



KINGSLEY NEWS

DECEMBER 2017

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

W/c Dec 3rd Town Well and The Brow
W/c Dec 10th Waterloo Lane and Finney Lane
W/c Dec 17th Dark Lane
W/c Dec 24th Delamere Road and Crofton

We invite you to add your own prayers

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

EDITORIAL NEWS AND VIEWS

Dear Readers

Christmas will soon be with us and children are getting excited. It is the season of nativity plays, parties, mince pies, presents and pantomimes. It is easy to forget the true meaning of Christmas with all the temptations around us. For those in need of a quiet space to relax, recover etc then on 16th December you can unwind for a little while at The Hurst.

Kingsley Players are performing Cinderella this year and it promises to be an excellent production. Tickets available at the box office.

Once again the Parish Council are providing a community fund available to organisations. Please see the article on how to apply before the deadline of 31st January.

Il hope that everyone has a wonderful Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

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**



**Kingsley Players' production 'Cinderella'
a Christmas treat**

Kingsley Players bring an early Christmas treat to the stage in December (13th –16th) with a new, magical production of the much-loved classic fairy tale '*Cinderella*'.

Written and directed by Kingsley Players chairman Colin Smith, with show-stopping songs by musical director Arnold Ashbrook, this re-telling of the well-known tale promises a festive feast of fun and fabulous costumes.

Chloe Rigby takes on the title role of the long-suffering Baron's daughter who swaps her kitchen rags for a stunning ball dress. And real-life brothers Roy and Joe Youds are hilarious as the insufferable Ugly Sisters.

Colin explains: "Everyone knows the traditional story but this production will feature a few surprises as well. All the expected characters, plus a few more, will have you laughing your socks off and singing along to the catchy tunes. A large cast of more than 30 adults and children features many of the Players stalwarts as well as several of the up and coming stars of our newly-formed youth theatre group."

Cinderella will play for five performances at **Kingsley Community Centre, Wednesday 13th – Saturday 16th December, 2017**, including a Saturday matinee.

Tickets cost £7/£8, with £5 concessions available on Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday matinee.

Book in advance through the website www.kingsleyplayers.co.uk or by ringing the box office on 07724 892154.

Kingsley and Newton Village Institute (KNVI)

The KNVI is located on Top Rd. The building has a main room with dance floor, bar, kitchen and snooker room. Externally, there are excellent facilities for both tennis and bowls.

We are in the process of refurbishing the building and the grounds. Recent improvements include a re-fit of the kitchen, replacement of the windows and gutters and installation of a new central heating system. We will shortly be putting in a new dance floor and expanding the car parking space available.

As a charity, KNVI is here to provide facilities for the community, whether outside, through bowls and tennis, or inside, through snooker, line-dancing and the provision of excellent facilities for local organisations and private parties. These community assets are being used every day of the week and we now have nearly 200 Friends of the Institute.

Currently, our regular events are:

Mondays: Art Class 1 -- 5pm
Tuesdays: Line-dancing 7pm -- 11pm
Wednesdays: Indoor bowls 6pm -- 10pm
Alternate Thursdays: Quiz 7pm -- 11pm (next quiz nights December 14th, January 11th and 18th, February 8th and 22nd.
Fridays: League snooker 6:30 -- 11pm.
Saturday mornings: Junior tennis training with Bill Connell.

We will be having a New Year's Eve Party with entertainment provided by singer/guitarist Bill Paul and a choice of hot food. Tickets are £17,50 per person. Please contact Brian Blamire on 01928 788872.

For booking enquiries please contact Jonny Maddock on 07515 059129 or johnnymaddock@yahoo.co.uk

For bowling enquiries please contact Dave Ewart on 01928 733072
For tennis enquiries or Friends subscriptions please contact Elizabeth Batey on 01928 788788 or embatey@msn.com. There is also a website for Kingsley Tennis Club: www.kingsleytennis.org.uk



Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

A huge thank you to everyone in the village for support of the 2017 Poppy Appeal. Kingsley raised nearly £2000, which is a fabulous amount.

Fiona Crane
Kingsley Poppy Appeal Co-ordinator"

RAISING FUNDS FOR THE KNVI

You can now help the KNVI raise funds towards new carpets and flooring when shopping locally:

- At TESCO in Helsby, you can ask for their blue tokens when you make a purchase and vote for us by dropping them in the relevant container. You may need to request the tokens at the till, especially if you are using the self-service checkout.
- We are also one of the three local charities that the Co-op will support through their Local Community Fund. If you have a blue loyalty card for the Co-op, you can nominate us by registering your card and voting online or by phone (0800 023 4708). If you haven't already got a card, please do so (there are forms in the store); it's beneficial to the shopper as well as to local charities!

"TOO BUSY TO STOP?"



Take time out to come and experience some of the essence of Christmas

WHERE? - At the Hurst Methodist Church, Kingsley.

WHAT? - A quiet space

An opportunity to escape from the hurly burly of Christmas preparations
to read the Christmas story,
to say a prayer, light a candle
to reflect on what is at the heart of Christmas
or
to just sit and rest.

WHEN? - Saturday 16th December 8am – 6pm

*If you would like more information – or are in need of a lift – please contact
Jean Moores (01928 787442) or Janet Batey (01928 788706*

FRODSHAM & DISTRICT CHORAL SOCIETY

Saturday 16th December, 2017

7.30pm - St Laurence's Church, Frodsham WA6 7DU

'What child is this?'

A concert of traditional and modern carols

'Old wine in new bottles'; 'A Christmas garland'; 'Light and Joy' and 'Yule Love this'

Topped off by a new take on 'The twelve days of Christmas'

With **Vale Royal Concert Band**

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Parish Church of St John's Kingsley Services and Activities

Sunday 3rd December

10.00 am - Morning Worship

6.30 pm Sacred Space at Christ Church Crowton

Thursday 7th December

10.00 am - Mid-week Holy Communion

Sunday 10th December

10.00 am - Holy Communion

Sunday 17th December

10.00 am - Traditional Lessons and Carols Service

6.30 pm - Carol Service

Tuesday 19th December

2.00 am - Christingle service *With St John's School all welcome*

Sunday 24th December - Christmas Eve

10.00 am - Holy Communion at St John's Norley

4.00 pm - Crib Service at Christ Church Crowton

11.30 pm - Midnight Candlelit Holy Communion

Monday 25th December - Christmas Day

10.00am Family Service with Communion

Sunday 31st December

10.00 am Holy Communion (*Iona Liturgy*) followed by *Soup Lunch (optional)*

A warm welcome awaits you at any of these services

Vicar: Rev'd Pete Rugen 01928 787180

Associate Minister: Rev'd Hilary Merrington 01928 788087

Website: nck.org.uk

On Stage Near You

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

December is pantomime time in Kingsley...Oh yes it is! For a real panto treat get yourselves along to Kingsley Community Centre where from 13th to 16th, with a matinee on the Saturday, you can enjoy ***Cinderella***, an original production by KPs own **Colin Smith and Arnold Ashbrook**. KPs tell us Colin has written a traditional pantomime to delight kids aged from 5 to 105 (or older) which is accompanied by Arnold's well known original music. The cast includes old favourites as well as new members all who are sure to delight. Tickets from www.kingsleyplayers.co.uk.

For the rest, December is a quiet month but you should consider the following:

6th to 13th Harlequin Theatre, Northwich – *When We Are Married* by J B Priestley and directed by KPs' **Malcolm Barker**. Harlequins remind us that the cast of this superb comedy includes KPs **Neil and Lesley Silcock, Jake Powell and John Dodd** (all in KPs ***Allo Allo***), together with **Fran and Ellie Hamer**. Harlequin regulars will also recognise most of the rest of the cast from last season's *A Flea in Her Ear*.. The link to the video is <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fOfFNW52h7U&t=4s> An excellent jolly night out is promised. www.harlequinplayers.com

8th – 16th Nantwich Players – *The Lion The Witch and the Wardrobe* adapted by Adrian Mitchell from the book by C S Lewis. This is described as an exciting and magical musical adaptation of this much loved tale and is bound to be a big hit for children and adults alike. www.nantwichplayers.com

And of seasonal professional theatre there is Enid Blyton's *The Secret Seven* at the Storyhouse, Chester from 1st, *Sleeping Beauty* at the Brindley, Runcorn from 11th and *Cannon and Ball* at The Lyceum Crewe with *Snow White and the Sven Dwarves* from 16th.

Reviews

Our readers tell us they do enjoy reviews from those of you who went to the shows we featured so please keep the emails coming. From the middle of October to middle November we received as follows

Aston Hayes Theatre Club – ***The Pitman Painters***. A really well received production with a great storyline and a well directed piece by award winning guest director Robert Meadows.

Harlequin Theatre, Northwich – **God of Carnage** – a number of you saw this well crafted play, an Olivier Award Winner of the best comedy play 2008, which was directed by Cathy Searcy who had just returned from the UK after directing experience both in Europe and the UAE. It was well acted by an experienced team and was the sort of production done well by this award winning company.

Nantwich Little Theatre – **Just Between Ourselves** by Alan Ayckbourn – one of Ayckbourn's classics and a couple of you were able to get tickets (they sell out very quickly at Nantwich) and tell us it was a great laughter filled evening.

Knutsford Little Theatre – **The Cat and the Canary** by John Willard – thanks to the couple who went to Knutsford and advise this was a really funny play and well worth the trip to this charming little theatre. An interesting 1950's radio play performed as live on stage.

Chester Little Theatre – **The Things Good Men Do** by Dan Muirden. A few of you journeyed to Chester and advise this was a sound performance of a modern 'laddish' play and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Guilden Sutton Players – **Flint Street Nativity by Tim Firth** – always one to pack them in at this time of the year, the performances were sold out and deservedly so as the company delighted audiences with this popular play by a well known local artist.

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

WI

**The next meeting of Kingsley WI will be held on
Wednesday 6th December at 7-30pm
in the Kingsley Community Centre**

**Angela Brabin will speak on
"Poison is a Woman's Weapon"
No open meeting in January.**

**February 7th will be 'Deadly Beauty – A Woman's Lot in the 17th Century'
by Vivienne Derricutt**

Visitors are always welcome to attend any of our monthly meetings

The Hurst Church Soup Lunch

Monday 11th December - Noon to 1.00 pm

Home-made Soups, Puddings, Tea and coffee
- only £2.50 all in.

All proceeds this month in aid of "The Salvation Army". 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 soups and puds !!!

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WORSHIP AT THE HURST METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday 3rd December Advent 1

10:00 am Morning Worship at The Hurst :Mr P.Garner
6.30 pm At Blakelees Chapel: Revd A.M.Emison

Sunday 10th December Advent 2

8:15am Holy Communion at The Hurst: Rev D. Bintliff
10:00am Gift Service at The Hurst: Revd D.Bintliff
6.30pm At Blakelees Chapel : Revd D.Bintliff

Sunday 17th December-Advent 3

10:00am Morning worship The Hurst- : Prof.N.Ford
2.30pm At Blakelees Chapel: Carol Service: Revd D. Bintliff
6.30pm Carol Service at The Hurst: Revd D.Bintliff

Sunday 24th December -Christmas Eve

4:00pm At The Hurst- Christingle Service
6.30pm No service at Blakelees
11.15pm Service at The Hurst-Revd D.Bintliff

Christmas Day

10:00am At The Hurst-Family Service-Revd D.Bintliff

Sunday 31st December

10.00am At The Hurst –Mr M.Barnard
No service at Blakelees in the evening

All are very welcome, please do come and join us and please bring the children! There is a Sunday school for children every week (Not in the month of August) and those who presently attend, really do enjoy!

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Kingsley Parish Council

Community Fund 2018

Following the Council meeting on Tuesday 21st November 2017, the Parish Council is pleased to announce that it will be running the Community Fund once more in 2018, in line with the 2017 scheme, applicants can apply for a maximum grant of £1,000, but groups or organisations can apply for any amount no matter how small. The full terms and conditions of the Community Fund and the awarding of grants are contained in the application pack.

The total allocation of funds to the community grant scheme for 2018/19, will be set in January 2018, after the Parish Council has approved its budget.

In 2017, Kingsley Parish Council awarded a total of £2,650 of the community grant fund to Kingsley Youth Group, Kingsley Players Youth Theatre, Kingsley & Newton Scout Group and Kingsley Garden & Produce Club.

For an application pack please contact the Parish Clerk; Mrs J Preston on jowish@hotmail.com or telephone 01928 787303. Application forms are now available and all completed applications must be received by the Parish Clerk no later than 31st January 2018.

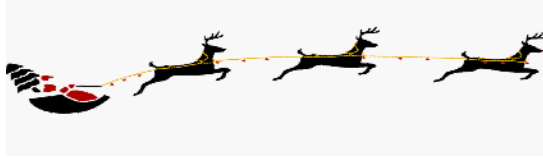
THANK YOU

On behalf of the village community, we wish to express thanks & gratitude to Mary & Lynne for all their efforts over the years, with the organisation & running of the Macmillan coffee mornings, they are due much praise, as indeed are their loyal team of helpers & supporters, so very WELL DONE to you all, & thanks to all concerned. Enjoy your retirement & let's hope some others will take up the reins!!

We are very lucky to live in this lovely village, & should all count our blessings, & thank God for people such as these, who do such good for so many.

Thank you,

Ron and Maureen Nield



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Kingsley St. John's C of E Primary School.

David 01928 787742.

Mob, 07973724010.



@ The Hurst Methodist Church,
4.30pm-6.30pm on Thursday 7th December

Fun and Games

We have some very messy things for you to do!!!!

An evening meal is provided, with food liked by all ages. A vegetarian option will always be available.

Suggested donations of £1 per child, £2 per adult or £5 per family are welcome to help cover costs.

It's messy! It's Church – but not as you know it!

Create, celebrate & eat together.

It's happening in Kingsley – come & join in the fun.

Messy Church is your Church!!!

Please come promptly at 4.30pm

If you have not been before-come and see what fun it is

Kingsley Parish Council November 2017

Planning applications. **Brookside Farm Chapel Lane Kingsley 17/04490/FUL OBJECTION**

New portal framed agricultural building.

72 Beech View Road Kingsley 17/04499/FUL NO OBJECTION

First floor side and single storey rear extension.

Westbrook Hollow Lane Kingsley 17/04305 NO OBJECTION

Conversion of farm building to 4 dwellings & farmhouse to 2 dwellings

Higher Heyes Amendment 17/02356/FUL 4 one bedroom, 6 two bedroom, **OBJECTION**

5 x3 bedroom properties **PLANNING DECISION DUE 5.12.17**

Dodsley Farm Beech Lane Norley 17/04581/PDQ Change of use from agricultural building to house **AWAITING REVISED APPLICATION**

6 Highbank Rd Kingsley 17/04430/FUL NO OBJECTION

Ground floor extension and first floor side extension

Appeal Delamere Forest APP/A0665/W/17/3185481 Re-organisation of existing visitor facility and erection of 67 timber holiday cabins. **Kingsley Parish Council did not object to the original application and no new comments will be made re this appeal.**

Horseshoe Pub. Sam Miller of Langdale Developments updated the Council with regard to the new Co-operative Store. It is hoped for various outside works to commence before Christmas such as removing the single extension and old shed at the Pub and that the new Store will open in May 2018.

Vacancies for new Councillors. Three new councillors were appointed to Council on 6 November 2017. Councillor John Dean, Councillor Alex Dedman, Councillor David Molyneux. They were welcomed to the Council at the meeting on 21 November.

Kingsley Parish Cemetery

Atlantic Geometrics presented their proposal for digitally mapping the Cemetery. It was an interesting and informative talk and Council will discuss the matter further at the December meeting. Certain railings within the Cemetery are to be repaired as are the posts on the hand rail.

Highways

Councillor Oultram reported that unfortunately yellow blips are not now to be painted on the kerb outside the present Co-operative Store owing to lack of funds.

Playing Field

Three new pieces of play equipment will be installed in the playing field, a zip wire, swing for older children and climbing frame. These items were the

most requested by parishioners in a Facebook Survey. Council agreed to appoint Wicksteed to carry out the works and Councillor Jones will meet with their representative in due course to discuss positioning of the new equipment within the playing field. Funding has been received from Veolia Environmental Trust and Tesco Bags of Help Scheme.

Neighbourhood Plan.(NP) There was a meeting to discuss the NP on 23 October which was attended by only 3 members of the public, which was disappointing. However, the working group have decided to continue with the process and a further meeting has been arranged for 6 December 7.30 in the Community Centre. At the meeting on 6 December there will be a talk from Community in Action so please come along to hear more.

Community Fund

Kingsley Parish Council will be funding a Community Fund for 2018. The maximum grant will be £1000. Please contact the Clerk on 01928 787303 for further information.

Conservation Working Group

It was agreed by Council that a Conservation Area Working Group for Kingsley should be set up, led by Councillor Billows. Members of the public are welcome to assist and join the Working Group.

PLEASE NOTE that the Minutes of the Parish Council's meetings are placed on the village website each month.



Kingsley Youth Club

Thursdays in term-time
School Years 4 to 6
5:30 – 7:30pm
School Years 7 to 11

Our program up to Christmas is as follows:

- 30/11/17' What do our families mean to us?'. We will draw family crests.
- 7/12/17 Making Christmas cards to send to charities and families.
- 14/12/17 PANTO. We will attend Kingsley Players production of Cinderella.
- 21/12/19 CHRISTMAS PARTY

And we have all the usual activities: indoor games, X-box, table football, traditional games, tuck and snacks for sale.

Any questions? Email us at kingsleyku17s@gmail.com

Litter Pick Update

The November litter pick saw 8 of our litter pick team remove 9 bags of litter from around the village.

The car park off Middle Lane was particularly bad with a number of bottles and other litter.

There will be no December litter pick but there will be one on Saturday 13th January.

Thank you to the team and to everyone who picks up litter.

Join us on 13th. All equipment is provided

Eila Birtwistle

KINGSLEY CRICKET CLUB

Kingsley Cricket Club had an excellent season on and off the pitch in 2017.

The 1st XI won the Second Division of the UK Fast Cheshire Cricket League, meaning that they will play in the First Division for the first time in the club's history next season. The Midweek XI, affectionately known as the Kingsley Knights, finished runners-up in the First Division of the Chester and District Midweek League. The respective teams received their trophies from ex-England players Paul Nixon and Matthew Hoggard at the recent awards evenings.

The club's juniors also tasted success, with the U13s beating local rivals Oakmere in the North Cheshire Cup. We ran a very successful Allstars programme for the younger children and fielded teams at U9, U11, U13 and U15. Winter coaching takes place in the New Year at Frodsham Leisure Centre and summer training takes place on Friday nights at The Croft between mid-April and late July, with the bar open for families to relax in the sunshine. If you have children who are keen to take up the game please let us know.

Our famous annual Beer Festival, now a highlight of the village social calendar, was again a resounding success, raising vital funds that the club needs to develop. We are always looking for new members and volunteers, so if you are keen to get involved as player, umpire, coach, scorer, bar staff etc., please get in touch.

In particular, we are looking to rejuvenate our Sunday XI so if you've not played for a while and would like to start playing again, please get in touch with me. Our Sunday team is all about giving people an opportunity to enjoy playing cricket, whatever their age, ability etc.

Adrian Burden

Secretary, Kingsley Cricket Club (07966 711940; burd8@sky.com)

Kingsley Walking Group



In October, 15 of us set out on the short walk from the Golden Pheasant pub in Plumley. It was a perfect autumn day for a 5 mile circular stroll over beautiful Cheshire countryside. En route we passed Holford Hall, a fine half-timbered black and white manor house with moat, dating from 1601. Afterwards we had an excellent lunch at the pub.

On 14 November, fourteen of us took an enjoyable 7 mile walk from Dyserth, in fine and mild weather. From the car park in the centre of the town, by the waterfall, we climbed to the northern edge of the Clwydian Hills, where we were rewarded with clear views over Colwyn Bay and towards Snowdonia. We followed field paths, tracks and lanes over undulating country at high level in a roughly clockwise direction, and after a picnic lunch dropped back down into Dyserth. Details of the walk (with some modifications) can be found on the Dyserth website

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 for the short walks and for the long walks in January and February. Note however an earlier start time of 9.00am for the long walks from March to November.

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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Wed 6th 19.30pm at KCC :WI Meeting "Poison is a women's weapon"
Thurs 7th 4.30-6.30 pm: Hurst Messy Church for all the family.
Sat 9th 9.30-12.30 pm At The Hurst" Ready Steady Christmas"
parents welcome at the end !
Mon 11th 12-1pm Hurst Christmas soup lunch
Tues 12th 7.00pm Hurst Guild Supper-followed by carols and readings.
Booking necessary please.
Wed 13th-Sat 16th - Kingsley Pantomime.
Fri 15th 10.30am Hurst Men's Brunch
Sat 16th at The Hurst-"Too Busy To Stop?" from 8am to 6.00pm
Sun 17th 6.30pm- Carol Service at The Hurst
Sun 24th At the Hurst at 4.00pm-Christingle Service for both children
and adults.
Christmas Day 10.00am Family service at The Hurst
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