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

FROM THE EDITOR

Welcome to the November 24 edition of Kingsley News,

A warm welcome again from the team at Kingsley News.

I'm writing to you all on a beautiful sunny morning in North Wales. The clocks have fallen back and for maybe a week or two we will have some slightly lighter mornings. Some interesting research out there saying that morning sun is far more important for our natural body clock than long summer evenings so we should stop springing forward each March. Personally I blame the trains for all this unified time nonsense ... but enough of my ramblings.

I hope you all appreciate the photos on the front and back cover sent in by our readers. They are aptly named 'Watching Daddy While Haymaking' & 'Pike Lane Youngsters'. Please do keeping sending them in and any stories you have to share.

I shall say this only once, but November marks a special event in the life of the village and the Kingsley Players; the last ever performances of 'Allo Allo'. In next month's edition I will be including a review of the performances and some more background including how Kingsley Players became the only company to have the rights to perform this iconic show.

Keep warm, keep safe - I'm looking forward to sharing more stories in our next bumper Christmas edition of Kingsley News.

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.

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KINGSLEY WALKERS



Once again the Kingsley Walkers have maintained their regular tramps. The September long walk ventured into Derbyshire for a spectacular trip up the 517 metre high Mam Tor, passing then through the lovely villages of Hope and Castleton.

The October short walk opened with our normal meet up at the Community Centre in order to share lifts. However, on this occasion, the car park was filled with strange cars and stranger men, new members perhaps. But, sadly no, a rival group was starting their own walk from there. This was quickly established through an exchange with their leader. His top jacket pocket was resplendently filled with a handheld satnav, a compass and a whistle, this was no doubt matched by an array of coloured pens in an interior pocket.

The actual walk started at the Ring O' Bells in Frodsham and chatting was soon in full flow. Perhaps chattus interruptus could describe intercourse amongst a walking group as conversations are broken, mixed up and restarted as gates and stiles are negotiated and breath is diverted to tackling slopes. The topics are wide ranging. Politics, religion and money are covered in a generally friendly manner, with more time being devoted to health, grandchildren and holidays. This time insulation and heat pumps were also covered.

The weather is also a regular topic along with the perceived pessimism of the BBC forecast. Despite its foreboding we enjoyed a generally fine morning. Along the walk our group leader demonstrated his commitment (or perhaps his need for committal) by showing off his dancing skills and taking the floor around an ancient oak tree in the woods. We were joined along the way by a lovely dog named Charlie, his anonymous owner coming with him I am told.

At the end of the walk some went into the Ring O' Bells for a healthy meal, others headed off to queue at the Health Centre for their flu or Covid jabs.

Kingsley Walkers have two walks per month, new members are very welcome, please email on kingsleywalkerswa6@gmail.com.

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BOOK CLUB



Here is our review of My Father's House by Joseph O'Connor which we discussed at our October meeting.

My Father's House is inspired by the extraordinary true story of Monsignor Hugh O'Flaherty, who, together with his accomplices, risked his life to smuggle Jews and escaped Allied prisoners out of Italy right under the nose of his Nazi nemesis.

The best one yet!" Although people said that generally they didn't like war books this one was very different. The characters came across so vividly. This was the first meeting where the majority had listened to it on Audible. It was thought this suited the book, since the different accents of the individual characters brought it to life.

The multiple angles made it interesting. We also found the interviews of different people in 1963 was a relief to know each interviewee had survived. The tension was all about whether Hugh had survived. None of us had heard of Hugh O'Flaherty previously, although we felt his story needed to be better known. There was some concern about the place of historical fiction which is based on facts, since we don't know what is fact and what is fiction. Some fictionalised history is exaggerated, however, we felt that this was such a serious subject it was likely to be less so. There was a lot of description in the book but none of us had felt we wanted to skip over it as can be the case in books that are needlessly descriptive.

We had an interesting discussion about the role of The Pope and The Vatican during the war and the role neutral countries generally had played. The role of the Pope has certainly been scrutinised. They may not all have been as 'neutral' as they purported to be.

We found Hauptman a fascinating, albeit evil, character. The author changed his name so as not to give him a profile in the book. We were glad there were no scenes in the torture room possibly a more effective way of portraying what went on. Hauptman's obsession with Hugo fascinated us and we discussed his capacity to compartmentalise things - the awful things he is doing at work and his affections and hopes and dreams for his children.

Oveall, we thought the book honours Hugo O'Flaherty.

This month we are celebrating 10 years of Kingsley Book club & will be meeting at KNVI on Thursday 14th November to discuss Waywood by Emilia Hart.

In the next few months we will be reading The Shipping News by Annie Prouix, The Glamour Boys by Chris Bryant, The Passenger by Cormac McCarthy & Young Mungo by Douglas Stuart If you fancy joining us please email Janet.Owen10@outlook.com



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Sunday 10th November – Remembrance Sunday

10.00 am in Church 10.50am at the Cenotaph in Kingsley Cemetery 6.00 pm - 2nd Sunday @ 6 – at NCK Centre, Norley

Sunday 17th November

10.00 am Family Service at Kingsley

Sunday 24th November

8.30 am Holy Communion at Crowton 10.00 am Holy Communion at Alvanley

Mid-week Holy Communion all at 10.00 am

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November 2024

Sunday 3rd November

8.30am Holy Communion led by Rev G Gresswell 10am Morning Worship led by Dr J Ford

Sunday 10th November

No service at the Hurst 10am Remembrance service at St John's Church

Sunday 17th November

10am Holy Communion led by Rev S Levitt

Sunday 24th November

No service at the Hurst
10.45am United service at Norley
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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.

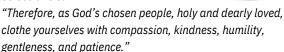
Feel free to wear a mask if you wish.

Church Open

St John's is open on Tuesday Mornings from 10am to 12noon for those who wish to take some quiet time out or for private prayer

The Power of Small Actions

Colossians 3:12



Small actions are like pebbles dropped into a calm pond, creating ripples that touch lives and drive change. It's not about grand gestures to be seen and praised; it's the collective force of individual efforts. Just as a single pebble's impact extend beyond the initial splash, our acts of kindness, our eco-conscious choices, or positive changes influence not only the immediate recipient but also inspire others. These ripples can accumulate, reaching distant shores, building awareness, creating change, making even the smallest actions a powerful force for transformation.

Think of our actions as small pebbles and think of the world as a serene calm pond. Whenever we take a positive step, it's like we gently drop a pebble into the pond's placid surface. In that moment, we create a ripple effect that extends outward, far beyond the initial point of impact.

Just as the ripples from a single pebble continue to expand, our positive actions can have a reach that extends to touch the lives of others, potentially inspiring them to also make positive changes. This chain reaction of ripples represents the impact of individual efforts, showing the influence of even the smallest actions in creating positive change.

Creating positive change doesn't require a spotlight. Everyday acts of kindness are like planting seeds in rich soil. These seemingly small deeds have the potential to sprout and flourish, much like how a tiny seed grows into a thriving plant. They have the power to brighten someone's day, create a ripple of goodwill, and, most importantly, inspire others who witness these acts to embark on their own journey of kindness. In this way, the impact of these small gestures extends far beyond the initial moment, cultivating a culture of compassion and empathy.

A simple smile will do as a start! © Revd Jane Parry

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 Nov 3rd Depmore Lane W/c Nov 10th The Cross W/c Nov 17th Highbank Road W/c Nov 24th Top Road

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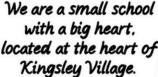
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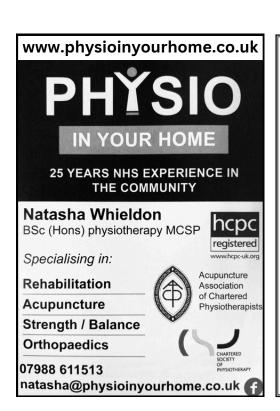
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This year, The Hurst has chosen Family Link Myanmar for its overseas charity.

This small charity was started in 2005 when a couple from England began to take out re-furnished medical equipment to Myanmar to help the small impoverished hospitals. They were able to see for themselves the very many problems facing the people in Myanmar.

They felt, as Christians the need to bring hope and love to the very poor. They wished to support the many orphaned street children in the city of Yangon and found a young married pastor and his wife who were already looking after street children in their tiny cramped flat, and this led to the building of a much larger house on some derelict land by this couple reaching out asking for support in raising funds to enable this to happen. Regular funding has helped provide rice and vegetables to feed the children.

More children have now been housed, specially from the war zone in Shan State. The Hurst has been able to support this charity in providing funds for the building of wells to provide fresh water for the house and also in other small villages.

Presently, as you may know the military are in charge of the country and conditions have deteriorated, with the military regime dictating the education of children and them being taken to join the military over the age of 12 years! by compulsion, force and kidnap.

Our church has been visited by the two trustees who started this charity and learnt first hand the conditions and how the funds raised help to make life a little easier for the children. We are continuing to raise funds and invite you all to come to the next fund raising event - A Big Breakfast served at the Hurst on November 23rd - you will be very welcome and well fed!

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