



KINGSLEY NEWS

JUNE 2014

The news and voice of your village
Community

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One representative from each of the affiliated groups and clubs (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 June we think of, and pray for people living in: -

W/c June 1st Horesehoe Close
W/c June 8th Acres Crescent
W/c June 15th Beechview Road
W/c June 22nd Hunters Hill and Dodgsley Drive
W/c June 29th Higher Heyes Drive

We invite you to add your own prayers

WELCOME TO A NEW WEBSITE
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for more information.

EDITORIAL NEWS AND VIEWS

Dear Readers

It seems the gardening season is now in full swing as there is an Open Garden event organised by the The Hurst Methodist Church. and a Garden Party in aid of local charity Medcare. There is also a request for a group of neighbours interested in transforming their back gardens into a communal space!

There are other requests from charities who are looking for donations of items as diverse as socks for the homeless through to tools for a community project. Have a look in your sheds, it's amazing what lurks at the back of the shed unused that may be helpful to someone else.

Our quarterly local produce market will be on 21st June, can't believe how quickly this excellent market comes round.

Finally, I would just like to remind everyone that there will not be a magazine in August, this gives all our volunteers a well earned break. Therefore if anyone wishes to advertise an event being held during August or September, I need your ads by the 21st June for inclusion in the July edition.

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

7TH JUNE 2014

**KINGSLEY'S OPEN GARDEN EVENT WITH
THE HURST METHODIST CHURCH**

A FUNDRAISING EVENT FOR MERCY HOUSE, THAILAND

TICKETS £6 TO INCLUDE LUNCH OR TEA

A FREE EVENT FOR CHILDREN (PICK UP AN 'I SPY' QUIZ)

Visits welcome from 12 noon until 4pm at:

Mount Pleasant, Top Road hosted by Chris & John Woulds

Wisteria Cottage, The Hurst hosted by Amanda & Andrew Stothert

****GARDENING CLUB PLANT SALE HERE ****

Holly Cottage, Chapel Lane hosted by Jo Holloway

**Refreshments served at The Hurst Methodist Church with the
opportunity to enjoy the award winning Community Peace Garden:**

Choose options:

A Light Lunch from 12—2pm *OR*

TICKETS FROM:

**ALL PARTICIPATING GARDENS—HOLLANDS PHARMACY —
JEAN 787442—JENNY 07941 203 496**



THANK YOU

We would like to say thank you to everyone for the many cards and messages of sympathy over the past weeks. Also for the help and support during Ceri's illness, especially Janet and David, Keith and Ros and Norman.

Thank you to Rev. Rugan and all at St John's Church and to everyone who came to Ceri's Service of Thanksgiving with garden flowers, decorating the windowsills in the Church. Donations to Prostate Cancer UK received at the Service amounted to £1244.

Hattie would like to thank all who sponsored her for the Manchester Marathon in April. She completed the Marathon in 4 hours 7 minutes, raising £2364 for Prostate Cancer UK.

Carol Rees, William and Hattie.

KINGSLEY ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST PARISH CHURCH

Vicar. Revd. Pete. Rugen. 01928 787180

June 1	09:30	Holy Communion	
June 8	<i>PENTECOST</i>		
	09:30	Morning Worship	
June 15	<i>TRINITY SUNDAY</i>		
	09:30	Holy Communion	
	11:15	All Age Service	
June 18	10:00	Holy Communion	
June 22	10:00	Holy Communion	(at Crowton)
	18:30	Encounter	Contemporary Worship
June 29	to be announced		

ALL ARE VERY WELCOME

Litter Pick Update

The May litter pick had 9 of our team removing 10 full bags of litter from the village. Thank you to those who pick up litter and help to keep our village tidy.

The next litter picks will be on Saturday 7th June and Saturday 5th July.

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.

NEWS & VIEWS FROM YOUR LOCAL FAMILY FARM

May has seen ideal growing conditions for our crops: heavy thundery showers between hot and sunny spells. Wheat and barley and oilseeds look really well. Grass is thick and ready to cut for silage and with no late frosts, we started lifting the early potatoes on 9th May. Now available for sale at HATLEY FARM, FRODSHAM: follow the signs from Netherton Hall Pub. The old saying 'Rain in May for corn and hay' is very true.

There has been a glorious display of hawthorn blossom, horse chestnut, bluebells, cow parsley and red campion flowers this Spring.

I noticed several weeks ago that although all our Oak trees had come into leaf this Spring, none of our older Ash trees had shown any signs of life. Even into May they showed no indication they were still alive. I wondered whether Ash Dieback disease had killed them off during the winter. I was dreading the job of cutting them down and clearing them up – we have a large amount of old ash trees! On the bright side, I would have had enough logs to last me ten years. Now, towards the end of May they are finally putting some new leaves out and seem to be OK. There is an old saying 'If oak leaves are out before ash we are in for a splash (ie. not much rain this summer), but if ash leaves are out before oak, we are in for a soak'. So the signs are for a good summer. Finger crossed. Time will tell.

The situation in the Ukraine continues. Ukraine is one of the world's major grain producers, and it is exported through the Black Sea at Crimea. Understandably the grain trade has been a bit nervous with recent events, and if the situation deteriorates and civil war ensues, the wheat price could shoot up.

Last month, I wrote that we were waiting and waiting for our last ewe Lulu to lamb. She was showing no signs of starting; she just sat there chewing her cud. Then one day during the last week of April, she suddenly started and popped three lambs out within half an hour. Two girls and a boy. We named them A B & C as they were identical. All were soon stood up and drinking. We made sure they all got their fair share of first milk, and she continues to feed all three who are thriving. Another lambing season over. Phew!!

We have several broody hens and geese sitting on nests of eggs at the present time, and to date one bantam hen has hatched three goslings!!! All doing fine, and their photo is on FACEBOOK Also one hen is just hatching some chicks as I write.

We are holding a **WARBURTONS POTATO DAY** at HATLEY FARM, FRODSHAM WA6 6XX on Saturday 14th JUNE 2014 from 10 am. Come and take a trailer ride to the potato fields, see the potatoes being harvested and meet the animals in the croft. All welcome. Free entry.

Graham Warburton - Warburtons Farms (Now on FACEBOOK)

Kind Regards

01928 788329

e-mail: warbies.depmore@btinternet.com

SOCK CRISIS - CHESTER AID TO THE HOMELESS (C.A.T.H.)

Thank you again to all the Kingsley people who so generously support us with donations of food, clothes, and household items. We are thriving during this difficult time due to all the support we get, even though the demand for our services continues to grow.

We cannot meet the demand for MENS SOCKS at the moment, so if anyone can help with the odd pair that lurk unworn in the back of a drawer we can make very good use of them.

Thank you again....Carol Davies 01928 787312



Want to do something fulfilling?

Want to be involved?

Castle Park has a dynamic Arts Centre, with a lively café, and we are currently looking for new Trustees. To get involved, you do not need to be art orientated but just to have a willingness to help a charity that seeks to enrich its development by bringing art and culture to Frodsham and its environs.

Interested?

Please contact Kim Horton (01928) 735832 or email on artscentreincastlepark@btinternet.com



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KINGSLEY THEATRE GROUP



JERSEY BOYS

Wednesday 1st October 2014

At the Palace Theatre Manchester

Ticket price £40 plus £13 for transport

Total cost £53 per person

Jersey Boys tells the true life story of four boys from the wrong side of the tracks who wrote their own songs, invented their own unique sound, and sold 175 million records worldwide. Featuring hits including 'Beggin'', 'Can't take my eyes off you', and many more.

.Ring Ray Wilson for availability - 787678

The Hurst Souperstars'

SOUP LUNCH

Monday 9th June Noon to 1.00pm

Home-made Soups, Puddings,

Tea and Coffee

- only £2.50 all in.

All proceeds this month in aid of Mission Aviation Fellowship

Do please come along. If you have not been before you will be warmly welcomed and enjoy a friendly chat whilst eating delicious home-made food. This is for all young and older people and do please bring a friend or 2.

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**DO YOU WANT TO CREATE THE OUTSIDE SPACE OF
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We are looking to make the ultimate back garden for a group of neighbours who would be willing to transform their own back gardens into an amazing communal space.

It doesn't matter whether you are a seasoned gardener or a horticultural virgin – we have a team of experts who will advise and help you to create your very own Garden of Eden.

**For more information call Victoria or Felicity on 0207 907 3470
or email: communalgarden@silverriver.tv**



Mums & Toddler Group

Friday mornings 9-11.30am

(term time only)

Contact: 01244 981300

Kingsley Community Primary
School

All welcome

Admission £1



Is life so full that you're meeting yourself coming back?

Would you like to stop just for a moment?

Do you catch glimpses of another dimension but never have time to think about that?

Do you have a sense of the spiritual but don't see yourself as 'religious'?

Do you think there might be 'something out there', but you're not sure what?

If you answered YES to one or more, give yourself a present this Christmas of some time out to connect with your inner self.



Sacred Space

First Sunday in every month

6.30 - c.7.15 p.m.

Christ Church, Crowton

A quiet time in a peaceful place.

Bathe in the stillness.

Drink in God's Word.

Be refreshed by the Holy Spirit.

Go out soothed and equipped for the week ahead.

NEWS FROM KINGSLEY CRICKET CLUB

- Junior Cricket Programme in full swing
- Shirt Sponsors Support Junior teams
- Roundtable support sees new kitchen installed
- Kingsley XI set to play Cheshire Cobra Visually Impaired Team

A huge programme of junior fixtures have now been published on the Kingsley CC website and we are now offering junior coaching sessions every Friday (with our Under 18s training on Tuesdays from 6.30pm).

In 2014 our junior teams are sponsored by Fob Architecture, Matt Godwin Electrical and Lyndon Ellams Plumbing and Heating - our junior shirt sponsors. Their support is a vital contribution to our extensive junior cricket programme - and without our sponsors we could not provide the coaching and opportunities to play cricket that so many local children enjoy. We are grateful for their support.

There are opportunities get involved as a parent, helper, coach or sponsor just speak to any coach or a member of the team who run the bar on Fridays. You can help by supporting our sponsors, buying a pint or two at our refurbished bar or becoming a sponsor yourself.

Sponsoring the match balls for a junior or senior match doesn't cost very much - but it contributes to junior kit, coaching courses and ensuring we have great facilities for all of our teams - and if you want to publicise your business or mark a special occasion we are now signing up sponsors for our famous beer festival in September.

We also have three dates in the diary when we'll be hosting bbq's at the Croft to coincide with Junior coaching sessions on Fridays - these are planned for 16 May, 13 June and 18 July. The last date will be Junior presentation night. We'll confirm the dates and times on the website but we hope to see many parents, friends and supporters at these events.

On the 20th July a Kingsley CC XI will be taking on The Cheshire Cobras Visually Impaired team at The Croft – with the bar open throughout the game it will be a great afternoon to enjoy a drink and show your support for one of our County Teams.

We hope to see you at The Croft soon.

Kingsley CC

Kingsley Baby and Toddler Group

Wednesday morning 9.15-11.30 in the school hall at Kingsley St John's primary school.

£1.00 per family inc tea/coffee, biscuits.

Sausage sandwiches provided by the school cook for 50p! Or toast 25p a slice.

Pop along for a brew, brekkie and a chat. All welcome.

1st time taster session free.

More info tel. Jo-787598.



The Horseshoe Inn,
Kingsley
June- What's on?



Wednesdays 10:00A.M T.L.C group, all welcome, join us for a coffee and lively chat.

Saturday 7th June - 9:30P.M - Live Music with "Retro"

Sky and BT sports showing live coverage of the World Cup – starting Saturday 14th June, support England at your local sports pub!

Don't forget, Father's Day Sunday 15th June – Family BBQ with bouncy castle for the kids!

Folk Night, Tuesday 17th June 9:30P.M - come along to listen, or bring your instruments and join in!

Saturday 28th - 9:00P.M. - Live Music with "No Excuses"

Food – Breakfast served 9:00A.M-11:00A.M, Main Menu 12:00-9:00P.M.

Poker Thursdays! All levels welcome, 8:00P.M start!

Friday Steak Night – two Sirloin steaks with a glass of red or white wine for £20!

Bring the kids, bring the dog, even bring the horse –enjoy your pub inside, or outside in our beer garden.

The Horseshoe Inn, Hollow Lane Kingsley
Contact Tel: 01928 788554

Kingsley

COMMUNITY
PRIMARY &
NURSERY
SCHOOL



Krick Cricket Winners!! The story so far...

Undeterred by the weather forecast and grey skies the year 5 Cricket team from Kingsley Community Primary were full of excitement as they made their way to the tournament at Frodsham Cricket Club.

The drizzle couldn't dampen their enthusiasm as they warmed up in the nets and prepared for their long anticipated day of Kwik cricket.

With excellent teamwork and a great bowling display our team won all their morning matches to progress into the afternoon final with Helsby Hillside.

It was an exciting and at times nail biting match with Kingsley ultimately holding their nerve and

winning the match.

After proudly receiving their medals they now look forward to the Kwik Cricket School Sport Partnership final which will be held on the afternoon of June 12 at Kingsley Cricket Club.

Many thanks to the Cheshire Oaks School Sport Partnership for organising this and many more fantastic sporting events.

Ofsted

'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.'

Forrester (Sales) Ltd at Kingsley is an independent family owned business. It has a turnover of £25 million and is one of the leading UK suppliers of raw, cooked and coated chicken products to both the retail and foodservice sectors. Kingsley News talks to Directors Heidi, Tim and Angus

We are recruiting!

Forresters began life in 1972, but it relocated to its current site in Kingsley in 1995 and quickly became established as a "local company". The company employs around 100 staff – the majority of whom live within a 10 mile radius and 25% of whom have worked for the company for more than ten years. Heidi says "We are currently recruiting for production operatives and warehouse staff, so if you, or anyone you know, is currently looking for work, please contact Rose Hilditch on 07725 939947"

Active in the local community

The company is very active in the local community. Earlier this year it donated £500 towards developing IT at Kingsley St. John's School. It has also donated vouchers and hampers to the school's Christmas raffle and to a raffle held by Kingsley & District Nursery. Tim commented: "We are conscious that we are a large organisation, based in a small village, so it is important to us that we add value to the local community. We are always happy to donate hampers or

vouchers to good causes". So far in 2014, Forresters has supported fundraising at Little Overton Pre-School, Alvanley & Manley Church Spring Fair, Frodsham Show, St Luke's Hospice, Frodsham Festival and the Hare & Hounds at Crowton..

All requests for support are considered so if you are working to raise money for a good cause and need a raffle prize, please email: hdn@forresterschicken.co.uk

Supporting British Farmers

Angus commented: "We now process over 300 tonnes of chicken per week at the Kingsley site– the majority of which comes from British Farms with the rest being sourced from farms across Europe".

Factory shop

He concluded: "The company is still growing - in 2011, new offices were opened on the site together with an on site shop which stocks a full range of fresh and frozen chicken products, sold to the local community at wholesale prices".





Kingsley & District Nursery

St. Johns C of E Primary School,

Nursery Assistant Required

Each Monday 8.45am – 3.15pm

(Term-time only)

Desirable skills: NVQ level 2 (in childcare)

First Aid Certificate

Closing date: 12/06/2014

DBS checks will be applied for and all references checked

For further information contact

the Nursery (Tamsyn) on 01928 787903

<http://www.kingsleyanddistrictnursery.co.uk>



KINGSLEY & NEWTON VILLAGE INSTITUTE

Top Road, Kingsley

Events for June 2014

Monday	Bingo	9th & 23rd	7.00pm
“	Zumba	Every week	6.00pm
Tuesday	Spanish	Every week	9.45am
“	Line dancing	Every week	7.45pm
Thursday	Quiz	5th & 19th	8.00pm

We would like to remind everyone that the yearly subs are now due. Please call in the club every evening or ring 01928 788505 to pay or for any enquiries.

We would like to thank all our bowlers for their quick response for payment

The club is available for hire for parties. We provide a good catering service and you don't have to be a member to hire the room.

ROOM AT THE TOP

Rooms with kitchen facilities available for hire at The Hurst Methodist Church.

Ideal for children's parties etc. Moderate charges.

Contact Brian Moores on 787442

Kingsley, Norley & Crowton Mother's Union

We had an excellent meeting on April 24th when John Cook talked to us about the 'Cotton Mills of Swinton', quite a few members had grown up in areas where the cotton mills thrived and the talk brought back many memories. John had illustrated slides with him that showed how the industry had developed, James Hargreaves invented the spinning jenny in 1764, Richard Arkwright was responsible for the spinning frame in 1769 and these machines meant that cotton could be spun and woven into cloth at a faster rate than previously. Working in the mills became a family occupation and sign language and lip-reading was necessary in order to communicate as the noise was horrendous. Working in the mills was dangerous, the cotton shuttles were heavy, John brought one for us to look at and if one of those flew off the machine and hit you, it would cause a nasty injury or worse! The first Factory Act in 1819 improved the lives of children in the mill, those under the age of 10 years were only allowed to work 12 hours a day! There must have been a lot of respiratory illnesses as the factories were full of white fluff and the workers used to go home covered with it. The miners used to go home covered in coal dust and the two together became known as black and white minstrels! John had brought samples of towels and cloth that had been woven in 1923 for us to handle as well as an assortment of spindles. The talk gave us an insight into social history as well as the cotton industry and we thank John very much for his great presentation.

May 22nd we are learning about 'Fiddle Pinnies and Muffs' which are useful for people with dementia, it allows them to feel different textures and items attached to the pinny and helps them occupy their hands. Pam Owens is bringing materials along so we can make some, there is nothing as good as a bit of craft and a good chat!

June 5th is our day out with the Sisters of the Way Retreat on the Wirral. We shall be meeting at 9am in the Church car park to enable an early start. Please contact Pam Owens 732508 or Pam Lee 787343 if you are interested in joining us.

Frodsham and District Choral Society

Saturday 5th July at 7.30pm
St Laurence's Church, Frodsham

FDCS will be raising the roof with Carl Orff's Carmina Burana and Karl Jenkins' The Armed Man Choral Suite. They will be using two pianists, Robert Woods and Lauren Hibberd, as well as the Manchester Percussion group and wonderful soloists Heather Heighway, Peter Fayle and David Usher. The Conductor will be Howard Kane.

Tickets cost £10 and are available from Frodsham Frames, Val Armstrong on 01829 751867 or Ros Rowe on 01928 733247.

LATEST NEWS FROM KINGSLEY ST JOHN'S SCHOOL

June 2014

Ofsted Success for KSJ

Outstandingly Good!

Following a frantic few days of inspection, Kingsley St John's is very pleased to announce, that Ofsted have established an overall judgment of "Good" with outstanding features for the behaviour and safety of pupils and the extent to which the school enhances pupils' social, moral, spiritual and cultural development.

The report is quoted as saying "pupil behaviour is outstanding...they (the pupils) have an extremely positive attitude to learning." The pupils say they "enjoy coming to this school as it is a very friendly school and we all get on together."

"Parents, staff and pupils are very positive (one parent having described the school as 'a big hug')..... and pupils are very keen to learn, showing a great deal of interest and enthusiasm in all that they do"

Pupils at this school "are willing to take on responsibilities to make the school a better place and wear their uniform with pride....."

Rachel Jones, Headteacher at Kingsley St John's said "we are delighted with the recognition of the hard work that takes place here. This school is so careful to meet the needs of every unique pupil. It is wonderful to have that recognised. This school is well on its way to a judgment of outstanding. It is an extremely positive place to be at the moment."



In other news Class 3 took part in the local schools Kwik Cricket tournament. They braved, rain, wind and cold and put in some fantastic performances with great enthusiasm, team spirit and motivation. Well done team!

SPORTS DAY will be on Tuesday 3rd June at 1.30pm—with an alternate date of Thursday 5th June

Kingsley St John's CE Primary School

is holding a **Summer Fair** on the **19th July** and would like to invite the Kingsley Community to join in this event.

Anyone who would like to have a stall, advertise their business or can offer any help or support, we would love to hear from you!

Please contact Sam Shimmin at the school on

01928 788536



"The behaviour of pupils and their attitudes to learning are exemplary."

"The care and welfare of pupils are at the heart of the school's work." (Ofsted 2014)

Tel: 01928 788536

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SUMMER DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 14 June** Warburtons Potato Day, Hatley Lane, Frodsham.
10am - 5pm Potato harvesting demo. Trailer rides to potato fields and talks about farming methods. Sheep, Lambs, hens, geese, ducks and Cracker the old hack will be there for visitors to look at and feed.
- 21 June** Local Produce Market, Kingsley Community Centre
9.30am - 1.00pm Come along and sample a wide variety of produce including; Meat, Bread, Cheese, Cakes, Jams and Vegetables with an array of crafts such as Jewellery, Cards and Bags etc
- 12 & 13 July** Frodsham Summer Festival, Saltworks
Lots of activities including It's a Knockout competition and a Tug of War contest.

If you would like to participate in any of our local projects or more detail about the events listed above please contact Simon Sherlock on 787813 or Allan Arthur on 07785 341361

Frodsham Transition Initiative meet every:

- first Tuesday at Costa coffee 2.15pm
- third Thursday of the month at Queens Head, Frodsham 7.30pm.

Do you want to be involved or kept up-to date? Then please email frodshamtransition@gmail.com or ring/text Allan on 07785 341361

Kingsley Transition Initiative meet at The Red Bull, 7.30pm generally on the third Tuesday of the month - contact simon@sherlock.co.uk for details of the next meeting.

KTI HAVE A VACANCY FOR A TREASURER

This small and straightforward role primarily involves keeping records of income and expenditure. The Treasurer is a joint signatory of KTI cheques, collects dues and pays cash to bank as well as being a member of the KTI steering group.

If you wish to apply for this post please contact Simon on 01928 787813

The Kingsley Trades Group meets every month for breakfast. The objective of the group is to promote local trades people to the residents of the local area. Our existing members are AT YOUR SERVICE.....

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Steven Curwell – T8 Design Ltd

Tel: 01928 788738

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Peter Littlemore – Kingsley Travel

Tel: 07803 125338

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INTRODUCTION

This report highlights the activities and business of the Council for the financial year ending **31st March 2014**. This is an abridged version, the full report being on the village website.

MEMBERS

Cllr. F.Crane (Chairman)	787629	Cllr. D. Moores	787199
Cllr. G. Warburton (Vice Chairman)	788329	Cllr. G. Griffiths	788535
Cllr. R.Wilson	787678	Cllr. C. Jones	788567
Cllr. Gwillim	789098	Cllr. D. Riley	787322
Cllr. Fletcher	788873	Cllr. J. Cliff	788470
Cllr. M. Goodridge	788917	Mrs. D. Woods (Clerk)	739400

Playing fields

The play areas continue to be well used. The surface where the "swing see-saw" hits the soft pour, has been scored and will be replaced when the weather is appropriate. No other equipment has required any major maintenance. The area is inspected weekly by the Parish Council and annually by a contractor.

The Kingsley Litter Pick continue to help keep the playing field clear of litter, as do the dog walkers.

After complaints about dogs on the play equipment area, signs have been posted asking dog walkers to keep their dogs away from the play areas.

Thanks to the team who open and close the gate leading into the playing field.

Cemetery

The cemetery has been ticking over nicely this year. We had the footpaths repaired and resurfaced last spring to make them more level and safer to walk on.

The roadside railings were cleaned and painted last summer, and we have decided to replace the old railing on the western boundary of the cemetery. These are the original railings from 1894 and are beyond repair. Jacksons Fencing has been appointed to renew them and are due to start on 24th March 2014.

We are also looking into renovating the Cenotaph War Memorial in readiness for the Centenary of WW1. We have approached the War Memorials Trust as they may be able to provide some funding.

Highways/Traffic & Transport

As most residents will know, the Parish Council has extremely limited powers to address many of the specific traffic and highway problems raised by local residents but we will continue to work with and lobby officers and Councillors at CWAC to resolve as many as we can. Some of the key areas where we have been working in 2013/4 are set out below:

- *Speed Limits assessment:*

We have participated in and responded to CWACs speed limit review of main roads in and around Kingsley. We await the final conclusions from their report but do expect changes to be made to the speed limits on some roads soon.

- *Solar Powered signage:*

We successfully lobbied CWAC to undertake a speed survey of traffic using Top Road/Brookside, following concerns raised by many local residents. The results did indicate that speeding does take place on a level that would convince CWAC to install a solar

powered speed warning sign. Kingsley Parish Council have agreed to contribute towards the cost of the signage once CWAC prioritise installation at this location.

- *Salt and Grit bins:*

We continue to lobby CWAC to provide replacement salt/grit bins in several locations to replace those that are badly damaged.

- *The Nab footpath:*

Working with CWAC, Kingsley Parish Council part-funded the resurfacing of the path along The Nab, which was suffering from water logging and erosion. The new surface will allow people to enjoy this pleasant route once again.

- *Highway signage:*

We have decided to fund the refurbishment the old sign on The Brow – a prominent Kingsley landmark – and expect this to be completed by the end of May 2014. We are also working with CWAC to replace several other signs around the village that are either badly damaged or no longer required.

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Footpaths

A Footpath Survey is nearing completion and it is pleasing to note that the majority of the footpaths are in good order.

Village Enhancement

2013/14 has been another very successful year in terms of village enhancement.

Over the summer months, 17 hanging baskets were displayed around the village. We also drained and refilled two of the large planters at The Cross. Many thanks to those local residents who have now agreed to maintain them.

Our new community noticeboard was erected in August on land belonging to Kingsley St. Johns School. This replaced the three old boards in this location. The Parish Council would like to thank CW&C Councillor Ralph Oultram for his generous contribution towards the noticeboard and Nick Mort Builders for doing a great job of installing it. The noticeboard is available to anyone in the community who wishes to display leaflets about forthcoming events and activities. It also contains useful local information, such as bus routes, as well as Parish Council notices.

Another 5000 spring bulbs were planted at several locations around the village last October. Many thanks again to Catherine Tweedie for organising the project, to CW&C for their financial contribution and, of course, to the 30 or so volunteers who helped to plant them. The daffodils, crocuses and bluebells are just starting to bloom and we are sure you will agree that they really add a colourful touch to the verges around the village.

In the autumn, we were delighted to report that the Hurst Peace Garden had been awarded a Little Gem award at the annual Community Pride awards. The judges' award Little Gems to areas around Cheshire that they feel are outstanding in some way. We all agreed that it is a real asset to the community.

In December, we added to our annual festive display by lighting up the Millennium Oak tree opposite the Red Bull pub. A small switch on ceremony was held and was attended by children from the Methodist Church.

We have recently sent the heritage 'Main Road' sign to a specialist company for a complete renovation. These types of 'Prewarboy' signs are apparently now quite rare and we agreed that as it is a special feature of Kingsley, it should be restored back to its original condition.

K.U. 17s

Since the 2013 Chairman's report to the Council there have been a number of changes to the operation of the club. The key change has been our success in moving from parent/volunteer supervision of sessions to recruitment of three local Youth Workers who have 'hands on' responsibility for the weekly sessions, and for engaging with members and organising activities. The YWs operate on a rotational basis.

In addition, and as described in the 2013 report, we have

- created a website which publicises the club and activities, and hosts updated control documentation
- updated the SRB check to cover all adults involved in running the club
- reinstated the funded/subsidised trips requested by the club members, including
 - o an evening of wall-climbing at Warrington's 'Rock Face'
 - o attendance at the Kingsley Players Pantomime
 - o an evening of bowling at Cheshire Oaks

Other plans are in place for activities both during the weekly sessions and as occasional one-day events during the school holidays. We also plan to run summer term sessions taking advantage of the nearby park/playing field for organised games

For 2014, we see the current relatively low attendance as the main challenge to the club's continued operation, and think that the maturation of some older members, as well as the fine summer of 2013 have been contributing factors to the fall in attendance. However, with a drive on publicity at the lower age range, and the energy and enthusiasm of our new YWs to offer more activities identified by members themselves during weekly sessions, we expect to reverse this trend in the coming months.

The primary objective remains to ensure the KU17s club remains a fun, social and safe hub for young people aged 10 –17.

Kingsley Web

The website is still providing the village with an extremely useful and well used information resource. Overall visits this year are up 4.33% to 9206 and average visit time has decreased to 1 minutes and 55 seconds, and number of pages per visit has decreased to 3.2 from 3.55 again this year both implying that people are becoming increasingly familiar with the site and get their information quicker.

Again this year there is an increasing use by tablets and phone operating systems, and Simon has working on a new version of the website which will start to be rolled out in the next few weeks.

The face book page continues to provide a valuable resource for lively discussion about the issues that affect the village and its membership has continued to grow this year.

Increasingly the Kingsley face book page is being used for advertising events and provides great benefit in this respect by pushing this content to members and hopefully improves village participation.

As always if anyone has any suggestions on how to improve the offerings please let me know.

Finally I would like to offer my heartfelt thanks to Simon Sherlock for all the efforts he puts in to maintaining the website and keeping on top of items that are sent for posting!

Chairman's Overview

It has been a great pleasure and privilege to be chairman of Kingsley Parish Council this year. It does mean I get to meet many different people and be involved in what goes on in the village, which has been really interesting. Kingsley has a notable sense of community, which all residents have a stake in keeping alive. The village has a strong history and the Parish Council makes efforts to be sympathetic to that history. We also have worked to improve the environment and safety within the village. I wish to thank Doreen Wood, our Parish Clerk and all Parish Councillors who have given their invaluable support.

Doreen Wood and I attended the Cheshire Community Pride awards ceremony in November and we were very proud to receive a Little Gem Award for the Peace Garden at the Hurst Methodist Church.

The Council has been working to improve the environment in the village by working in partnership with Cheshire West and Chester Council to improve signage, potholes, benches and footpaths. The council has pressed for gully emptying to reduce flooding on the roads (although they do block up again very quickly) and has contributed to improving the surfaces of public rights of way.

Further bulb planting has taken place in many of the verges leading into the village. Together with last year's planting there should be an excellent show of spring flowers this year. The planting work has been led by Catherine Tweedie and a group of very enthusiastic volunteers who have turned out to do some heavy digging.

The expansion of the Christmas lights now provides a delightful and very festive display in the village and the switch on was serenaded by singing by children and adults from the Hurst. The hanging baskets in the summer were well received, and we really appreciate the attention people give them to keep them at their best. The Parish Council were delighted to be able to agree to pay for the remainder of the clock repairs at St John's Church. It is good to see people using the new notice boards, which are a visual improvement on the main road. Regular work continues to maintain the Playing Field and the Cemetery.

Speeding surveys have been undertaken and the lighting column has been removed from the narrow pavement outside St John's Church on Hollow Lane, in order to widen the road a little.

The Parish Council has pressed hard for a considerable time for Superfast Broadband in the village, due to the slow internet access residents and businesses experience. While we can't take all the credit, we are delighted to see this coming to fruition and most of the village will have access to super-fast broadband by the summer of this year. The Council has discussed many planning applications and made objections to some. We find the limitations on what is an appropriate comment from a Parish Council sometimes restrictive. However, we try to make useful and appropriate comments. We are lucky to be supported by Cheshire West and Chester Council, who, once again, provided us with a useful briefing on how we can make the most impact in this respect.

There's still plenty of work for the future and already in the pipeline: a footpath survey has been completed and there are repairs and improvements which have been identified. The Parish Council will be liaising with Cheshire West and Chester Council to prioritise these.

A Community Governance Review has been ongoing during the year. The integrity of the Kingsley parish Council boundaries is at risk. CW&C has proposed moving

Kingsley Green, Lady Heyes, Bellaire Farm, Catton Hall, and Hillfoot Road into the Frodsham Town Council Area. Consultation results have not made residents views clear in respect of all areas. Whilst the Parish Council reluctantly accepts that Kingsley Green residents have expressed a wish to move into the Frodsham area, the Parish Council has made strong representations to CW&C that the other areas should remain in the Kingsley Parish. A final decision is due soon. In the meantime the Parish Council will continue to put across its views.

At the end of 2013, the Council received a new homes bonus of £4K and more is expected. It is considering how to use this for possible projects, and is intending to consult on options.

It is my conclusion that, with the support and help of the residents of Kingsley, the Parish Council has been effective and has progressed a number of issues, which should have a positive effect on Kingsley Village. There is one clear issue which came out of the Parish Plan, which the Council has been unable to take forward at this time: parking problems. A resolution to parking issues requires land to be available, which to date has not been made available. The issue remains high on the list of the Council's priorities in the future.

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Balance brought forward	32680.66
Precept	22949.00
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Burials	1970.00
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Community Fund	5018.00
	<u>£64821.16</u>

EXPENDITURE

Salaries & Tax	6495.04
Footpaths	995.50
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Audit	352.20
Playing Fields	2095.45
Insurance	1374.52
Subscriptions/donations	271.00
Subsidy Youth Club	1500.00
Cemetery General maintenance	4988.16
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1. There have been a number of people dealt with this week for serious motoring offences such as drink driving, no insurance and using a mobile phone whilst driving. Approx half of these incidents were as a direct result of calls by concerned members of the public. Your participation and cooperation with the police plays a key role in keeping dangerous motorists off the road. It may come as a surprise, but it is almost a 50/50 split between men and women when it comes to the rural area, and many drink drivers are well over the limit, even mid-morning with children in the car! If you know someone who drives whilst drunk, please report them to the police, so that we can take them off the road before they kill someone who is dear to you!
2. Last Sunday, a caravan owner reported that their caravan had been stolen from a caravan storage yard near Marlston-cum-Lache. If you have a caravan, please ensure that it is properly secured with a hitch lock and at least one wheel clamp. With the onset (hopefully) of nicer weather, similar thefts are more likely.
3. Rural garages and outbuildings continue to be a target, with numerous reports of prowlers who have made off after being challenged. On Monday, police took a report from someone in Threapwood whose garage was broken into. A number of tools were taken. The offenders also tried to take a motorbike which was also in the garage, but were thwarted by a secure chain. Regular readers will recognise that locking items, even inside a garage often prevents valuable possessions from being stolen. Prowlers have been reported in Tarporley, Aldford, Tarvin & Mickle Trafford.
4. On Tuesday, a burglar has targeted houses through the day, breaking into houses in Doddleston and Edge, near Malpas. Overnight burglaries have also occurred this week in Mickle Trafford and Tarporley. Please make sure that front AND rear doors have secure locks fitted, which cannot be forced just by the application of heavy bodily pressure. Multiple locks at different points around the door frame are most secure.
5. There has been a marked decrease in the number of reports about door to door sales people in our area since local officers have targeted them, seizing their wares and sending them to court. Please continue to report such activity which is often illegal and a front for other criminal activity.
6. I regularly report on possible scams that are reported to police. The most recent incarnation appears to be from people phoning and purporting to be from utility companies – typically energy companies and phone companies. The scam will often offer additional services, but will always require you to pay an 'up-front-fee' or to provide some personal details (which could then be used for identity theft.). Remember, if you are already a customer, they should already have your personal details. If it is a service you may be interested, phone back on a recognised number (not the number they give you!).

Inspector Keith Curbishley

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KINGSLEY W,I. NEWS

We have been rather quiet on the Kingsley News front of late, not because we have been an inactive Group but because of their rather inefficient Publicity officer - namely me- always missing the printing deadline !!

This month I will endeavour to bring our news up to date.

Over the last couple of months we have welcomed a number of new members and enjoyed three very different talks at our meetings. One was entitled Cheshire Towns and another entitled Humour in Education at which members were entertained by a Mr David Cook, retired teacher, brought up in the Northeast ,who shared with us his amusing memories of his Childhood education and many humorous anecdotes from his teaching days in Stretford in Manchester.

In April a member of the Board of the WI Federation talked on the organisation of the Associated Country Women of the World in which we learned of the variety of small and very specific projects run by 450 Associated Groups involving 9m people world wide. All are to help women help themselves in developing parts of the world, very much an original objective of WI. Therefore, the Cheshire Federation has supported several of these projects varying from teaching business, craft and agricultural skills thereby being able to support their families by selling at markets as well as helping to finance awareness campaigns about HIV, family planning and food hygiene. In order to finance the current project they are now supporting the Federation are collecting any spare foreign currency left over from visits abroad . So if there is anybody out there who could contribute to this collection of Coins please either drop them into WI House in Whitefriars Chester or at the WI Stand at Cheshire Show or to a member of the Kingsley WI you may know in the village-the Federation would be extremely grateful.

On a different note the Bowling Ladies braved heavy showers to start to hone their skills for the summer season!

The Wednesday Walkers too are enjoying their short forays into the Cheshire countryside rewarded by a Lite-Bite in one or other of the counties cosy pubs or cafes! These venues too are all important for our Group Lunch Ladies!

A newly formed Craft group is to meet enabling members to come together for coffee, chat and to do some Craft of there own choosing, but initially concentrating on making bunting for WI's Centenary celebrations in 2015 !

Finally at the National level the WI Annual General Meeting is to be held in Leeds in June to which a delegate representing each WI attends to vote on their groups behalf for or against an annual Resolution decided earlier in the year by a national vote. The Resolution is as follows *'The NWF I notes that three people die every day waiting for an Organ Transplant. We call on every member of the WI to make their wishes regarding organ donation known, and to encourage their families and friends , and members of their local communities to do likewise "* . Our delegate brought to our attention at our last meeting how important it is to discuss this issue with families and those close to you. 40 percent of families rescind the wishes of their loved ones who are already on the donation register before their death !!

For those interested in registering please do so on line at www.nhsbt.nhs.uk.

Finally please remember the WI welcomes visitors to all their monthly meetings.

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6.30 pm at Blakelees Chapel : Mr P Garner.

Sunday 8th of June -Pentecost

8.15am- Holy Communion: Rev N Stacey
10. am - All Age Worship : Rev N Stacey.
6.30pm at Blakelees Chapel :Rev N Stacey.

Sunday 15th of June – Trinity Sunday

10. am-Morning Worship: Prof D Clough.
6.30pm at Blakelees Chapel : Rev D Harding.

Sunday 22nd of June

10. am - Morning Worship : Rev A Gibson.
6.30pm at Blakelees Chapel: Prof N Ford.

Sunday 29th of June

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KINGSLEY WALKING GROUP

On 30 April, sixteen of us enjoyed a five mile walk around Lymm, starting from Oughtrington, followed by lunch at the Barn Own Inn (food and prices fine, service slow).

The long walk, on 13 May, started from Ashton Hayes. We headed out onto the Longster trail towards Barrow. After lunch we walked into Tarvin, where we enjoyed liquid refreshments in a sunny pub courtyard before picking up the Baker Way to return to our start point. Once again we were lucky with the weather: the early morning drizzle stopped as we set out and the clouds cleared away. Seven miles. Nine walkers.

On 16 May your correspondent (& wife) climbed Sugar Loaf mountain, and the following day the Black Mountain peaks Pen Twyn Mawr and Pen yr Gadair Fawr, the latter to complete all 189 mountain summits in Wales.

Kingsley Walking Group have two walks each month: on the second Tuesday there is a long walk of 7 - 8.5 miles (bring a packed lunch); on the last Wednesday a short walk of approximately 5 miles with a coffee break and pub lunch. We meet at the Community Centre at 9.30am (Note however an earlier start of 9.00am for the long walks from May to September). Information on the walks programme may be found on the Walking Club page of the Kingsley Village website. For more information tel. 788132 (short walks), 788068 (long walks).

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" " 7.00pm W.I: Speaker: Alison Boag Munroe : at KCC
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- Thurs 5th -4.30-6.30pm Messy Church at The Hurst.
- Sat 7th-10..00am Village Litter Pick from KCC
" " From 12 noon: Mini Garden Trail and plant sale with lunch or
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- Mon 9th -12-1pm Hurst Soup Lunch in aid of Mission Aviation
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- Tues 10th - 9.30am Kingsley Walking Group meet at KCC
- Fri 13th -2pm: Timebank sponsored Holistic Therapy at The Hurst.
Please contact 01829 751398 for an appointment.
- Fri 20th World Refugee Day
- Sat 21st : KTI-Summer Local Produce Market
- Wed 25th 9.30am Kingsley Walking Group meet at KCC
- Thurs 26th-2.30pm.at " The Wyches": "Tea at Two Thirty"

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