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

FROM THE EDITOR

Uplome to the September 24 edition of Kingsley News,

A warm welcome again from the team at Kingsley News.

We have a bumper edition full of events on in Kingsley and the surrounding area. Even our front cover is paying homage to two events being hosted at Kingsley Community Centre this September; the Loose Connections live music night on Saturday 7th September and the Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday 27th September. Events also on this month include harvest celebrations and a boules tournament.

A couple of Kingsley News editions ago in my editorial I talked about the state of our roads, verges and pathways and maybe how we should take more pride in our village. Well we now all have an opportunity to improve our village by participating in the 'Village Community Work Day' on Saturday 21st September. More details can be found in the Kingsley Parish Council news article towards the back of this edition. I hope to see many of you on the day!

As always we are looking for articles and news to include in each edition. If you have something to share please do get in touch. In this edition you can find out about John Thomas, a nineteenth century mystic and occultist. Maybe you are related? If so I know the author, Dr David Harrison, would be very pleased if you were to get in contact.

Best Wishes Steve

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.

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



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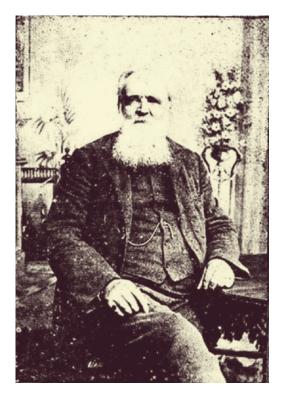
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John Thomas; A Victorian Mystic And Occultist in Kingsley

By Dr David Harrison

John Thomas was a nineteenth century mystic, herbalist, healer, clairvoyant and Occultist. He was born in Castle Caereinion, Wales, in 1826, but subsequently moved to Kingsley where, according to the 1861 Census, he lived on a farm with his wife and children.



By 1884, Thomas had launched his periodical 'The Seer and Celestial Reformer', which he used to launch his Order 'The Celestial Brotherhood', which included amongst its members Victorian Occultists and Freemasons such as John Yarker. Thomas appears to have plied his trade of healing and spiritualism while working on his farm at Kingsley, and as his fame grew, his marriage appears to have fallen apart, and by 1890, he had moved to Manchester, living with a younger woman. He continued to write esoteric books and to publish a new journal called 'The Psychic Mirror', though Thomas died penniless in 1908.

The story of John Thomas is told in the new book 'The Life and Death of John Yarker' by Dr David Harrison and published by Lewis Masonic.

The author is also looking for any descendents of John Thomas that may still reside in Kingsley for a future project. Please contact the editor or Dr David Harrison direct via his email: dharrison1968@yahoo.co.uk





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KINGSLEY GARDEN CLUB



Our next meeting is on Monday, 9th September 2024 at 8pm when our speaker will be Sam Youd, the former head gardener at Tatton Park.

Sam will be talking to us about the Japanese Garden at Tatton Park.

The membership subscription is now due and this year it will be £15. Details will be emailed to all members shortly, but if you would like to join our club then you can do so at this meeting.

Visitors are always welcome at our meetings and it costs £5 – why not come along and find out more?

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KINGSLEY WALKERS



The Kingsley Walkers Group is continuing with its programme of friendly long and short walks in our beautiful region. In late June a group climbed Conwy Mountain (or Mynydd y Dref for those with a shortage of vowels in their Scrabble set) hoping for spectacular views over the town, the castle and the sea shore. Unfortunately, the only views to materialise were of waterproofed figures emerging and disappearing into the mist. An enjoyable walk nevertheless and no losses, either to the fog or the complicated parking directions.

In early July we stayed local with a fascinating walk around Runcorn. Not obvious walking territory but we covered 5 miles of overwhelmingly green space in the new and old towns. We passed through Haddocks Wood, near to Norton Priory, Windmill Hill, the water tower (a tromboned pressure relief device apparently, completed in 1892) and back to Castle Hill, before enjoying a pub lunch.

The weather was much improved from June for our late July outing to North Wales. We climbed Moel Famau in glorious sunshine, though it was a bit unfortunate when one walker on the trip decided to kiss the mountain in gratitude. A first aid kit was quickly produced and I understand no long term damage was done. We arrived at the summit where we enjoyed the views and our pack lunches whilst watching some volunteers painting the trig point. For those seeking a recommendation for use in exposed locations Dulux Weathershield was their clear preference.

The Clwydian Hills are favourites but there are so many routes that variation is always possible, whilst the Loggerheads Visitor Centre is always a delightful place to return to for a cup of tea and the continuation of conversation.

More walks are planned in September and new members are very welcome, please email on <u>kingsleywalkerswa6@gmail.com</u>.







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

Services in September 2024

Sunday 1st Sept 10.00 am Holy Communion at Norley 6.30 pm Sacred Space at Crowton Sunday 8th Sept 10.00 am Family Service at Crowton Sunday 15th Sept 10.00 am Holy Communion at Kingsley Sunday 22nd Sept 8.30 am Holy Communion at Crowton 10.00 am Holy Communion at Alvanley

Sunday 29th Sept 10.00 am Holy Communion at Manley

Mid-week Holy Communion all at 10.00 am 5th Sept at Crowton, 19th Sept at Norley 12th Sept at Kingsley, 26th Sept at Norley

Associate Minister Revd. Hilary Merrington Tel: 01928 788087 Email: hilary.merrington@btinternet.com Church website<u>www.nck.org.uk</u>

Boules Tournament



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Harvest Festival Service

10 a.m. on Sunday 6th October 2024

at Norley Church

Once again this year we will be collecting items for the Foodbank Tinned and non-perishable items are requested. There will a box in each church porch during September for the collection of items

CHURCH NEWS

Worship at The Hurst Methodist Church

September 2024

Sunday 1st September

8.30am Holy Communionled by Revd G Gresswell10am Morning Worshipled by Revd N Street

Sunday 8th September

10am Morning Worship led by Revd G Gresswell

Sunday 15th September

10am Morning Worship led by Mrs E Holmes

Sunday 22nd September

10am Harvest Festival led by Revd A Crookes

Sunday 29th September

10am Morning Worship led by Mrs A Hanks

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.

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

W/c Sep 1st	Frodsham Parish
W/c Sep 8th	Helsby, Alvanley and
	Manley
W/c Sep 15th	Crowton
W/c Sep 22nd	Norley
W/c Sep 29th	Blakelees

We invite you to add your own prayers

Coffee and Chat

Please come and join us each **Tuesday morn 10am** at the Hurst Methodist Church

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



You will be most welcome.



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

Tea at 2.30 – Thursday, 26th September 2024 at 2.30pm in The Hurst meeting room for tea / cake

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During the summer Kingsley book club met to discuss: 'Remarkably Bright Creatures' by Shelby van Pelt and 'Last House on the Street' by Diane Chamberlain.

The Octopus, Marcellus interested us. He was very intelligent, can manipulate things and can relate to people and read people. Some of us weren't so keen on the anthropomorphisation of the Octopus, to the extent of being able to read the driving licence!

We didn't warm to the character of Cameron. He was too immature and moneygrasping. The book was about his maturing, but we did feel he blamed the things that had happened to him in the past rather than make the best of his own future. Even when he was looking for his father it was not to have a relationship with him, it was to obtain money.

He was the exact opposite of Tove, who dealt with her grief by keeping busy, busy. Cameron dealt with his grief by being lazy. Ethan was the gossip and sole of the town. Cameron needed to arrive in a small community, from his large city, for all the coincidences to happen, which lead to him finding his family. The book bounced along. There was no description in it, which made it a quick read. A good holiday read giving it an average of 3.4

Although the Last House on the Street was set in the USA and dealt with the violence of the KKK discussing it in the midst of the recent riots we could identify with 'mob rule'. The small community in which the book is set was swayed into violence for the cause. The main theme of the book was the work carried out by Martin Luther King which opened a good discussion on his work, the struggle for equality and how this battle is still running. The book put across the very heavy subject in a readable manner although some of the characters and their relationship to other could have been explored more. Although this got an average score of 3.4 we had a split with a couple of low scores & many high scores.

We will be meeting at KNVI on Thursday 5th September to discuss Love is Blind by William Boyd. If you are interested in joining the group please email Janet.Owen10@outlook.com

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Kingsley Players dates for your diary....it's going to be a busy season!

- Auditions: Annie (the musical); auditions for adults and older teenagers taking place on Sept 8th 2pm at Kings Community Centre. All audition details to be found at www.kingsleyplayers.co.uk If you can't make the date please get in touch via the link to register your interest with the directors.
- **Concert**: Some of our talented singers in a concert with the **Highfield Male Voice Choir**, evening of October 11th at Kingsley Community centre ; box office details coming soon from KP and on HMVC social media.
- The October Play: Around the World in Eighty Days: comedy with musical content performing Oct 23rd-26th nightly at 7.30pm AND a new matinee slot 2.30pm on the Saturday. The box office is open and to be found at www.kingsleyplayers.co.uk tickets £11 adults/£7 under 16's and students
- **'Allo 'Allo** two nights 15th and 16th November, of our well renowned touring for charity show. Please see further information from KCA in this issue
- The February Show: Annie being performed February 2025 5th-8th nightly at 7.30pm and a 2.30pm Saturday matinee. Tickets £12 adults / £8 children and students, box office will open Nov/Dec.
- March play by the KPYT: Alice for year 9 and above , first workshop Sunday 1st Sept for interested parties. Please see KPYT Facebook page for further details.





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Thank you for your patience as we carried out the cleaning activity on one of the pipelines in your area earlier this year. We're getting in touch to let you know that our teams are due to begin the next phase of the programme in early autumn and understand you may have some queries about this work as we begin preparation activity.

Pop along to our drop-in session and find out more information

Members of our team will be available at **Kingsley Community Centre**, Smithy Lane, Kingsley, WA6 8ED on **Thursday 12 September between 3pm and 6pm** to share information and answer your queries.

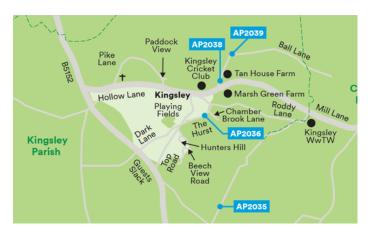
Although the main construction activity is not due to start until the autumn, from late August you may notice our teams preparing the working areas. This will involve installing fencing, laying access matting or the removal of vegetation. The map on the back of this letter indicates our work and access point locations.

Keeping in touch with us

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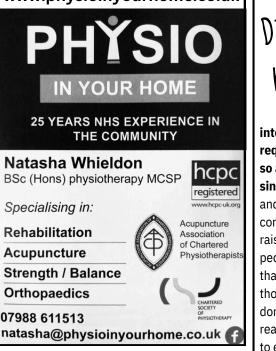


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interrupted by just over an hour of 21 requested hymns (all verses) sung by 30 or so assembled people who had come to sing them. With donations for this playing and for tea/coffee and homemade cakes consumed on the day over £3,500 was raised. This was to help pay for the organ pedal repair of £5,250. We would like to thank all those who came to our event and to those who weren't able to come but who donated either before or after. We had some really good feed-back and everyone seemed to enjoy being there.

The display of photographs and Kingsley memorabilia was superb, and we thank all those who lent us items. Unfortunately, it all had to be taken down on the Saturday, as the room was being used for a function on the Sunday.

"Did You also know....." that the Hurst welcomes the Rev. Gordon Gresswell as its minister from the start of September. He is the new Superintendent minister for the Circuit, based in Frodsham. His first service with us is the Communion service at 8.30am on September 1st and then again for Morning Worship on September 8th at 10am. All are welcome.

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Approximately half of the meetings are at Frodsham Community Centre and the remaining meetings are via Zoom.

The welcome meeting is on <u>2nd September</u> at Frodsham Community Centre, at 7:30pm.

Check the website <u>www.frodsham.photos</u> for the full programme.

KINGSLEY & NEWTON VILLAGE INSTITUTE VACANCY: ROLE OF TREASURER

Elizabeth Batey, Kingsley & Newton Village Institute's Treasurer for the past nine years, has indicated her intention of retiring in October 2024. There is therefore a vacancy to fill. The Treasurer is responsible for handling all receipts and payments, using online banking, reporting on the Institute's financial position to KNVI's Trustees and preparing accounts for independent examination and submission to KNVI's annual general meeting and to the Charity Commission. The Treasurer works with all those who voluntarily run the Institute and the other activities – primarily Bowls, Tennis and Snooker – that take place.

Elizabeth regards the role as being fulfilling but not onerous. It has given her a real sense of contributing to the community and she has been proud to be involved with what she regards to be a wonderful village asset. The current financial position of KNVI is sound and offers the Treasurer a great opportunity to participate within the team of this thriving facility.

Elizabeth is willing to provide guidance and support to her successor, so stepping into the role will not be difficult.

For further information, contact Elizabeth Batey, 01928 788788, email <u>embatey@msn.com</u>, or Fiona Crane, KNVI Secretary, 07504 245488, email <u>fiona.crane1@outlook.com</u>

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KINGSLEY PARISH COUNCIL



The Parish Council does not meet in August, but that does not mean that the Parish Council goes on holiday! We have all been working as usual for the residents of Kingsley in maintaining services within the village.

New benches have been added to the Cemetery and our contractor has been busy restoring the Garden of Repose in the area of the Cremation plots. Our Contractor continues to maintain the grass cutting within the Cemetery and the banking outside. He has also cleared some of the weeds from the retaining wall area.

The Council has replaced the timber picnic benches in the park which were found, as part of the RoSPA inspection, to have rotted. The new bench is made out of fully recycled plastic and will hopefully last a lot longer.

As mentioned above, we have had our annual RoSPA inspection of the playground and its equipment, and the inspections have highlighted areas of repair and maintenance that the Council will be undertaking in the coming weeks and months. One worrying comment from the inspection, was the damage done to the cableway seat by dogs! The inspector noted that there were dog teeth marks on the seat, and that this is something that he has come across before where some owners are allowing their dogs to chew the seats. It was also noted that the cableway height had dropped since it was refurbished earlier this year. The Council requests that dog owners please keep their dogs under control at all times (this is the law), and that only children use the cableway and not "big children" who weigh considerably more!

Hopefully you will have noted that the three planters at The Cross have been tidied up with new bedding plants by our contractor, it is hoped that this can be maintained seasonally. The contractor also trimmed the edges of the grass cutting back the edges to reveal tarmac that had not seen the light of day for years.

On this theme; as referred to in the July Kingsley News, the Parish Council is proposing a "**Village Community Work Day**" on Saturday 21st September (don't worry if you can't make Saturday because we are also thinking of running Day 2 on Sunday 22nd).

"Village Community Work Day" -Saturday 21st September

It is proposed we meet at the Community Centre at 9.30am and finish around 12.30pm. **This is YOUR workday, this is YOUR chance to make YOUR village sparkle.** It is proposed that we, for example; tidy up the raised garden where the Christmas Tree goes at the school, or, tidy up the planting adjacent to the Co-op car park and the school, clean / clear some road signs, cut back more grass that has encroached onto our footpaths around the village (Brookside, The Brow, etc), indeed anything that will make the appearance of our lovely village look even better. So bring your spade, shears, mops and buckets, but please meet at the Community Centre so we know who is doing what.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be Tuesday 17th September, 7pm at the Community Centre.

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