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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 May 24 edition of Kingsley News,

I hope you appreciate our guests on the front cover this month. They are (from top to bottom); Amber, Jake and Des. Do keep sending in your pictures of pets or any other local scenes you have as it would be great to include more of our residents' photography next month.



As always there are lots of things to do in and around Kingsley this May, whether its walking, running, gardening, tennis, that is weather permitting!! I hope our 'When will it stop raining?' article doesn't fill you with dread?

But take heart and feel lifted by Su Woodall's delightful poem, 'Lollipop Trees' and enjoy some hearty soup at the Hurst or a snuggle up with a good book as recommended by Kingsley Book Club.

If you do find that you have time on your hands then Kingsley Players are looking for volunteers to help backstage or with set construction. Their plays are always fantastic to watch. Why not join them in the audience this month for 'There goes the Bride'. If you have never seen one of their productions, now might be a good time to break that 'duck'.

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.

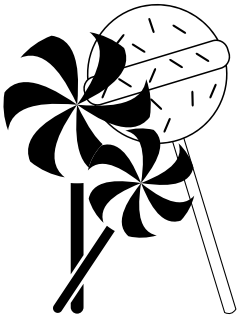
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Lollypop Trees A Parkinson's Poem

Lollypop trees, marshmallow sky.
Glistening black stars twinkling on high.
Pink flowing stream, tulips of green and blue.
This must be a dream or maybe it's true.

Sand dunes of purple and deep orange sea.
Night sky yellow with glittering stars, a moon bright glowing
in marvellous red.
Oh, how these colours play in my head.

Awake at last to a bright new morning.
Sky of blue, sun bright yellow glistening silver dew on the
meadow.
Now I know it was but a dream, these colours so beautiful,
so right in my head, ready now for this day ahead.

Su Woodall, parky sufferer and poet 😊



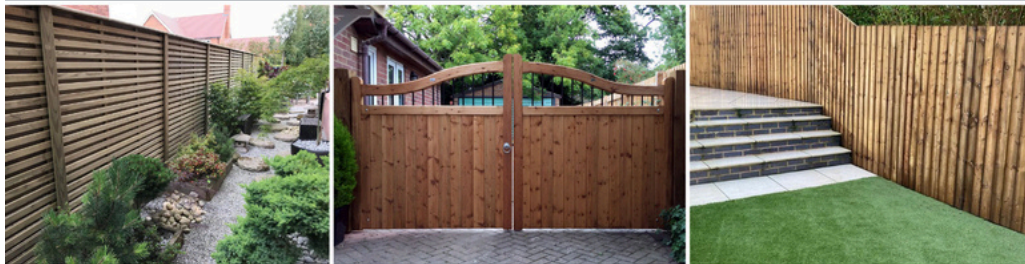
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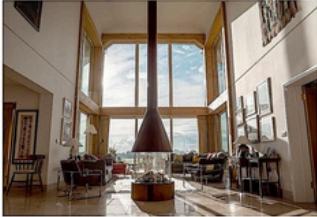
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WHEN WILL IT STOP RAINING?



It does seem as though we have had more than our fair share of rain over the last few months.

In February, we had 196% of our long term average rainfall for February in Cheshire, and in the three months from December 2023 to February 2024 we had some 160% of our long term average rainfall for that three month period.

So we've had a pretty wet winter, but then, so has the rest of England (162% of the long term average), though the North West generally gets over 40% more rain than England as a whole.

The whole of the last 12 months has been wetter -average rainfall for the North West in the Summer and Autumn was some 25% higher than normal. It may not have felt like it, but March has been better, only 17% above average across the North West. The last time rainfall in Cheshire was below average was in May 2023.

Surprisingly, the most extreme rainfall we've had in the last twelve months was last July, when we had around 260% of our average rainfall for that month.

In February 2024, water flow in the River Weaver was more than twice the average for February.

It won't make things feel much better, but the North, as a whole, (North West and North East) has been noticeably "drier" than the Midlands and the South, but Cheshire has been the wettest part of the North West.

Of course, its not just the rain that makes life just a bit miserable, it's the ground that it falls on. For those of us with clay soils, persistent above average rainfall results in a saturated garden with standing water and lawns that can't be mowed.

As you'd expect, reservoirs are currently generally brimful, but this doesn't mean that hosepipe bans are a thing of the past. Annual water supply and normal rainfall in the North West will drain and refill the reservoirs several times in a typical year, so only a few months of significantly below average rainfall can soon reduce reservoirs levels to "hosepipe ban" levels.

Statistics sourced from Environment Agency Reports.



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Our Falcons are now published authors. We entered the Young Writers competition and had to write a creative story about a crazy creature in 100 words. Our amazing stories have now been published in an anthology.

We held an aspiration afternoon as part of our personal development sessions. Some very brave parent volunteers came in to speak to us about their chosen careers and the path they took to get there. Barn Owls had lots of fun listening to swallowing sounds with the stethoscope. love: learn: aspire: achieve



We joined our cluster schools in Delamere Forest for our KS2 cross country. Everyone from KS2 took part and the staff were so proud of the teamwork, resilience and sportsmanship on display.

Our school council decided we should wear purple to show our continuing support for the Stroke Association and we collected £80 in donations from spectators and members of our FAVSP community
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Kingsley Players
presents ..



'There Goes the Bride'

Kingsley Players stage 'fiendishly clever farce' - 15 – 18 May, 2024

Award winning Kingsley Players will be back on stage again in mid-May performing the hit West End farce, **'There Goes the Bride'**, by the dynamic duo of comedy theatre, Ray Cooney and John Chapman.

Described by the Daily Mirror as: "A fiendishly clever farce that gets madder and funnier as it goes along", the play revolves around the nightmare scenario of a harassed advertising executive who hits his head on the morning of his daughter's society wedding.

He wakes to find himself in the company of Polly Perkins, a 1920s flapper girl straight out of his current advertising campaign and it soon becomes apparent that no one else can see or hear her...

Kingsley Players first performed this master comedy in 1983 when the current director Malcolm Barker was in the cast. Now 41 years later, it marks his 120th play and his 34th in the director role.

On this production, he is working with eight hugely talented and experienced actors. On stage will be Simon Hetherington, Jen Deakin and Lisa Buckley, who recently shone in **'One Man Two Guvnors'**, joined by Lesley Silcock, Neil Silcock and Murray Milligan, stars of this January's panto **Mother Goose**, Ian Lancaster from **'Allo Allo'** and Valarie Ball, who took the lead female role in the group's 2022 production of Cooney's play **'Funny Money'**.

Malcolm said: "I am delighted to be working with a fantastic cast on this revival. When I revisited the script, I decided that although it retained its character as a classic mid-century piece, it would still resonate with a modern audience. Set on the morning before a wedding at the bride's home, it is just as riotous and hilarious as when it was first written. The cast agree and we hope audiences will enjoy it too."

'There Goes the Bride' will be on stage at Kingsley Theatre in Kingsley Community Centre, WA6 8ED, from Wednesday 15 to Saturday 18 May, nightly at 7.30pm.

Tickets cost £11, with £7 tickets available for students/children. These can be booked online at www.kingsleyplayers.co.uk or by ringing the box office on 07724 892154.



Backstage and set construction volunteers needed!



We are an active, award-winning group, who stage about five productions a year.

We'd love to recruit some more people to join our important backstage and set construction team.

Several times a year, we convert Kingsley Community Centre into a theatre for adult and youth productions – and our raised seating is occasionally used by other groups too.

Our next production week is 11-19 May, with a call out for helpers on both weekends, for set build at the start of the show and set strike on the final Sunday morning.

If you could give a few hours to help on an occasional basis, we'd love to hear from you.

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Sunday 12th May

10.00 am Holy Communion at Crowton
6.00 pm - 2nd Sunday @ 6 – at NCK Centre, Norley

Sunday 19th May

10.00 am Holy Communion at Kingsley

Sunday 26th May

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

Mid-week Holy Communion all at 10.00 am

2nd May at Kingsley
16th May at Crowton
9th May at Norley
23rd May at Kingsley
30th May at Norley

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Worship at The Hurst Methodist Church

May 2024

Sunday 5th May

8.30am Holy Communion
led by Revd A Crookes

10am Morning Worship
led by Prof N Ford

Sunday 12th May

10am Morning Worship
led by Mrs R Lane

Sunday 19th May

10am Holy Communion
led by Revd T Macquiban

Sunday 26th May

10.45am United service at Norley
led by Revd N Stacey
– No service at the Hurst today

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

W/c May 5th Chapel Lane
W/c May 12th Westbrook Road
W/c May 19th Church View
W/c May 26th Smithy Lane

We invite you to add your own prayers

As the church progresses through this vacancy we are in a sort of ‘in-between’ time as we wait to appoint a new incumbent. A position not unlike the disciples after that first Easter, although we are not without Jesus in our lives and we have to trust in this waiting time.

On the first Ascension Day the disciples find themselves bereft of the one who has captivated them, given their lives significance, meaning and purpose and stimulated within them a passion for the Kingdom of God.

They feel like abandoned orphans, as their beloved Lord evaporates from their sight into the great, blue yonder. They are at a loss to know what to do next. For the moment they are caught in what might be called the ‘in-between’ time. They’re caught between the Ascension and Pentecost - between loss and promise.

Coffee and Chat

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There are times when we find ourselves in a situation not dissimilar to that of the disciples, between things we have lost and things that have not yet unfolded. Perhaps it’s a broken relationship, a divorce, or estrangement from a child, we find ourselves between brokenness and healing.

Prayer at these times can be a release even if like the disciples we don’t feel motivated and the only prayer we can offer is ‘I can’t pray.’ When in these dark places when we feel spiritually numb, it is through the cracks that light breaks through and grace takes hold of our threadbare prayer.

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

Tea at 2.30 – Thursday, 30th May
2024 at 2.30pm in The Hurst
meeting room for tea / cake

Men’s Brunch – Friday, 31st May
2024 at 10.30am in The Hurst
meeting room for bacon / sausage
bap

Please come and join us.

During this 11 days between the Ascension and Pentecost when we are called to pray and bring others to know Jesus, let it be for us a seedtime of hope as we sow gospel seeds of grace, generosity, love, forgiveness, reconciliation, peace, service and compassion to those we encounter.

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KINGSLEY WALKERS



The March 26th long walk once again set off with the background of the persistently rainy forecast that the Met Office seems to default to, at this time of year. However, apart from a very brief and very light shower, we were to have a pleasant day. We drove only a short way to Acton Bridge, parked and walked up a quiet lane to join the Trent and Mersey canal, 88 miles to Shardlow apparently but we weren't planning on going that far. We lost a brief race with a friendly couple and a dog, who did have the advantage of being perched on a brightly painted canal boat, before climbing over the Saltersford Tunnel and then descending through woodland to the River Weaver. We then found our own perches on lock gates, walls and even benches to drink from our flasks (coffee only, no brandy was sighted though I wouldn't put it past some on a chilly morning).

Proceeding now in a westerly direction we passed some peculiar structures, fenced off and with Ministry of Defence warning signs. Our best research efforts suggested this was a part of plans, prior to WW2, to pump brine from caverns where fuel could then be stored and connected to the (then building) Government Pipeline and Storage System GPSS. This was to stockpile fuel and move it around military bases across the country and has been in use ever since. The network was sold to Compania Logistica de Hidrocarburos in 2015 for £82 million.

Lunch was had by Dutton Locks before we headed up past the Bluebell Cafe and back to the canal for our return to Acton Bridge. A further discussion covered the beams stacked at intervals along the canal side. These are stop planks and can be dropped into masonry slots on the canal bank to isolate a section of canal in the event of a breach. An example of this being the Dutton Breach on 22nd September 2012 which closed the canal for 8 months.

A deep and meaningful relationship with the weather is, I guess, a feature of living in England. This is true for walkers and generally we don the right clothes, the weather is kind enough to match them and we head off, not quite regardless but still determined. However, on Tuesday, 9th April a rare defeat was admitted. After a brief discussion, huddled in the doorway of the community centre, lashed by rain and howling winds the walk was called off. Spare a thought though for your commentator, who had taken up an invitation to help sail a 36 foot yacht from Belfast to Largs Boatyard (near Glasgow) for maintenance. Delayed by a day, a Force 7 forecast for the 9th (33 mph winds) turned into a Force 9 (Strong Gale - 50 mph winds) halfway across the Irish Sea, most unpleasant.

As some of the group head off to a long distance, multi day, walk along the Yorkshire Wolds Way our programme will continue on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month.

Kingsley Walkers welcomes new members (contact kingsleywalkerswa6@gmail.com).

KINGSLEY TENNIS



CLUB

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KINGSLEY BOOK CLUB



The Kingsley Book Club met in April to discuss our thoughts on 'Trust' by Hernan Diaz.

Trust is a collection of four manuscripts at different stages of completion, and they tell different versions of the story of a Wall Street businessman and his wife in the years leading up to the Great Depression. In "Bonds" (ostensibly a bestselling novel authored by one Harold Vanner), a monkish mogul manages to make a massive windfall during the 1929 stock market crash, while his wife tragically succumbs to mental illness far away in Switzerland. "My Life" is the partial autobiography of Andrew Bevel, clearly the model for the tycoon in "Bonds", strewn with half-finished chapters and paragraph outlines. The first few pages of "Futures", the scribbled diaries of Andrew's wife, Mildred, have been randomly ripped out. The Bevels' competing narratives are mediated by a long postmortem memoir, written by Ida Partenza, once the gullible ghostwriter of Andrew's book.

A very American book - in some ways, too American, with all its brashness and overpowering capitalism. It was very difficult to feel any empathy with any of the characters: the greedy businessman who kept telling us their actions were 'for the good of the people' whilst making a killing on the stock market; while his wife concentrated her 'philanthropy' to the elitist arts and libraries. Any sympathy for the 'poor' socially-awkward wife who died in a Swiss sanatorium was lost when you start to see her role in causing the Great Depression of 1929.

The book asks you to look at the story from four different views - which one can we trust? Was the whole book corrupt? It included a number of popular subjects: 'the oppression of women', 'fake news', 'man bashing'; was this to get the Pulitzer prize? Are all writers, fiction and non fiction, corrupted by American capitalism?

Unfortunately all this intrigue and wheeler dealing did not make an exciting read. Some area's were very long winded to the point of boring and many unanswered questions we all scored this low giving it a average of just 2.29 out of 5.

At our next meeting on the 2nd May we will be discussing 'In the time of the butterflies' by Julia Alvarez.

We meet at Kingsley and Newton Village Institute on a Thursday evening (usually the first Thursday of each month). If you would like more details, please contact me on janet.owen10@outlook.com

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Our next meeting is on Monday, 13th May at 8pm when our speaker will be Simon Sherlock, whose talk will be 'Mastering Sustainable Soil.'

Simon has been an avid composter since growing up on his family farm, and uses his knowledge and experience to nurture healthy and resilient soil using sustainable gardening practices.

This talk will highlight various means of creating nutrient-rich compost that not only enhances soil fertility but also helps plants thrive and better withstand pests, drought, and other environmental stresses. Simon will delve into various composting methods, from traditional techniques to some more innovative approaches, that are all aimed at improving soil health and minimising the need for costly soil amendments.

This talk aims to equip you with practical insights to creating a thriving, eco-friendly garden by embracing the art of composting and unlocking the potential of your soil, as well as making use of your valuable food and garden waste.

Visitors are always welcome at our meetings and it costs £4 – why not come along and find out more?

We look forward to seeing you at The Community Centre on 13th May 2024 at 8pm.



**DID YOU
KNOW?**

**... that there are 2 local history groups in our area,
which are open to anyone to attend?**

The one in Frodsham meets usually on the 2nd Monday of each month at 7.30 at Main Street Community Church, 61 Main Street, Frodsham, WA6 7DF, formerly known locally as “the tin tabernacle”! (on the corner going down to Chapelfields Care Home). Note that this may be moved on to the 2nd Monday when there is a Bank Holiday!

The other group is in Weaverham and meets at the Weaverham Primary Academy, Northwich Road, Weaverham, Northwich, Cheshire, CW8 3BD on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7.30. New people are always welcomed.

Do you Know.... any Kingsley residents who have been here all their lives? There is a wealth of information to be found when talking to some of our older residents. How about making a point of finding out some of this information and sending it to the Kingsley News, together with some of the photos they might have. Do you have any anecdotes of your own which we could add to others. There is fascinating information to be had about our village 100 plus years ago. You will find some of these pictures already on the Kingsley Village website.

If you are willing to share anything, please contact hurstseniorstewards@gmail.com as we are willing to collate information.

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