



# KINGSLEY NEWS

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

W/c Jan	1st	The Hurst and Chamberbrook Lane
W/c Jan	8th	Kingsley Green
W/c Jan	15th	Kingsley Road
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W/c Jan	29th	Newton Hall

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# EDITORIAL NEWS □ AND VIEWS

Dear Readers

I can't believe another year has slipped by and I honestly don't know where it has gone, I certainly didn't achieve all my New Year resolutions! However, I guess I am not alone with this statement. I will have to try harder this year to achieve all my goals (or maybe some of them!)

January is always a quiet month after the hustle and bustle of the run up to Christmas. However, there is the Kingsley Players panto at the end of January to cheer us up with their Mouse's Tale.

The Kingsley Transition Initiative are holding an Extraordinary General Meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> January as they need additional people to keep the group running and secure its future, and that of the KTI markets, for Kingsley. Please give them some support for the excellent job they do.

There is one ticket left for the theatre trip to see Billy Elliott. There must be one person out there that would like to see this wonderful musical. Coach transport from Kingsley to the theatre and good company on the coach. An excellent evening out. See ad on page 9.

Wishing you all a Happy New Year

*Elizabeth*

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## **Kingsley Parish Council Meeting 20 December 2016**

### **Planning applications.**

Two planning applications were received and discussed at the meeting. Planning Application 16/05201/FUL Chapel Works Bushells Lane Kingswood for glass link and garage conversion. 16/05165/FUL Cowslips Pike Lane Kingsley for 2 storey rear extension.

### **Car Parking Survey.**

Councillors undertook a survey of cars parked in Hollow Lane over several days and at different times. Cars parked long term were those belonging to the St John's School and businesses in the Lane. Short term parking was mainly for customers using the Co-operative Store. A further survey will be undertaken to look into other possible car parking arrangements.

### **Transport**

Further to Councillor Pownall pursuing the report on motor accidents at the junction of Delamere Road/Guest Slack, Cheshire West and Chester Council are sending engineers to look at the junction. A 20 mph speed limit is now in place along Middle Lane.

### **Defibrillator**

The Parish Council are pleased to say that they have been successful in their application for funding from the British Heart Foundation for 2 defibrillators. They will be installed in the New Year, one on the wall outside the pharmacy, by kind permission of the pharmacist, and one outside the Kingsley & Newton Village Institute. Training opportunities will be made available within the Village once the defibrillators are installed.

### **Noticeboards.**

New Noticeboards will be erected in the Playing Field and the Cemetery in the New Year for use by the Parish Council and members of the public to advertise matters of interest.

### **Christmas Tree Lights.**

Kingsley Parish Council wish to thank Woodhouse Ltd, a friendly local electrical, plumbing and heating contractor based in Frodsham for their help with the Christmas lights this year. They generously gave their time, free of charge, to help test and fix the lights on the tree outside St John's School and also the display at the Brow. If anyone has any ideas as to what they would like to see as part of the 2017 display then please contact the Parish Clerk (01928 [787303/jowish@hotmail.com](mailto:787303/jowish@hotmail.com)) or any of your Parish Councillors.

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



**Kingsley  
Community  
Association**

A busy year of events at the Community Centre came to an end with December seeing a wide range of things for everyone. We have had parties for the young and not so young, KTI market, St John's school plays and music nights from Whalebone and Ashton Sings.

If you haven't made it along in 2016; new year's resolutions come only once a year so try and get along. It all starts again with the events below plus the ever popular Kingsley Players Panto, a new exercise/fitness class and more film nights for 2017.

New ideas and events are always welcome; if you would like to get involved with a single event or on a longer term basis then please get in touch.

Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> Jan	<b>Gardening Club</b>	8pm
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> , 17 <sup>th</sup> , 31 <sup>st</sup> Jan	<b>Yoga Class</b>	6.30pm–8pm
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan	<b>Kingsley W I</b>	7.30pm
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> , 18 <sup>th</sup> Jan	<b>Alzheimer's Society</b>	11am-12.30pm
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> , 12 <sup>th</sup> 19 <sup>th</sup> Jan	<b>KU17's</b>	

Kingsley Players put on their wonderful and popular performances throughout the year. The Centre has a great dance floor – it's a fabulous venue for a party, be it Birthday, Anniversary, Retirement or Wedding Celebrations. Children's Parties are particularly popular!

There is potentially something here of interest for everyone : it is truly a Centre for the Community

Rooms are available for hire at the Centre from as little as £20. We can also hire at an hourly rate where appropriate. Contact Elizabeth Batey, Booking Secretary, 788788 or [embatey@msn.com](mailto:embatey@msn.com)

As a resident of Middle Lane I am pleased that the speed limit has been reduced to 20 mph as I'm sure are parents, staff & pupils of the school.

What is surprising is that it has been done with little if any publicity so that drivers who regularly use this road haven't even noticed the change in the signage and are continuing to travel at the original speed of 30 mph ( or sometimes faster!)

Surely something needs to be done to make people aware of the change, otherwise there seems little point of making the change?

Julie Gray

## **Kingsley Bookworms**

### **Next meeting 5th January 2017 at the Red Bull**

Our December meeting was very lively. We talked about “The Bees” by Laline Paull. The book got mixed reviews with an average score of 3.4 out of 5. The book sparked a good discussion about “totalitarian society” and the caste system. On the flip side, people were dubious about the idea that a bee could speak. People who enjoyed the book reflected on the fact that they didn’t get hooked until about half way through.

At our meeting on January 5th we will be talking about “The Essex Serpent” by Sarah Perry”. This is one of the Costa nominated novels for 2016. We decided to read all the nominated novels and talk about our prizewinner at the March meeting (comparing our views with those of the judges). The books are:

Days without End by Sebastian Barry  
This Must be the Place by Maggie O’Farrell  
The Essex Serpent by Sarah Perry  
The Gustav Sonata by Rose Tremain

We have a 12 month list of books that we plan to read. They are available on our Facebook page, or get in touch and we can send you one.

Everyone is welcome to join us at any of our meetings. If you want more information, or to join in any of our events please contact me on [vwillim@coach-work.co.uk](mailto:vwillim@coach-work.co.uk) or call me on 07799 067 457. We have also got our own Facebook page called Kingsley Bookworms.



***NOTICE is given that an Extraordinary General Meeting to discuss the future of KTI will be held on***

***10th January 2017 at 19:30,  
Kingsley Community Centre.***

***Please do come along to discuss the future of KTI and the markets etc.***

***Contact Simon Sherlock, 01928 787813 or  
simon@sherlock.co.uk for further details.***

## **THANK YOU**

**John Hutchinson and family would like to thank colleagues, friends and neighbours for their support and kind thoughts following the sad loss of Joan. 61 happy years.**

**Parkinsons charity donations raised £770.**

## **Poppy Appeal**

**The total donations in Kingsley for the  
Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal  
this year were £2256.49**

**Thank you for such a fantastic response.**

**Fiona Crane - Poppy Appeal Co-Ordinator.**

## ***On Stage Near You***

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

What a great start to December. It kicked off when some of us went to see Frodsham Players offering of ***Goodnight Mr Tom***. The cast included KP (Kingsley Players) members **Jake Powell** (*Bite Sized Shakespeare*), **Angela Lucas** (*Two Wits to Woo*) and **Matt Betteridge** (*Oliver*). The feedback on social media was full of high praise and we had a front seat which gave us a full view of a most enjoyable play and inventive set layout. We did have some negative feedback, however, from some of you who arrived later and had to take second a third row seats. They said their view of the stage was restricted and one even went on to say that half of the play was no more than 'a radio play..' They said they enjoyed it despite that.

The star of our month was the excellent production of ***Bouncers*** at the Harlequin Theatre. The cast of 4 men, who played all of the parts, was excellent. Three had been in the play at least once before, as had the director Mike Kelsall, who brought his own interpretation which was impressive. Congratulations to the debut member of cast who kept pace with the others and gave us all a night to remember.

Those of you who were lucky enough to get tickets (we were not) for the sell out performances of Willy Russell's ***Breezblock Park*** were not disappointed. Great feedback for this experienced and talented cast although unfortunately the run had to be curtailed because of cast availability.

***Jack and the Beanstalk*** By Tip Top at the Forum, Chester continues to get good reviews. Great venue to take the kids and save money compared to professional theatre. On until 6<sup>th</sup> January.

Those who travelled further to Altrincham praise the Garrick's ***Dick Whittington***. A proper family pantomime that appealed to all ages and you might have a chance to see as it runs until 2<sup>nd</sup> January

We have no feedback for the professional shows so if you have seen those or any others not mentioned then please let us know.

**Looking forward to January**, you need look no further than **Kingsley Players** who, after the rip roaring success of ***Oliver*** last year are presenting another musical, ***A Mouse's Tale***. The music and lib are by the talented local musician and writer, **Arnold Ashbrook**. No need to introduce Arnold to regular members of the KP audience as he has written a number of pantomimes performed at Kingsley as well as being musical director for many others. He also wrote the popular ***Scrooge*** musical performed by

Zodiacs last year. We recommend you do not hesitate to get on their website and book tickets for this as it is bound to be a sell out

**Other January show include: -**

14 – 21 Chester Theatre Club - **Theft** by Eric Chappell. A tongue-in-cheek delight, packed with stinging one-liners, daring reversals and many sharp comments on marriage, money and crime. Box Office: <http://www.chestertheatreclub.co.uk/>

16 – 21 Altrincham Garrick – **Gaslight** by Patrick Hamilton. A revival of the Victorian thriller. <http://www.altrinchamgarrick.co.uk/shows/gaslight-2/>

22 – 28 Altrincham Little Theatre - **Woman in a Dressing Gown** by Ted Willis, another revival, this a multi award winning drama.

28 – 29 Harlequin Theatre, Northwich **Sinbad and the Pirates of Phantom Island**. Definitely one to take the kids to. This is a debut of a new adaptation written by KP's **Ellie Hamer** (*Time of My Life*) who brought Harlequins the award winning Jungle Book last year. Very highly recommended. <http://www.harlequinplayers.com/new-events/>

30 – 4 Altrincham Garrick – **Handbagged** - by Moira Buffini. An unusual satire about interviews between the Queen and Margaret Thatcher, each character played by 2 actors at the same time, one younger and one older, and a couple of others playing all of the other parts. A really good laugh to warm you up on a cold winter's evening. <http://www.altrinchamgarrick.co.uk/shows/handbagged/>

If your production or a play you have seen did not appear here then please email us and tell us about it by emailing [cheshireonstage@btinternet.com](mailto:cheshireonstage@btinternet.com).

John Doe

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10:00 am Morning Worship at The Hurst :Mrs J.Batey and Mr J. Hufton  
6.30 pm- No Service At Blakelees Chapel .

### **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> January-Sunday after Epiphany**

8.15am At The Hurst : Communion :Revd N.Stacey  
10:00am Morning Worship at The Hurst : Mr M.Smyth  
6.30pm At Blakelees Chapel : Mr J.Bell

### **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January**

10:00am At The Hurst- Communion : Revd I.Rigby  
6.30pm At Blakelees Chapel-Communion: Revd I Rigby

### **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> January**

10:00am At The Hurst: Morning Worship –Mrs B.Carter  
6.30pm At Blakelees Chapel-Mr P .Garner

### **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> January**

10:00am At The Hurst :Morning Worship –Mr P Garner  
6.30pm At Blakelees Chapel –Revd D. Speed

All are very welcome, please do come and join us and please bring the children! There is a Sunday school for children (apart from the month of August), and those who presently attend, really do enjoy!

## **The Hurst Souperstars'**

### **Soup lunch**

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January - Noon to 1.00 pm**

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We also enjoy an annual, themed Pack Holiday weekend every year.

If you think your child may be interested in joining our Pack, please contact us for details at –

**kingsley\_brownies@hotmail.co.uk** – leave your telephone number & we'll call you back.

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There was a five mile walk from the Leigh Arms at Acton Bridge on 30 November. We followed the Weaver canal towpath towards Barnton initially, before climbing to Barnton village, from where we crossed fields to Little Leigh to return to our starting point. The cold weather and exercise gave us a good appetite for the excellent lunch that followed.

We held the traditional Joint Walk and Christmas lunch on 13 December. Starting from Frodsham Golf Club, we headed southward to the Shepherds Cottages, then along the edge of Snidley Moor, dropping down to cross the Sandstone trail before climbing to the pre-historic dwelling house. Emerging on the northern edge of Frodsham Hill, we continued via Middle Walk before a stiff climb to the War Memorial, finally circling back round Beacon Hill past Heathercliffe. The weather was dull, but the company sparkling! Seventeen took the walk and nineteen enjoyed the lunch.

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).

### **KINGSLEY NEWS LETTER**

If you do not receive yours please pick one up at the Post Office, Chemist or pubs. People who deliver are not always available.

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There is a church car park in Chapelfields and plenty of nearby street  
parking.

Membership £5.00 p.a. + £1.50 per meeting. Visitors £3.00

Our Programme of Meetings begins on 9th January, 2017, with a talk  
entitled *Fitzroy, the tragic captain of HMS Beagle*  
by Dr Simon La Frenais

The entire Programme of Meetings is displayed on notice boards around the  
district, including Kingsley Village Notice Board, Frodsham Community  
Centre & the window of Elliott's Newsagents in Main Street, Frodsham.  
Further details about the Society may be obtained from Kath Gee (Hon.Sec.  
F&DHS) – [Kgee96@aol.com](mailto:Kgee96@aol.com)



## Kingsley Players back on stage with fantasy musical *'A Mouse's Tale'*

Kingsley Players return to the stage at the end of January with a fantasy musical *'A Mouse's Tale'*.

The team which created the award-winning production *'Oliver'* last year are back in action with a heart-warming tale created by talented Norley writer/composer William Arnold Ashbrook.

The musical tells the story of a remarkable country mouse called Timothy (Matthew Betteridge). He has an amazing IQ and spends all his days reading and learning which makes him very unpopular with the other mice.



Forced to leave his country community, he heads for the city and invents an ingenious Early Warning Device to save his new friends from the evil cat Claudia (Catrin Jones). Money-grabbing entrepreneurs Charles (Jake Powell) and Amandapie (Ali Wheeler) spot the potential of this brilliant invention, set up the 'Catastrophic Corporation' and go into mass production. But can



undercover reporter Rebecca Rat (Sue Elliott) expose their ruthless exploitation of the worker mice?

Director Lynn Pegler said: “This wonderful musical has catchy songs, a delightful story and an enthusiastic cast of more than 30 talented performers. The production promises to be a big hit with both adults and children - *Tom and Jerry* meets Orwell’s *Animal Farm!*”



**A *Mouse’s Tale*** will play for five performances at **Kingsley Community Centre, Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> January, 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](http://www.kingsleyplayers.co.uk) or by ringing the box office on 07724 892154.**



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	18:30	Encounter
Jan.29		TBA

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Please note later date !

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Tues 10<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm for 7.45pm Hurst Guild "Guilders' night"  
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