's attention, damage to the grass on their relative's grave. This was investigated and it is believed that this was most likely caused by Badgers as there were a number of other damaged patches throughout the graveyard.

Quotations have also been received from contractors for essential repairs / maintenance to the playground and gym equipment as identified under the recent annual RoSPA safety inspection. Instructions will now be issued to the contractors to undertake this work.

Work has recently started on clearing and preparing the proposed planting bed at the end of the Co-op car park. Once the contractor has finished, the Co-op will purchase suitable plants and the local staff will plant these out. It is hoped that this will be another measure to improve the appearance of the passage between the school and garage along with the mural painted last year.

The Parish Council agreed at the March meeting that in association with CWaC, a small wildflower "meadow" would be planted on the Kingsley Playing Field. The proposed site is in the area bounded by the existing rough grassed area to the left of the basket ball hoop, left to the tree line and up to the tarmac path. The area will be prepared and seeded by CWaC as part of their wildflower meadow initiative across the county. We would ask all residents to respect this area once it has been seeded. Kingsley St John's and Kingsley Community Primary will be invited to hold competitions to provide signage around the area. The Parish Council will be responsible for ongoing maintenance as part of the Playing Field contract issued annually.

Finally, the Parish Council has received two proposals for community events within the village for the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty the Queen over the June Bank Holiday. We await formal applications and more details will follow shortly. Should anyone else have any proposals for a community wide event please submit proposals on a Grant Application Form to be found on the Parish Council website

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On 22nd February a good number of Kingsley Walkers headed off to meet at a little car park high above the Sun Inn pub near Llangollen. The weather was pretty windy and with a few spots of rain at first, however it turned into brilliant sunshine and by the end of the day there wasn't a cloud in the sky. The walk covered 14 kilometres (9 miles) with 440 metres (1300 feet) of ascent. The climb from the car park was pretty steep and later there was a steep descent through some woods, (where we sheltered from the wind for our packed lunch) but mostly the slopes were fairly gentle. It is known as the Panorama route and it certainly lived up to its name with fabulous views over the Dee Valley and Castell Dinas Bran.

Some great photos were taken and they can be seen on the Kingsley Walkers Facebook page (this is a private group and an invitation can be sought from the email address below). Here you will also find more information on the walks and even GPX files for the technically minded.

On 8th March the short walk saw well over twenty people heading out to a car park near Neston. It was a windy day again but with no rain. The walk covered 5 miles with very little ascent and included sections on a disused railway and along the Dee Estuary where the bird experts pointed out Pochards and Egrets amongst others. Afterwards most people went on to the Boathouse in Parkgate for a tasty meal with more views over the estuary.



The walking group has two walks in most months. A short one of around 4-5 miles on the second Tuesday normally with the option of a pub lunch at the end. The longer walk is 8 - 10 miles on the fourth Tuesday in the month. New members are always welcome, if you are interested please email kingsleywalkerswa6@gmail.com.



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Mid Cheshire 5K Race Friday 29th April

The Mid-Cheshire 5k returns to Kingsley on Friday 29th April starting at 7.15pm when some of the country's best athletes will still be returning to the village. The race will also be welcoming members of the newly formed Kingsley Fun Runners.



There will be some disruption from around 7.00pm until approximately 8.00pm in the Ball Lane, Mill Lane and Crewood Common Road areas due to the course being closed to traffic. There will also be additional traffic in the area from around 6pm. Looking further ahead the summer staging of the race will take place on Friday 26th August. The summer race will incorporate the England Athletics 5k championships so the organisers are expecting an even stronger field.

Race Director Michael Harrington said "We are really grateful to the local community for their patience. This year we have the added interest of the new Kingsley Fun Runners taking part. I am sure they would love to see you all there cheering and making as much noise as possible.". For more information on the race visit www.runcheshire.com

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6.00 pm Holy Communion at Alvanley

Thursday 14th April – Maundy Thursday

7.00 pm Holy Communion at Kingsley

Friday 15th April – Good Friday

10.00 am Family Worship (*with Hot Cross Buns*)

2.00 pm Meditations at the Cross at Crowton

2.00 pm Meditations at the Cross at Alvanley

Sunday 17th April - Easter Day

8.30 am Holy Communion at Crowton

10.00 am Holy Communion

at Alvanley, Crowton, Kingsley and Norley

Mid-week Holy Communion at 10.00 am

Thursday 7th April at Crowton and Thursday 28th April at Kingsley

We wish everyone a Blessed and Peaceful Easter

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A historic stroll around Kingsley

On our previous imaginary stroll around the village of yesteryear, we revived memories of those who serviced our requirements through retail shops or other premises.

For a second stroll, I would like to recall those who served us without retail premises, those tradesmen who saw to our needs by the skill of their hands.

I will start, as last time, on 'The Hurst' where I was born and raised until I left home to seek my fortune in Birmingham in my mid-20s. I can do no better than to mention my own father, 'Bob Maddock' who in addition to his normal employment as manager of Pollard's iron-mongers shop in Frodsham, was the village 'Mr. Fix-it', dealing with lawn-mowers, radios, clocks, farming equipment and a wide range of other items. His skills require a chapter of their own and I hope to recall some of his abilities in a future article.

The house where I lived, 'Derlwyn', opposite the Hurst chapel, was built by John Pimblott (or Pimlott), being one of a whole development of properties by him around that area of the village, stretching from Brookside (bottom of The Brow), up the Hurst Hill, along The Hurst, and then Chapel Avenue and Chapel Lane. I believe Mr. Pimblott was a Liverpudlian, and I recall him as of modest stature, bald-headed and with spectacles, perhaps in the mould of Captain Mainwaring of Dad's Army fame. Indeed, I believe there is a photograph in Fred Moores's archive of Mr. Pimblott in tin hat leading a Home Guard troop.

As a transport enthusiast, I am able to recall that his mode of transport was an Austin 'Ruby Seven' with the registration mark BUN but the subsequent numbers temporarily escape my memory until I find my boy-hood 'spotting book'.

Mr. Pimblott was also the village undertaker (at least, I don't recall any others) and he had a small yard at the side of his house near The Sarva. When Mr. Pimblott died, the undertaking business was taken-on by Leonard Eaton, another son of the village. Slightly further beyond Mr. Pimblott's premises was the residence of Billy Spruce, 'The Man from the Prudential' (insurance company) who lived in the bungalow standing above the road, named 'Balderstone Bank'. He was a well-built man with a cheery smile. I recall that he would give a brief knock on the house door and walk straight in with a hearty 'In, Gladys?' shout to my mother. That was how the village was in those days.

Moving in the other direction along The Hurst, we encounter the establishment of 'Fred Cooper', Potato Merchant, at 'Sunnyhurst'. The business has long-gone, but Fred's daughter Kathleen is still resident there, the other buildings and garages having been demolished or sold off.

I was fascinated to see an 'apple grader' in operation, separating out larger apples from smaller ones, prior to going to market in Liverpool. I was very proud to receive a shilling or two from Mr. Cooper for a punnet of blackberries which I had picked in the local field hedgerows. The business was started by Fred's father, also Fred, who lived opposite Sunnyhurst, and the lorries were originally shedded on that side of the road. The Coopers were also one of the three village coal merchants, the others being Tom Oultram and Dan Oultram, relatives but independent traders. Tom lived in Norley Lane, Crowton, and Dan lived at Staniford, and I believe his and his son John's business became 'big' in the energy supply business in the Runcorn area, taking advantage of the expansion of Runcorn as a New Town. Others may be able to expand on this. Cooper's lorries were always blue-painted Bedfords with gold lettering and scroll work, several being of the ubiquitous long-bonnet type, but later they did operate a type TK 'cab-over engine' flat-fronted model. They were all registered 'ED' indicating a Warrington registration.

We now meander round Bay Corner, and at Town Well was the residence of Eric Hughes, one of the village plumber tradesmen. Eric's house was formerly a pub. He drove an old Hillman Minx, registration mark CUF 377. We will pass the residence of the other village plumber shortly. Proceeding up 'Town Well', to the site of 'Maggie Green's - later 'Eddie Stubb's' - shop (described last time) we pass the market-garden premises of Eric Greatbanks on the right, to arrive at one of the village's two hostleries 'The Red Bull', in stark red brick, although in bygone years it was white-washed and thatched. The landlord(s) when I was a boy were two 'elderly' ladies, one named Miss Wetherall, and later by Sid Berry, who at one time wielded a useful bat as a cricketer for the villager side. (Village sporting clubs may be a topic for future articles).

Turning right 'at the top of the Brow' we travel round to 'The Cross', passing the site of Mr. Amos's shop (previously mentioned) and on the right the residence of the other village plumber, Tom Spruce. Tom was quite a large figure in the style of 'Les Dawson', seemingly always attached to a tobacco pipe, whilst his competitor, Eric Hughes, was of diminutive stature. As with all tradesmen, I don't know how customers chose which of them to employ, but Eric was always the one to repair our leaking pipes.

On The Cross was the residence of F. Littlemore and Son (Fred and Tom respectively) who were joiners and carpenters. They operated the business from a barn across the road in the grounds of Kingsley Hall, then owned by the Norcross family. The barns were demolished long ago and the site is now occupied by the village telephone exchange, always something I consider as an eyesore. Brian Moores started his career as an apprentice at the Littlemore's 'works', and I spent a few days there during my holidays earning a few shillings by nailing together potato trays. Brian and I would compete on speed - he invariably won. Tom had quite a large pre-war saloon car, a Morris Ten-Four, with the registration mark LV 7005.

Next month Cliff Maddock's stroll continues.....

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Easter 2022 Message from Rev'd. Canon Ron Iveson

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1 Corinthians 15:4, is the substance and centre of our faith. That Jesus is alive is the shorthand way of saying much more than just that he lives. When we say he is alive we say that he is who he said he is and that who he is, is vindicated by the fact that death had no hold on him. **The Lord is Risen, he is risen indeed**, as we say in the liturgy.

This is the staggering claim. Just think about it for a moment - we say that death is not all it seems, that life goes on for those who trust in Jesus. We say that Jesus rose from the dead! This is the claim, but what does it mean and how do we know it's true?

Let's think of the last question first. There are all kinds of ways of talking about the resurrection but the most significant is the facts of the reliability of the witnesses and the courage of the preaching, just think about Peter on the day of Pentecost, a changed man filled with faith and power.

Just think about the opposition, Rome the mightiest of armies, Israel, the most robust of religions and Greece the most persuasive of intellectual forces. These three things stood in the way of the gospel and one by one they showed their futility. A handful of men and women led a movement that overcame them all. How? A lie? An hallucination? A delusion? A dream? A fancy? A tall tale? Or A resurrection?

But there is more than this, just look at the glory of Jesus and who he is. He is the Son of God, the Lamb of God, the one who was slain, the one who calls people to himself for rest, the source of forgiveness, the seed of new life, the giver of the Spirit, the one who intercedes for his people, the one who is with his people to the end of the age, the one who is 'yes' to all of God's promises for us.

The one, who makes us like him, gives us his resurrection power, new life and new love. To name just a few things!

Do you want to know if this is true? Look at the facts of the story. Look also at the glory of the Man who is God, Jesus Christ.

Then look within and see, see his promises for you, his love for you and look at how he has changed your life and promises to change it.

There is power in the name of Jesus because he is the One sent of God for his people, and his people look upon him and see and hear **'He is not here he has risen'**

(Matthew 28:6) and say along with Thomas **'My Lord and my God!'** (John 20:28).

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Our very own KSJer, Emilia Johnson, is getting her hair chopped to support The Little Princess Trust charity. She has written to neighbours informing them of her plan and seeking sponsorship and set up a just giving page. This brave and courageous little girl will run a sweet stall in our school playground on the 28th March before heading off for the 'Big Chop.' Emilia has shown, compassion, dedication and courage in running this project. To date she has raised an astounding £590 to date. If you would like to contribute follow this link to the just giving page...

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Saturday 4th June

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KINGSLEY GARDEN CLUB

The next meeting of Kingsley Garden Club will be held on Monday 11th April in The Community Centre at 8.00 pm.

The speaker this month will be Marguerite Taylor. Marguerite is a horticultural tutor, garden designer & speaker. She is based in Central Lancashire & runs a series of weekly gardening classes across the area. The classes are focussed upon practical gardening & are very hands-on. They cover areas such as design & planning, propagation, pruning, problem solving & matching the right plants to a garden site to optimise its potential.

The title of her presentation is Propagating New Plants from Cuttings. This is very topical as we seek to regenerate our gardens after winter and give friends and plant stalls some of our favourite plants. Other jobs to do this month include dividing clumps of snowdrops and deadheading bulbs.

There are many gardens open for visiting now. Two very local ones are Stoneyford Cottage Nursery and Garden in Norley and Abbeywood Garden and Cafe, Oakmere. Good coffee/ tea and cakes at both these places. On Sunday 3rd April, Palm Place, Great Budworth will be open under the National Gardens Scheme.

We look forward to seeing members and friends on the 11th.

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Hello everyone ! Your local Kingsley (& surrounding areas) Brownie Unit here again with tales of our activities. We meet in Kingsley on Wednesday evenings, during school term time. Brownies as a group, is part of Guiding UK and is a fun leisure activity for girls aged 7-10 years.

Well....Brownies have had some interesting local history facts, for our History Badge. Ask them where we meet now and Brownies will tell you, that the Scout Hut is situated in the village of 'Chingslie' ! We also managed a walk, through part of the village, which enabled the Brownies to go back and 'map' some of the village landmarks. Places like Kingsley St John's church and the cemetery. It helped us see how history and geography can, quite often, go hand-in-hand.

The nights are getting lighter now and with the clocks leaping forward in March and (*hopefully*) the weather holding out – we'll be able to get out and about a little more.....fingers crossed !! BTW....'fingers crossed' can be traced back to the early Christian church, when people felt they were invoking Christ's blessing. See !!there's a bit of history in everything !

We're also planning on making something nice for Mothers' Day this term but don't tell anyone – because it's a secret !!

We are still desperately in need of at least two adult volunteers to take over our thriving Unit, here in Kingsley. We've had little/no interest so far and it's such a shame. **Please, please** spread the word – volunteering with Brownies is a very rewarding and enjoyable task. Contact us on the email below and we'd be glad to arrange to have a chat with you...

Don't forget – if you wish your child to join Brownies, just type '*register my daughter for Brownies*' into an internet search engine and it'll take you to the **Guiding UK** registration page, where you can input her details and nominate her preferred unit.....***simples !!***

As always thanks for listening....and if you have any queries – especially if you'd like to know more about joining us - please email kingsley_brownies@hotmail.co.uk. Sue (*Brown Owl*)



WORSHIP AT THE HURST METHODIST CHURCH

April 2022

Sunday 3rd April

10 am – Holy Communion led by: Revd. D Bintliff.

Sunday 10th April

10 am – Palm Sunday Worship led by: Revd. Charlotte Truman.

Sunday 17th April

7.30am - Simple Breakfast

8.15am – Holy Communion led by Revd. D. Bintliff.

10 am – Easter Worship led by Mr Paul Wilks

Please note if you wish to attend the Simple Breakfast prior to Holy Communion, please contact Brian or Jean Moores prior to the day.

Sunday 24th April

10 am - Morning Worship led by Mrs Elizabeth Holmes.

All are welcome to join.

Seating will be socially distanced and masks can be removed whilst seated, but should be worn whilst singing.

Coffee and Chat

Please come and join us each Tuesday morn 10.00 at the

Hurst Methodist Church

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

You will be most welcome

They're back – two of our pre lock down favourites – please come and join us

Tea at 2.30 – Thursday, 28th April 2022 at 2.30pm at The Hurst Chapel meeting room

Men's Brunch - Friday, 29th April 2022 at 10.30am at The Hurst Chapel meeting room



Kingsley WI

Our next meeting will be on

Wednesday 6th April at 7.30pm ,The Community Centre

This will be a performance by

Lostock Ukelele Band

The May meeting will be the annual meal

and the meeting on **June 1st** will be

‘Secrets of Health from the Beehive’

by Yvonne Mathews

For further information ring 01928 788873

or email janetlesleyfletcher@gmail.com

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

W/c Apr 3rd	Cooks Hill
W/c Apr 10th	Pike Lane, Wood Lane, The Clough
W/c Apr 17th	Roddy Lane and Beech Lane
W/c Apr 24h	Chapel Avenue

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