



KINGSLEY NEWS

JUNE 2019

The news and voice of your village
Community

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The Parish Clerk will be available at the following times:

The first, second and fourth Friday of the month between 09.00am and 3.00pm

The third Tuesday of the month between 3.00pm and 6.30pm

Email: contact@kingsleyparishcouncil.org.uk

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 Jun 2nd Horseshoe Close

W/c June 9th Acres Crescent

W/c June 16th Beechview Road

W/c June 23rd Hunters Hill and Dodgsley Drive

We invite you to add your own prayers

EDITORIAL NEWS AND VIEWS

Dear Readers

I can't believe we are already at the start of June and looking forward to the long summer days.

On Sunday 9th June there will be the annual Treasure Hunt starting from the Institute on Top Road and finishing at Kingsley Community Centre. A great family afternoon out.

On 22nd June there will be a Strawberries and Prosecco Concert at St John's Church performed by Frodsham Sings Community Choir.

The management committee of the Community Centre are considering extending the building to enhance the facilities they can offer. To apply for funding they need to know the level of community support, therefore In the centre pages you will find a survey form. Please take a little time and complete this for your community centre.

Looking a little further ahead The Institute will be holding a BBQ with entertainment from The Cool Hand Ukes on Saturday 6th July.

As there will not be a magazine in August, any events that you wish to advertise for August need to be included in the July edition.

Elizabeth

**Articles for the magazine to be sent to the Editor
by email to - kingsleynewseditor@gmail.com**

Tel: 01928 787678

**Copy deadline is the 21st of each month
www.kingsleyvillage.co.uk**

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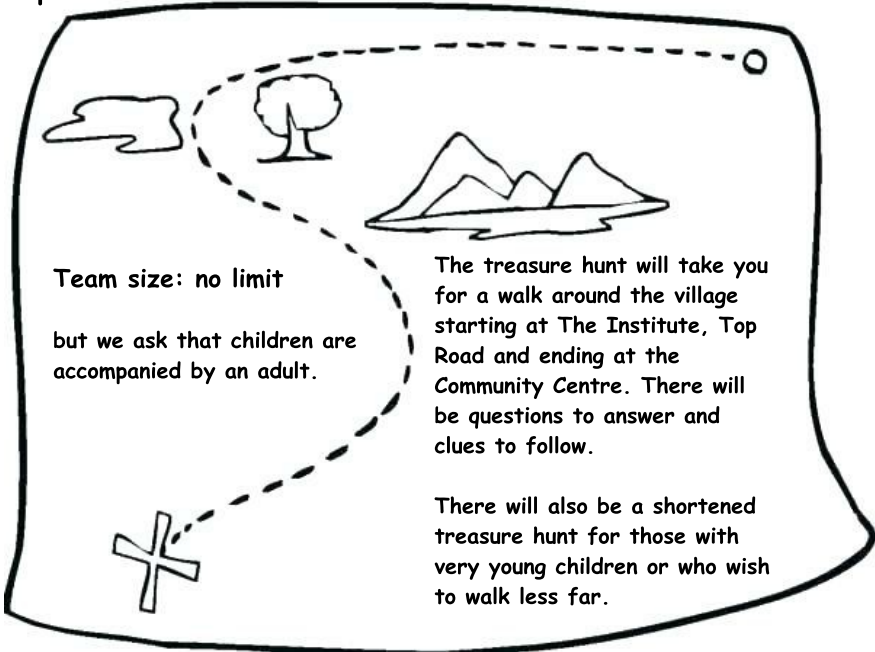
Treasure hunt

For all the Family

SUNDAY 9TH June 2019

Starting at The Institute, Top Road @ 2pm

Please come along and join in the annual Family Treasure Hunt around the village. The event is FREE and there will be lots of prizes for those who take part.



Refreshments will be served at the Community Centre and the bar will be open. For the children there will be a **bouncy castle** inside the main hall.

For anyone who just wishes to pop along even if you don't want to participate in the treasure hunt then please join us for **refreshments at the Community Centre from 2.30pm**

ROOM AT THE TOP

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

Ideal for children's parties etc. Moderate charges.

Contact Brian Moores on 787442

The Horseman who came upon the fayre

A rider weary through centuries passed did refuge take beside the village green,
there rested he, his labours spent, troubled deeply by the sights he'd seen.
Old Albion its strength declined, its integrity now much maligned
and once where children strong ran free to simple pleasures now were blind.

Yet stood here upon the village green two noble steeds sedate and calm
beside a humble throne whereupon a maiden of great dignity and charm
with pomp and poise did take her place with glee upon her pretty face
and all beside the crowning glory bowed most respectfully before her grace.

Unseen but deeply moved, the horseman watched the joyous scene unfold,
the laughing throng in kinship laughed with the simple carefree joys of old.
Forgotten rustic pleasures ill yet merely slumbered were living still.
Children here like children then with hoop and ball and unnerving skill.

Jugs of flowers and jugs of ale, freshly plucked and swiftly drawn,
bunting, bales of hay, a gypsy cart and a maypole proud upon the lawn.
Ne'er could the biting wind impart to shiver each and every defiant heart
Nor dampen those upon the rope most eager for the tug o' war to start.

With sinews bulging and long neglected muscles straining,
they pulled, cussed foul, swore most profound for every precious inch a gaining,
to and fro alas then slipping, feet upon the treacherous ground not gripping,
there they crumbled with a bellow, stood up and declared well met fine fellow.

So fast the clock which calls the time bade sweet farewell upon the fayre,
the painted faces were no more, the cakes all gone, the tables bare,
the wind with stronger vigour blew and left but a trace of what had been,
dancing wisps of errant straw that pirouetted still upon the village green.

Scribe to the Mayor.

theWI INSPIRING WOMEN	Kingsley WI
	Wednesday 5 th June
	"Witches and Superstitions" With Jean Finney
	Meetings are at 7.30pm in the Community Centre Visitors always welcome For further information ring 01928 788873

On Stage Near You
Not already enjoying local shows? You really ought to get out more.

We are approaching the end of this season and I know from feedback that many of you have enjoyed a wide selection of plays and musicals that have been on offer in Cheshire. There are still a few to see and no doubt some will be looking for nominations for the upcoming Cheshire Theatre Guild Awards in July in which Kingsley Players triumphed last year. At the time of writing we are looking forward to Kingsley Players Youth production, **James and the Giant Peach**. We hear, however, that Kingsley Players are also in preparation for their October play. Alan Ayckbourn's popular comedy **How The Other Half Loves** and they are pleased to welcome back **Malcolm Barker** as director who was last directing with them for *A Bunch of Amateurs* and from the cast of that play he is joined by **Jo Oultram, Neil Silcock** and **Phil Murray**. Players are also delighted to welcome back **Simon Heatherington** (*Peterloo*) and **Lesley Silcock** after a break from treading the boards at Kingsley together with experienced newcomer **Pollie Shorthouse**.

For July we have:

3rd to 5th Cheshire Little Theatre –(Salisbury Studio) – Described as two thought provoking one act plays. **A Still Life** and **Effie's Burning**, directed by **Ed Green** who was last seen in Kingsley when he directed *The Grand Gesture*.
<https://www.chesterlittletheatre.co.uk/>

5th to 8th Harlequin Players **The Lieutenant of Inishmore** by Martin McDonagh and directed by Yvette Owen. Yvette has been making the June slot her own for the last few years and this promises to be yet another cracking play to follow her other award nominated classics. The cast includes KP's **Chris Perry** (*Pride & Prejudice*) and **James Phoenix** (*Peterloo*). The plot is described as savagely funny when Mad Padraic seeks revenge upon the lads who killed his cat.
<http://www.harlequinplayers.com/cat-among-the-pigeons-info>

29th – 6th July Chester Little Theatre **Mindgame** written by Anthony Horowitz, well-known script writer of *Poirot*, *Midsomer Murders*, and *Foyle's War* as well as many novels, *Mindgame* is a psychological thriller with clever and intriguing twists and turns, complemented by dark comedy. A great finish to their season.
<https://www.chesterlittletheatre.co.uk/>

For something different, Knutsford Little Theatre are hosting a short play festival from

5th to 8th featuring twelve 10 minute works chosen from 250 entries.
<http://www.knutsfordlittletheatre.com/playfest2019.html>

At The Brindley they are presenting the Yard Brush Theatre company with the hilarious sequel to *Two* which is *Two 2* on 20th.

Reviews from the latter half of April and the beginning of May majorly featured Lynn Pegler's excellent production *Peterloo* which she both wrote and directed. Everyone who contacted us loved it and were much moved by the theme and the way this tragic event was brought to life.

At Harlequins a number of you saw and praised Shakespeare's *Much Ado About Nothing* superbly directed by their Shakespearean guru Gordon Hamlin and the cast included KP's **Malcolm Barker** and **Chris Perry**.

Martyn MacDonagh is popular this year and Nantwich Players performed his *The Beauty Queen of Leenanne* which you report was a great play, dark but very funny

If your production or a play you have seen did not appear here then please email us and do tell us about plays you have seen by emailing cheshireonstage@btinternet.com. John Doe

KINGSLEY & NEWTON VILLAGE INSTITUTE

The management committee are pleased to announce that due to popular demand THE COOL HAND UKES ukulele band will be entertaining you at Kingsley Institute on Saturday 6th July 2019.

We are also planning to have a B.B.Q. the same evening, so please make a note of the date and come along,

Tickets will be available costing £12.50 each obtainable by ringing either:-
John Fleet - 01928 787930 OR Brian Blamire - 01928 788872
please see the July Kingsley News for further details



WORSHIP AT THE HURST METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday 2nd June

10:00 am - Morning Worship at The Hurst: Mr. E. Gregory

6:30pm - At Blakelees Chapel: No Service

Sunday 9th June

8:15am - Holy Communion: Revd. D. Bintliff

10:00am - Morning Worship at The Hurst: Mr. A. Ellams

6.30pm - At Blakelees Chapel: Revd. D. Bintliff

Sunday 16th June

10:00am - Morning Worship at The Hurst: Revd. D. Bintliff

6.30pm - At Blakelees Chapel: Mr. G. Robinson

Sunday 26rd June

10:00pm - Morning Worship at The Hurst: Chapel Anniversary

Prof. N. Ford

6.30pm - At Blakelees Chapel: Deacon J. F. Clarke

Sunday 30th June

There will be no services at either The Hurst or Blakeless.

All are truly welcome; Please come and join us and bring children, grandchildren and friends.

Parish Church of St John's Kingsley

Sunday 2nd June

10.00 am - Holy Communion

6.30 pm Sacred Space at Christ Church Crowton

Sunday 9th June - Pentecost

2-4.30pm – Big Pentecost Party at Foxhill

Contact Hilary for details

Thursday 13th June

10.00am - Midweek Holy Communion

Sunday 16th June – Trinity Sunday & Father's Day

10.00 am - Family Service

Sunday 23rd June

10.00am – Benefice Family Worship Together

Sunday 30th June

4pm – Songs of Praise at Norley Church

A warm welcome awaits you at any of these services

Associate Minister: Rev'd Hilary Merrington 01928 788087

hilary.merrington@btinternet.com

Website: nck.org.uk

Coffee Morning

Friday's 7th June, 5th July Kingsley Church Room

Join us for a drink and chat from 10:00am.

Everyone welcome

LITTER PICK UPDATE

On Saturday 11th May 2 of the litter pick team collected 3 bags of litter.
The next litter picks will be on Saturday 15th June and Saturday 20th July

Please consider joining us. We meet at The Community Centre at 10.00
and all equipment is provided.

The email for the litter pick is Kingsley.litter@yahoo.com.

If you could collect on another day the week before these dates please
leave message and I will arrange to get equipment to you.

Eila

A GREAT BIG THANK YOU

The Spring Fair at the Red Bull raised a fantastic £1007 for Kingsley Youth Group.

Wow! What a day! And where to start to say thank you? Well, first, thanks to all who braved the iffy weather, came along and (I'm sure) had a great time. In the end, the weather was kind to us.

I'll start by saying *ceád míle* thank yous to Ciarán and Terry of the Red Bull who were our most gracious hosts and started the event by riding around the village in magnificent attire to summon us all to the fête. The fête would not have taken place without the sterling efforts of Jane, Gill, Vic and Derek who planned the event (I helped a bit), set up the stalls and decorated the pub and gardens. Joan, as always, made wonderful costumes for the May Queen and her attendant. We had a dozen stalls, all looked after by volunteers, and Kingsley WI did a great job of provisioning the cake stall. In particular, Big Bees Breakfast Club from Frodsham provided many lovely items for the craft stall. Eve did a cracking job on the face-painting stall and Eoin provided music all afternoon and long in to the night.

The raffle was the biggest single contributor to the financial success of the day, and raised just short of £500. We had approximately 60 prizes, which was amazing. Thank you to the very many individuals and local businesses who contributed prizes. For fear of raising blushes, I shan't name the individuals, but would like to take this opportunity to give credit to the businesses which contributed (a long list, but bear with me).

The businesses who kindly donated raffle prizes are as follows:

Ibis Hotel Blackpool (a weekend break); Red Bull (dinner for 2), personal training at Forest Hills (Tim Pender, coach); Mind-Body Solutions; The Gasworks (boiler/fire service), Forresters (venison pate and several vouchers); Morrisons (hamper), Kingsley Players (complimentary tickets for two productions); 4-ways cafe; Mill House Cafe; Lady Heyes Vintage Tea Room; Wilkins Chimney Sweep (the clue is in the name); Little India; Cocos Play Barn; Delamere Fortune Palace; Kingsley Co Op; Pickups Butcher; Gleaves Garden Centre; Jenny Penny Flowers (Frodsham); Yankee Candles (Lady Heyes); At the Barbers (Frodsham); Tropic Skin Care Products; Portrait Artist Geoff Gregory; Hollies Farm Shop & Cafe; Play Dog Mansion; Frodsham Flowers.

Wow! What a great list of people willing to help support the youth club. The generosity has been amazing!

All the Best,

Anne Kavanagh (Chair, KYG Management Committee)

Kingsley Garden Club - June 2019

The May meeting saw an attendance of 26 people, who came to be part of our AGM and to listen to Jacqueline Iddon's talk entitled "Location, Location, Location". Jacqueline runs a nursery in Lancashire and also opens her gardens under the NGS scheme twice a year, she filled three tables full of perennial plants which she used as part of her presentation, and then later sold them on to members. Jacqueline is passionate about the use of perennials and the location and mixing of various species to give the desired effects including the wide use of planting in pots which can be moved around the garden and taken into a cold greenhouse or frame over winter.

The meeting began with our annual AGM, this year focusing mainly on the finances of the club, and the fact that we had, over the last three years, to dip into reserves to the tune of over £250 a year to meet the running cost, which in the main part is the cost of speakers. In the 2018/19 season our costs were £807, whilst our income was £565. Our current annual subscription has stood at £8 for members and £2 for visitors for a considerable number of years, this clearly does not cover the cost of running the club. In the current year the average cost of speaker and hall hire has amounted to £115. Carrying on at this expenditure would see the club wound up in three years. It was agreed by members present, that this was not an option they wished to consider. A vote was taken, and a majority (18 to 7) voted for a significant increase in costs.

The committee has met subsequent to the AGM and can now advise the following, for the 2019/20 season;

- Annual membership will increase to £15. This will be held at this value for 2 years.
- Visitors will be charged at £4 per meeting
- The raffle would stand at 50p per ticket

The committee will review, prior to the 2020 AGM, the costs to date and will advise at the meeting of any changes that may be required. It is hoped that the increased income this year, will allow us to invite higher quality speakers for 2020/21. The 2019/20 season will see an additional speaker for a June meeting, which will also be our AGM. We will be introducing a members and visitors register to be signed at each meeting to assist in our accountancy and auditing at the year end.

Gardening Tips and Jobs to be done

- Provide supports for herbaceous perennials, especially for heavy flowering plants.
- Ensure you water newly planted trees and shrubs to prevent drought stress.
- Harden off seedlings and bedding plants for around a week before planting out.
- Keep containers well watered even after it has rained.
- Hoe borders regularly to keep weeds down.
- Pinch out side shoots on tomatoes
- Mow lawns at least once a week to a height of 15mm (half an inch)
- Plant out summer bedding
- Prune spring flowering shrubs that have finished flowering (Chelsea Chop)

We look forward to seeing new and old members alike for the new season of meetings in September, more details next month.

MIDSUMMER CONCERT
with
STRAWBERRIES & PROSECCO

Performed by
Frodsham Sings Community Choir

on
Saturday 22 June 2019, 7 pm
St John's Church, Kingsley

Admission: £7 by ticket or on the door
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Kingsley Neighbourhood Plan

If you want to find out more about what progress has been made so far in developing the Kingsley Neighbourhood Plan please see the consultation & research page on the village website <http://www.kingsleyvillage.co.uk/index.php/services-council/neighbourhood-planning-steering-group/npsg-minutes/consultation-research> Here you will find copies of the Housing Needs Report & Cheshire Wildlife Report that we have had commissioned as well as copies of the presentation slides used in the April drop-in events.

We are aiming to deliver copies of our main questionnaire to all households and businesses in July so please look out for this in the next edition of Kingsley News. Your answers will help us shape our policies in the Neighbourhood Plan.

If you would like to join the steering group our next meeting is on Monday 10th June at Hurst Chapel at 7.30pm.

Kingsley Bookworms

Next meeting 13th June 2019 at the Hurst Chapel at 7.30pm

At our May meeting we talked about “Porterhouse Blue” by Tom Sharpe. This was written in 1974 and we had wondered whether it had stood the test of time. Two factors stood out. Firstly, some of the language and attitudes were quite shocking by today’s standards, especially towards LGBT and race. Secondly, the book held MPs coming from a privileged background in very low esteem. A couple of people commented that it was “well observed”. We found it to be an easy read and most people were glad to have read (or revisited) the book. The score was 3 out of 5.

As ever, we have been planning outings. On July 7th a group of 15 is going to see Twelfth Night at Grosvenor Park. Anyone wishing to join us would be very welcome. It’s always a lovely afternoon with excellent productions and a joint picnic.

Our next book is I Am, I Am, I Am; Seventeen Brushes with Death by Maggie O’Farrell. She’s a favourite author of our group and informal feedback so far is very positive.

Kingsley Bookworms meet on the second Thursday of each month and everyone is welcome to join us at any of our meetings or events. Meetings start at 7.30pm and are held at the Hurst Chapel. If you want more information, please contact me on vgwillim@coach-work.co.uk or call me on 07799 067 457. We have also got our own Facebook page called Kingsley Bookworms.

The Hurst Church Soup Lunch

Monday 10th June

Meal served at 12 noon.
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Only £3.00 all in

All proceeds this month in aid of "Sight Savers". If you have not been before you will be warmly welcomed and enjoy a friendly chat whilst eating delicious home-made soup and pudding. Really good selection of both.

There is also a raffle with may small prizes to be won.

Kingsley Walking Group

May has been a good month for walkers. The weather has settled and the sun is out! This month our long walk started in the village of Edale on a glorious sunny day. A group of 11 set out for an 8.5 mile walk around Nether Moor. We had amazing views to the Ladybower reservoir and beyond.



Kingsley Walking group is an informal group which has been meeting for decades. Our monthly long walks usually start about 90 minutes drive away from Kingsley. We welcome new members, generally the long walks would be classified as "moderate" and the short walks are leisurely. We have a walk leader for every walk. The leader checks the walk for stiles, distance, closed paths etc.

The June long walk will be on June 11th, meeting at the Community Centre at 9am. For details, contact Vony on 789098.

Kingsley Walking Group has 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. During the summer months we meet for our long walks at the Community Centre at **9.00am**. We aim to be back in Kingsley by about 6pm. Short walks start at 9.30.

We are a friendly group and everyone is welcome. Information on next month's walks is available on 789098.

KINGSLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE

SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRE

Kingsley Community Centre is run by Kingsley Community Association (KCA), a charity established in 1976. The Centre consists of a large hall, a function room, a kitchen and a bar. The Hall turns into a pop up theatre with tiered seating for 120 people.

The Community Centre was built by members of the local community 40 years ago. It is used for many different functions, ranging from ceilidhs, birthday parties, christenings, dinner dance events, black-tie events and many more. The Centre is also used for various groups including Yoga, Youth Group, Women's Institute, Gardening Club, Karate, Pilates, Zumba and Tai Chi.

The Community Centre is also used by the local drama group, "The Kingsley Players" which is a multi-award winning group and one of the leading amateur groups in Cheshire. The Kingsley Youth Theatre was formed in 2016 for those aged 7 to 18 yrs.

Since the Co-op moved to occupy the former Horseshoe pub, (in front of the Community Centre), the Centre is now more obviously at the heart of the village, and KCA's Management Committee is now seeking to build on the Centre's existing contribution to community activities.

We are interested in the improvements that you would most like to see to enhance the services that the Centre can provide.

In particular, the Management Committee considers that an extension to the Centre, providing an additional meeting room, would be desirable to increase the services that the Centre could provide. It would also allow for more efficient theatre productions. Whilst this would not increase the maximum volume of traffic/usage (which is a function of the size of the Hall, which would not change), it would allow for greater booking flexibility, and therefore increase the uses to which the Centre's facilities could be put.

An important factor in securing grant funding is to provide evidence of community support for the project. Even if you have not already had the opportunity to use the Community Centre facilities, please consider that your support will help us to develop an improved facility for the community.

We would be grateful if you could please fill in and return our survey. You can also complete the survey online via our website www.kingsleycommunitycentre.co.uk.

Completed forms can be returned by post to Elizabeth Batey, KCA Chairman, Higher Heyes Farm, Ball Lane Kingsley, Frodsham, WA6 8HP, or by email reply to embatey@msn.com. The closing date for responses is Friday 14th June 2019. Thank you for your help.

KINGSLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE – SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRE MAY 2019

1. Has a member of your household used/attended the Community Centre in the last 3 years?

Yes		No	
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2. If you don't use/attend events at the Community Centre, please tell us the reasons why not:

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3. Are there any new groups/facilities that you would like to see at the Community Centre?

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4. Are you interested in supporting the following existing and proposed activities?

Currently provided at the Centre		Yes	No
Kingsley Players and Youth Theatre			
Kingsley Youth Group			
Kingsley Gardening Club			
Kingsley Women's Institute			
Cheshire Rural Touring Arts Productions			
Yoga			
Pure Stretch			
Karate			
Tai Chi			
Zumba			
Proposed future provision			
Film Club			
Regular Table top sales			
Regular Coffee mornings			

5. Would you support the following projects proposed by KCA's Committee?

PROPOSED PROJECTS		Yes	No
Meeting room extension - to increase the activities provided and support more efficient theatre productions			
Kitchen refurbishment - to improve kitchen facilities in support of events and private functions (eg children's parties)			

KCA has undertaken several projects for the Centre in recent years, including a new dance floor for the Hall, new double glazing and window blinds, and new energy efficient LED lighting

6. If the building was extended /refurbished, would it encourage you to book the Centre for your own use eg private parties, meetings or events?

Yes		No	
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Wed 19 th -	At The Hurst :Café Church at 7.30pm
Fri 21 st	At The Hurst : Men's Brunch at 10.30am
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