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#### JULY 2023

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# KCA

KINGSLEY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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Kingsley Community Association - Committee Members									
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Kingsley Community Centre: Regular Weekly Classes											
Tai Chi	Monday	10.30am to 11.30am	liverpooltaichi@gmail.com								
Gentle Yoga	Monday	6.15pm to 7.30pm	helenjanetwoodcock@gmail.com								
Pilates	Tuesday	12pm to 1pm	dickienad@yahoo.co.uk								
Karate	Tuesday	6pm to 7pm	dan@kenshinryu.co.uk								
Yoga	Tuesday	7.30pm to 8.30pm	will@yogahealingcheshire.co.uk								
Gentle Exercise	Wednesday	11am to 12noon	helenjanetwoodcock@gmail.com								
НіїТ	Thursday	6.30pm to 7.30pm	info@alutotraining.com								

Community Centre Standard Hire Charges	Whole Centre	The Hall	Club Room	Green Room
Friday or Saturday Evening 6pm to 11pm	£90	£50	£45	£45
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Sunday to Friday 8am to 12 pm or 1pm to 5pm	£45	£30	£20	£20
Saturday 8am to 12pm or 1pm to 5pm	£50	£35	£25	£25
8:00am to 11pm (All Day)	£150	£90	£75	£75

Rooms can be hired for an hourly rate of £15 per hour.

There is a standard charge of £35 per session for the provision of the bar.

## FROM THE EDITOR

## Welcome to the July 23 edition of Kingsley News,

As the summer holiday season approaches and our school children (and their teachers) enjoy a well deserved break, there is plenty to do in Kingsley. It would be great to have packed out audiences for the production of Babe and the Ashton Sings Community Choir, a Wimbledon tennis bonanza at the open day, or fill the community centre for our KCA annual general meeting.

If you have a talent of any sort then do sign up to share these at the HARVEST OF TALENTS celebration taking place in September. And why not spend some time with family and friends creating a scarecrow for the village scarecrow competition held over the August bank holiday.

The winning scarecrow will be adorning the front cover of the September's Kingsley News with a 'photo fest' of others throughout the edition.

I hope you continue to enjoy reading this edition and please do give feedback too. Please, don't forget that Kingsley News is also available in digital format on the Kingsley village website, www.kingsleyvillage.co.uk.

Wishing you all well over our summer break. There is no edition of Kingsley News in August; our next edition will be September 2023.

Steve

Photos/Articles for the newsletter to be sent to the Editor at kingsleynewseditor@gmail.com <u>Copy deadline the 21st of the month.</u>



## KCA Annual General Meeting Thursday 13th July at 7pm, Kingsley Community Centre

Did you know that all residents of Kingsley are automatically members of Kingsley Community Association?

So why not come along to the AGM, hear what we do, have your say, and maybe even volunteer to get involved.





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SPRING MEETING

The speaker at the meeting on May 24th at Frodsham Community Centre was Steve Watts whose topic was entitled "A Year Like No Other".

Steve's story began when he read an article about a Wasdale sheep farmer called Joss Naylor who ran 100 miles over the hilly terrain in the Lake District in one day. Having served for several years in the Grenadier Guards, Steve considered himself to be combat fit but realised that he could not match the achievement of Joss Naylor who he then went to meet. Joss told Steve that he needed to stop smoking and lose some weight so that he would then be fit enough to go running in the Lakeland Fells himself. Steve took this advice to heart and three years later he ran in the Bob Graham Round which is a 66 mile, 27,000 ft circuit of 42 of the highest peaks in the Lake District in under 24 hours. Joss Naylor presented him with his award.

Steve is now a hill guide in the Lake District. He moved to Grasmere two days before the start of covid lockdown in March 2020 and decided to take photographs using only his mobile phone on his daily runs on the fells and to post one image on Instagram every day. People who were housebound over this period contacted him to say how much his pictures were helping them to cope at that difficult time and, after 200 days, the BBC contacted him to ask him to do a live broadcast on BBC Breakfast. The following day he was inundated with messages from the public who were stunned by the beauty of his photographs shown on TV. An offer was made by someone to fund the first thousand copies of a book of his photographs and a second offer was from a writer who wanted to write the script to accompany the photographs in the book. And so "A Year Like No Other" book of 350 photographs came into being. We were treated to a viewing of many of those marvellous photographs during Steve's talk.



Sarah Thompson, who wrote the words, had previously written a short book about Tony Hudgell, a young boy who had to have both legs amputated after being abused by his parents and who was subsequently adopted by Paula Hudgell and her husband. Tony raised £1.9 million after setting out to raise £500 for the Evelina Children's Hospital by walking 10 kms on his prosthetic legs in 2020 when he was just five years of age. After learning about Tony, Steve went to meet him and his family and suggested that Tony, now aged 8, might like to take on the challenge of climbing to the top of Loughrigg in the Lake District and Tony and his family jumped at the chance. This is due to happen in August and Tony will carry Steve's flag which he took to the top of Everest and other mountains which he has climbed. The Loughrigg climb will be based on an ascent of Everest with 4 camps on the upward route. Tony will be lifted off the top by helicopter at the end of his climb. Four charities, including "Fix the Fells" and the Tony Hudgell Foundation which enhances the lives of children who have been affected by abuse will benefit from the accompanying fundraising.

Report by Helen Chivers Norley WI



All meetings are the first Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm in the Community Centre



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Do you or do you know of anyone in the Kingsley village of any age who has a skill or a talent they would like to display, or that you could encourage to display?

We plan to have a weekend of a **HARVEST of TALENTS** displayed at the Hurst Chapel on 22-24 September. This could be absolutely anything, but here are some ideas – painting, craftwork, model making, flower arranging, singing, dancing, poetry reading/writing, photography, playing an instrument, drama, knitting, sewing etc, etc, both for amateurs and professionals in our community. The application form is included in this Kingsley News and from a box at the front of the Hurst Chapel. Please treat this as a village event, showing what talent we have locally. Please let the event be a celebration of all the skills and talents we have in our village. If we get performers applying, **we aim to hold a concert on Saturday 23rd September at 2pm. DON'T MISS OUT!** 

### HARVEST OF TALENTS APPLICATION FORM 22 -24 September VILLAGE DISPLAY of skills and talents to be held at the Hurst. Open to all.

Name.....

Contact details: email.....

Phone number.....

Please circle age range on September 1st 2023 (if you wish!) 3-10, 11-18, 19-30,30-39, 40-49, 50-59,60-69, 70-79, 80-89,90 plus, prefer not to say.

**ENTRY TYPE** e.g. knitting, model-making etc, etc, amateur and professional

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Please return this form by September 1st to a box outside the Hurst Chapel or email to hurstseniorstewards@gmail.com

Exhibits to be received at the Hurst on Tues. September 19th together with your name and, if you wish, the story behind your exhibit.

#### online application - https://tinyurl.com/Harvestoftalents

#### HARVEST OF TALENTS

#### Dates and times:

Application form in by September 1st, online from July Kingsley News link or in the box outside the Hurst Chapel.

Exhibits to the Hurst back room on Tuesday, September 19th

#### Viewing:

Friday 22nd September 3pm - 7pm Saturday 23rd September 10am - 6pm Saturday 23rd September 2pm - performance

Sunday 24th September 10am – 11am Service of Thanksgiving for Talents led by Rev. Andrew Pratt – hymn writer and artist. ALL WELCOME.

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We went to the Blue Planet Aquarium. We went to see the fish. We saw the tortoise. We saw the Piranha. We saw the poison frogs. I talked to Jack. He showed us shark teeth. Then we went in the shark tunnel. We saw clown fish. We had lunch. After lunch, we saw the rock pools. In the rock pools there were crabs. Before we had lunch, we saw two divers feeding the rays. Then we saw spiders and boa constrictors. We played outside on the slide. We saw the pelicans being fed. It was home time.

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Join Kingsley Players Youth Theatre for an



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(Friday 14 – Sunday 16 July 2023)

Award-winning Kingsley Players Youth Theatre will be back on stage for four performances of 'Babe, the Sheep Pig' – a comic tale of farmyard high adventures that became the hit movie 'Babe'.

Based on a book by Dick King-Smith, David Wood's play tells the story of one piglet's rise to stardom as the world famous 'sheep pig'.

Staged in the delightful outdoor summer setting of Kingsley St John's School playing field, 12 talented young performers invite you to meet Farmer Hogget and his zany farmyard friends, with evening performances at 7pm on Friday 14 and Saturday 15 July, and matinee 2.30pm shows on Saturday and Sunday 16 July.

Please bring your own chair or picnic rug to sit on. A tuck shop will be available at all performances.

Director Jake Powell said: "Babe has captivated audiences for 40 years, first as a children's book written by Dick King-Smith, then as an Oscar winning film, before being adapted for the stage by celebrated children's playwright, David Wood. We are thrilled to be bringing this story to the stage, performing outdoors at Kingsley St John's Primary School."



Photo shows Bella Jones (10) as Babe the Pig, Isaac Owen (11) as Farmer Hogget and Edith Banks (13) as Fly the Sheepdog.

Tickets cost £5 for adults and children. These can be booked online at <u>www.kingsleyplayers.co.uk</u> or by ringing the box office on 07724 892154.



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#### **BYWAYS AND WATERWAYS**

The Kingsley Walking Group has continued with its full programme of walks through the spring months. April saw a scenic and varied 8 mile walk in the Peak District, along the River Dane, up through Gradbach Woods and along a ridge, with extensive views, to the Hanging Stone and back down to Danebridge.

The short walk (4-5 miles) in early May was also in fine weather but much closer to home, starting at the Red Lion Pub in Budworth. An enjoyable walk was followed by a very enjoyable pub lunch.

Late May saw lifts being shared from Kingsley Community Centre to Wirral Country Park. The four hour walk saw a descent to the shoreline of the Dee, since King Canute was not available and apparently also considered ineffective, it was carefully timed to avoid the need for swimming as well as walking gear. The walkers then climbed Caldy Hill, proceeded nonchalantly along Millionaire's Row, through Royden Park across Thurstaston Common, with good views to Wales across the Dee estuary, before returning to the car park via The Dungeon (a wooded walk) and the Wirral Way.

Now, applause for two members who, not so long ago, completely lacked confidence in map reading and walk leading. In June they led their second walk, exploring the waterways (well the paths alongside them anyway) and byways of Cheshire and delivering fabulous circular walks to an appreciative audience.

Finally, spare a thought for the group secretary who - with clear blue skies overhead - has to start thinking about organising the Christmas walks and lunch. Happy walking and a great summer to all.

If you are interested in the walks please email kingseywalkerswa6@gmail.com.

## **KNOLL SURGERY PATIENTS'** PARTICIPATION GROUP (KSPPG)

The KSPPG has now been re-formed consisting of a group of volunteer patients, staff representatives and GPs.

We meet monthly and discuss the services on offer and the improvements that can be made for the benefit of both patients and the Practice. Our purpose is to act as an evaluative friend of the Practice, putting the health of patients at the forefront of everything the Practice does.

As a result of recent discussions, the initial reply to telephone calls to the Practice will be changed by the end of June.Also, in conjunction with the Practice, we plan to hold an all day 'Health and Wellbeing' event at the surgery on 5th October this year. Further details in due course.

If you would be interested in joining us at KSPPG as a volunteer patient or carer, please get in touch with our Chair, Mike Coote, via email: <u>mike.e.coote@btinternet.com</u> or contact Reception and leave a message for him.





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Any child older than 2  $\frac{1}{2}$ will have the opportunity to attend a story session in our Foundation Class.



They are a great way to have a chat with other parents, grandparents or carers with refreshments and a biscuit.

Come along to Kingsley St John's Primary School on Thursday morning 9.30—11.15 starting 14th September. Access is via the side gate by the Co-op car park. Ring the intercom for admittance. For further information please ring 01244738434 or email admin@kingsley-st-johns,cheshire.sch.uk

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# CHURCH NEWS

#### St John the Evangelist, Kingsley

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

#### Services in July 2023 Sunday 2nd July

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

#### Sunday 9th July

10.00 am Family Worship at Kingsley 6.00 pm Holy Communion (BCP) at Alvanley

#### Sunday 16th July

10.00 am Family Holy Communion at Crowton 6.00 pm Healing Service with Communion at Kingsley

#### Sunday 23rd July

8.30 am Holy Communion at Crowton (BCP)10.00 am Holy Communion at Alvanley6:00 pm Evening Prayer at Norley

#### Sunday 30th July

10.00am Holy Communion ay Manley **Mid-week Holy Communion all at 10.00 am** 6th July at Crowton 20th July at Norley 13th July at Kingsley 27th July at Crowton

#### Services in August 2023 Sunday 6th August

10.00 am Holy Communion at Norley 6.30 pm Sacred Space at Crowton Sunday 13th August 10.00am Holy Communion at Kingsley Sunday 20th August

10.00am Family Worship at Crowton Sunday 27th August

10.00am Holy Communion at Alvanley

Vicar: Rev Canon Ron Iveson Tel: 01928 787 180 Email: roniveson@hotmail.com Church website www.nck.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 July and August we think of, and pray for people living in: -

## July

W/c July 2nd Ministers of Religion W/c July 9th Ecumenical work in Kingsley W/c July 16th Methodists in Kingsley W/c July 23rd Roman Catholics in Kingsley W/c July 30th Anglicans in Kingsley

#### August

W/c Aug 6th Quakers in Kingsley W/c Aug 16th Baptists & URC in Kingsley W/c Aug 20th Non-Christians in Kingsley W/c Aug 27th Frodsham Parish

We invite you to add your own prayers

# CHURCH NEWS

#### **Coffee and Chat**



Please come and join us each **Tuesday morn 10am** at theHurst 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, 27th July 2023 at 2.30pm at The Hurst meeting room

**Men's Brunch** – Friday, 28th July 2023 at 10.30am at The Hurst meeting room

#### Worship at The Hurst Methodist Church

July 2023 Sunday 2nd July 8:30am Holy Communion led by Revd N Stacey 10am Morning Worship led by Pastor N Willis Sunday 9thJuly 10am Morning Worship led by Mrs J Batey Sunday 16th July 10am Morning Worship led by Mr J Evans Sunday 23rd July 10am Holy Communion led by Revd H Kirk Sunday 30th July Morning Worship led by Mr M Barnard

August 2023 Sunday 6th August 10am Holy Communion led by Rev C Truman Sunday 13th August 10am Morning Worship led by Deacon T Coleman Sunday 20th August 10am Morning Worship led by Mr D Lawson Sunday 27th August

10am Morning Worship led by Mr P Davidson United service with Norley and Blakeless

A warm welcome awaits all who wish to attend.

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

Feel free to wear a mask if you wish.





## and friends are feeling

## **UNSTOPPABLE!**



Join us for an evening of singing and music and fun

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Tennis will be the main focus of the camps with coaching, fun games and competitions. Other sports e.g. kwik cricket and hockey will be played.

Camps will be run by Jane Wright, our LTA Level 4 Acredited+ tennis coach. DBS certified and qualified first aider.

> To book onto our summer holiday tennis camps go to www.clubspark.lta.org.uk/JaneWrightCoaching

If you would like further information on our summer holiday tennis camps please contact Jane Wright Email: jane.wright66@gmail.com Telephone: 07882 483 575





## WIMBLEDON OPEN DAY SATURDAY 8TH JULY 2PM-5PM

Social tennis available to all on the day. No equipment necessary. Refreshments to include glasses of Pimm's and strawberries and cream!

# KINGSLEY PARISH COUNCIL



Following the Local Council Elections in May 2023, all previous Councillors, with the exception of Graham Warburton, were re-elected unopposed and we also welcomed a new Councillor who joined us in the May elections, Dan Oppenheim. After 20 years of service Graham decided not to seek re-election and we thank him for his many years of dedicated service.

We still have four vacancies to fill by co-option, and the Council currently comprises six male members and one female member. We would welcome applications to the Parish Clerk from anyone interested in joining us on YOUR Parish Council. We are looking for a diverse Council, please help us achieve this goal.

There have been concerns expressed to the Parish Council about the number and locations of new telegraph poles installed by FACTCO as part of the fibre broadband installation in the village. The Parish Council has no contact, or, contract with FACTCO, liaison with FACTCO is being handled by CWAC, and any concerns should be addressed to CWAC or direct to FACTCO.

A number of Village Enhancement projects were discussed and are in the process of being implemented;

- A new bench is to be placed on the upper part of the Playing Field to mark the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles. It was also suggested that the Golden Jubilee bench for the late Queen Elizabeth that was at The Cross and is now in the Cemetery, also be relocated to the Playing Field.
- The new access ramp from the Community Centre down to the Co-op has moved a stage further. A landscape design has been completed and the design is being submitted to CWAC for approval as it is on their land. Simultaneously, the Council are obtaining competitive quotations for the ramps installation.
- Cllr Moores recently met with a specialist Christmas Lighting company (yes that time already), to look at supplying and installing new lights to The Brow, The Cross and the Christmas Tree outside the school. Our existing lights have failed over recent years and now require replacing.
- We are hoping very soon to have the fully restored finger post reinstated at The Cross and will be looking to have a phased refurbishment of other fingerposts and mile markers around the village. These form part of the early history of the village and should be maintained and restored. The restoration will take place over a number of years.

• Next year (2024) will mark the 80th Anniversary of the D-Day Landings, like the VE celebrations, it is proposed that we mark this Anniversary, so the Parish Council is looking to you for some suggestions of how this can be marked. Your ideas would be welcome.

Finally, there are proposals to purchase a plot of land in the field adjacent to the existing cemetery to provide future capacity in the years to come. The Council will have to take out a government loan to purchase this land, and by law we are required to hold a public meeting and referendum before such a purchase can take place. It is hoped to hold such a meeting possibly in the Autumn and this will be publicised around the village, in this magazine and on social media in advance.

#### Contact Details for Kingsley Parish Council;

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