



# KINGSLEY NEWS

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**FRODSHAM & DISTRICT HISTORY SOCIETY**

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We meet in Main Street Community Church, Frodsham on Monday evenings, beginning at 7.45pm. Afterwards we have refreshments in the café area. There is a 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 4 January, 2016, with a talk  
entitled *Thomas Hazelhurst, Prince of Methodism*  
by Dr Peter Vardy

The entire Programme of Meetings is displayed on notice boards around the district, including 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)

# *EDITORIAL NEWS AND VIEWS*

Dear Readers

I hope everyone had a good Christmas with family and friends, but after the hustle and bustle of Christmas I find it good to get back to normality.

The Parish Council have been successful in obtaining a grant of £50,000 for the playing field and an outdoor gym. More about this wonderful achievement in the article on the next page.

There was drama in Kingsley during late November, when one Kingsley resident suffered a heart attack. There was an amazing response from the 999 team, which involved a helicopter from the Air Ambulance landing on the school playing field and the patient being flown to Broad Green Hospital, Liverpool. He was fitted with a stent and back home again after a couple of days. He is now making a full recovery and I am sure everyone will join me in wishing him a speedy recovery.

There will also be drama in a different form from Kingsley Players when they perform their latest production 'Oliver' in January. Tickets selling fast so get yours now.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Elizabeth

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## KINGSLEY PLAYING FIELD PATH AND OUTDOOR GYM

Kingsley Parish Council is delighted to report that we have been successful in our bids for funding to build a new path and outdoor gym at the playing field, off Westbrook Road.

Thank you to all the residents who participated in the consultation and to the local organisations who sent in letters of support. Your enthusiasm for the project undoubtedly helped us to secure almost £60,000 of grants.

The largest funder, WREN's FCC Community Action Fund, has given us a very generous £50,000 towards the project. The multi-use path which will run around the perimeter of the field should be available by May/June 2016 for all sorts of healthy activities including cycling, running, dog walking and roller skating. Lottery funder, Awards for All, contributed £4,399 towards the outdoor gym, which will include a cross trainer, treadmill and exercise bike. We also had contributions from CW&C Councillor Ralph Oultram and from local business, Forresters, who have kindly donated 2 picnic tables.

We expect the work to begin sometime after the Easter holidays and we hope to host a mini-carnival and launch event when the project is completed. Our consultants, Groundwork, and a few representatives from the Parish Council will be at the next KTI market on 19 March to answer any questions you have about the project and detailed designs will be on display.

We hope that you will enjoy these new facilities for many years to come and thank you again for all your support in helping us to raise this money.

Claire Jones  
Chairman, Kingsley Parish Council



# Kingsley Players

## Hit musical 'Oliver!' on stage in Kingsley

Lionel Bart's hit musical **Oliver!** bursts into life on stage at **Kingsley Community Centre** at the end of January. The Kingsley Players will performing the much-loved show for five performances, **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> January, 2016**, including a Saturday matinee.

The film won **six Academy Awards**, including Best Score, and the show is sure to have you humming along to old favourites like 'Food Glorious Food' and 'Consider Yourself'.

A talented cast of 52 adults and children will tell Charles Dickens' popular tale of the little orphan Oliver (Matthew Betteridge) who runs away from Mr Bumble (Colin Smith) and the workhouse to start a new life picking pockets for the kindly old rascal Fagin (Neil Silcock).

Despite the evil intervention of baddy Bill Sykes (Phil Murray), he wins over the affections of the Artful Dodger (Catrin Jones), Nancy (Lorna McAvoy) and Bet (Shara Blanchard). But can they help him escape from a life of crime?

Director Lynn Pegler said: "Oliver is one of my favourite musicals. It has everything – a gripping story, amazing characters and some of the best songs in musical theatre. It is a classic in every sense of the word.

"I am very lucky to be working with a fabulous cast who are bringing Victorian London to life. We promise you a very special production this January as the Kingsley Players embark on the group's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary season."

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 **07925 516760**.

Hit musical **Oliver!** Kingsley Community Centre (27-30 January)  
**Kingsley Players** (left to right): Catrin Jones (Artful Dodger), Phil Murray (Bill Sykes), Matthew Betteridge (Oliver) and Lorna McAvoy (Nancy).



## **The Secret is Out : Tennis is Coming to Kingsley!**

That is the message that attracted 24 individuals and families, at the December KTI Market, to show interest in the establishment of a Tennis Section at Kingsley Village Institute.

With the support of Kingsley Parish Council, funding has been secured that ensures that the refurbishment of the tennis courts can begin in 2016.

If you are interested in becoming part of this exciting new venture in the village, please contact me at [embatey@msn.com](mailto:embatey@msn.com) or on 01928 788788. Young or old, rusty or polished players, or just lovers of tennis : All are Welcome!

Elizabeth M.Batey

## **WILL YOU HELP CHRISTIAN AID?**

Folks in Kingsley have generously supported Christian Aid week for many years. In 2016 it is May 15th to 22nd.

We need collectors. Would you be prepared to do a house to house collection? Perhaps 15 or 20 houses would take you a couple of hours.

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## **Kingsley Bookworms – Next meeting 7th January 2016**

A group of 9 met at the beginning of December to talk about “The Miniaturist” by Jessie Burton . This is a debut novel set in 1686 in Amsterdam. We really enjoyed it, scoring an average of 3.95 out of 5. I think that was our record high score for 2015. The consensus was that the story was absorbing although we all felt that the end let it down a bit. Our discussion led to some time being spent on inventing a new ending, which we were much happier with!

At our January meeting we will be talking about Mrs Sinclair’s suitcase by Louise Walters. It’s another debut novel set in a second hand bookstore. Feedback so far is very good. Join us at our January meeting to find out what everyone thought of it.

In September we went to London to take part in a Radio 4 recording of Bookclub. The programme will be broadcast on January 3rd at 4pm, or you can download it from Radio 4 iPlayer. The book was The Narrow Road to the Deep North by Richard Flanagan. It was a great experience which we plan to repeat in 2016. There should be a couple of Kingsley voices in the recording.

We meet monthly at the Red Bull. Everyone is welcome to come along, listen, contribute to the discussion, suggest books or anything else literary. Our plans for 2016 include another visit to a literary festival and (hopefully) another Bookclub recording.

Our next meeting is on Thursday 7th January at the Red Bull. We start at 7.30pm and everyone is welcome.

If you want more information, please contact me on [vgwillim@coach-work.co.uk](mailto:vgwillim@coach-work.co.uk). We also have our own Facebook page now.

## **Table Tennis at Kingsley Village Institute**

We now have two new table tennis tables at the Institute. Please come along and join us each Friday night, from 7.30pm.

## On Stage Near You

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

In January, there is a wide selection of productions within easy reach of the village for both young and old. The star attraction has to be the ambitious production of **Oliver** to be presented by Kingsley Players with their experienced director **Lynn Pegler** (*The Wizard of Oz*). The cast includes award winning actor **Phil Mitchell** (Cheshire Theatre Guild Best Supporting Actor for the waiters in (*Time of My Life*) as Bill Sykes, and Kingsley favourite **Neil Silcock** (*Scrooge*) as Fagin. A cast of about 50 so I expect tickets will be scarce. Don't miss the chance to see what promises to be a brilliant musical, performing Wednesday 27th to Saturday 30th and the box office is now open at <http://www.kingsleyplayers.co.uk/boxoffice.php>

Of pantomimes, if you are quick you might be able to catch **Snow White** at Altrincham Garrick until 3rd and professional pantomimes are **Peter Pan** at The Grange, Hartford with Nikki Grahame and Christopher Maloney until 2nd and at the Brindley, Runcorn, **Aladdin** starring Dean Gaffney which finishes on 10th.

As a panto alternative you should look at Harlequin Juniors' **Jungle Book** at Harlequin Theatre, Northwich. The famous story by Rudyard Kipling has been adapted by Kingsley Players own talented **Ellie Hamer** (*Time of My Life*) who adapted *Sleeping Beauty* for this group earlier in the year. Performing on 23rd and 24th, tickets online <http://www.harlequinplayers.com/jungle-book>. At The Lyceum, Crewe on 11th & 12th there will be a professional production of the **Gruffalo's Child** by Tall Stories Theatre Company.

For those who prefer more grownup theatre, The Altrincham Garrick are presenting **The Price** by Arthur Miller from 11th to 16. *The Price* of the title is the legacy of the past and is billed as one of the most entertaining plays that Miller has written. This is followed by **The Rise and Fall of Little Voice** by Jim Cartwright from 18th to 23rd. This is a wonderful heartwarming Northern comedy play about a shy reclusive girl with hidden talent. You may recall the brilliant film with Michael Caine and Jane Horrocks. At Chester Little Theatre, Chester Theatre Club is presenting **Passion Play** by Peter Nichols from 16th to 23rd. *Passion Play* was premiered in 1981, winning The Evening Standard Award for Best Play, and has had successful revivals since, most recently in 2013 with a cast that starred Zoë Wanamaker, Owen Teale and Samantha Bond. It has been described as a modern classic and "hard, brilliant and painful ... Adult in the only true sense of the word". It combines technical virtuosity with coruscating dialogue and all too human, deeply believable characters.



Look out for productions starting at the beginning of February, with **Hindle Wakes** starting on 1st February at Altrincham Garrick and from 5th Nantwich Little Theatre has **Playhouse Creatures**. If you are at all interested in the latter then you should register with Nantwich Players at <http://www.nantwichplayers.com/> as soon as possible. At the time of writing the box office opening date has not been announced but be aware that at this theatre, most if not all of the tickets are sold on the opening day. Also if you have not yet seen Kingsley Players much celebrated touring show, **Allo Allo**, there are 4 chances to see it in February (and book early as these shows quickly sell out) and details are at <http://www.kingsleyplayers.co.uk/productions/allo-allo/>. Thank you for those of you who took the trouble to forward feedback about the December shows you have seen. Frodsham Players **Seasons Greetings**, was a cracking play that was so well performed. At Harlequins they ventured into thriller territory with **Aurelia** and again this experienced company skillfully portrayed this murderous thriller with more twists than any corkscrew, right to the dramatic and surprising finale. Enjoy your theatre in the New Year

John Doe  
[cheshireonstage@btinternet.com](mailto:cheshireonstage@btinternet.com)



I would like to say a very big thank you to everyone in Kingsley and surrounding areas who have supported Elegance since I opened the business in January 2000.

Over the years I have met some lovely people and made many new friends and have thoroughly enjoyed working in the village and being part of the community.

I have now retired and sold my business to Rebecca, who also lives in Kingsley and I hope that you will continue to support her together with the existing Therapists Kate and Emma.

Thank you once again and all my Best Wishes to Everyone for a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Pauline Dobson

## **Kingsley Walking Group**



There was a 5 mile walk on 25 November from the Hazel Pear to Pickering's Lock via Acton Viaduct, carefully avoiding waterlogged paths on our return route. 19 of us enjoyed the walk followed by a good pub lunch.

The traditional Christmas walk and lunch were held on 8 December. Starting from Frodsham Golf Club we took a 5 mile walk along the length of Frodsham Hill, via Middle Walk, pausing by the ancient settlement at Woodhouse Hill, before returning via the Shepherds Houses. We were once again blessed with fine weather apart from a very light shower towards the end. There followed a good lunch at the Club House. 20 people made the walk and 25 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).

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The 2016 dates for the Local Produce Markets are:

**19<sup>th</sup> March,**

**11<sup>th</sup> June,**

**17<sup>th</sup> September.**

**10<sup>th</sup> December**

**(our 30<sup>th</sup> market!)**

Apart from our existing projects, our plans also include greater interaction with our Parish Council, more engagement with youth and a Transition event. We are keen to meet with other North West Transition and Permaculture groups and are already promoting a get-together at Transition event **REconomy North West – 'The Road from Wigan Pier'** to be held in Wigan on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2016.

Come join us and help build a sustainable and resilient future for Kingsley.

Contact [simon@sherlock.co.uk](mailto:simon@sherlock.co.uk)

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## LATEST NEWS FROM KINGSLEY ST JOHN'S SCHOOL

# Peace Garden

If you are out and about in Kingsley village for a peaceful walk, stop by to see the new Kingsley St John's peace garden at the front of school.

The school Chair of Governors, Kira Fayle commissioned a local company to create 5 wooden planters. She then handpicked suitable plants to fill them. The completed garden planters are displayed alongside the school's ceramic poppy. This was bought from the Tower of London display commemorating the 100th anniversary of the first world war. All of the poppies that made up the installation were sold, raising millions of pounds which were shared equally amongst six service charities.

To finish the garden the school has created 2 wooden plaques.

The first quoting Matthew 5:9 bible passage.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God."

The other plaque shares the start of the school prayer.

"This is our school, let peace dwell here."

The single plant at the front of the garden is named Paris and the children shared prayers for Paris and hope for peace throughout the world. You are invited to reiterate those prayers and hopes as you pass by.



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## **Kingsley Parish Council Meeting Update - 15<sup>th</sup> December 2015**

Budget proposals for 2016-17 were discussed. The final decision will be made at the next meeting.

After an enormous amount of effort put in by Councillor Jones, the funding application for £50, 000 for the playing field enhancements from WREN has been approved. Cheshire West and Chester Council (CWaC) offered a photo opportunity for the Councillors due the application's success.

Work on the enhancements to the car parking around the Community Centre are still ongoing. Further detailed plans are to be drawn up and high level costs acquired to enable a decision to be made.

Funding for KU17's was approved for this year however a decision on the long term sustainability was discussed.

The Council has agreed to provide funds to support the local charity Medicare should they wish to organise a firework display on the playing field in 2016. It is anticipated that local businesses would be encouraged to support the event.

It was noted by Councillor Warbusrtton that some minor repairs are required in the Cemetery.

Councillor Moores is again reviewing the options around car parking near the Co-op, and the area on Hollow Lane between Scotlands Lane and Town Well without a footpath.

The Christmas tree and lights were successfully installed, and the lights switch on at The Brow was well attended.

It was agreed to review the Publication Scheme and Data processing and any implication surrounding these. Councillors Billows and Fletcher will report at the next meeting.

The tree replacement on the verges on and around The Cross and Top Road is approved, Councillor Cliff to progress.

The Parish Clerk, Doreen Woods, attended her final meeting and the Councillors would like to thank her for all her hard work and wish her a long a relaxing retirement.

The new clerk, Jo Preston, will take over from January 2016 – welcome Jo.

## **The Hurst Souperstars**

**Soup lunch**

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January**

**Noon to 1.00pm**

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**All proceeds this month in aid of "The Brick Children's School". If you have not been before you will be warmly welcomed and enjoy a friendly chat whilst eating delicious home-made food.**

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## **NCK Mothers' Union**

2015 has ended in a busy month for us this year. Our November meeting was spent keeping our hands busy making Christmas tree decorations whilst sipping mulled wine (non alcoholic of course) and eating mince pies. This was followed a week later by a most enjoyable visit to Manchester Christmas market. We so often miss the most obvious, that on our door steps, travelling maybe abroad in search of something we think is more splendid, but having been to such markets abroad this is as good as any I have visited. We all were totally enamoured. Of course we lunched again - the recommended Slug and Lettuce only to find all meals were half price on a Monday so we dined in style.

We concluded our Christmas festivities with our traditional Christmas lunch, where we were joined by friends of our Mothers' Union group from across the Benefice and were able to exchange gifts and best wishes - a nice ending to a busy month.

Having trialled a change of day for our main monthly meetings have now decided to revert back to the original day - the first Tuesday in the month. We are keeping our 3 winter meetings in the afternoon and all other meetings in the evenings, this making the next meeting (our AGM) on Tuesday 5th January.

Pam Owens



## **WORSHIP AT THE HURST METHODIST Chapel**

**Minister: Revd Steve Santry**

### **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> January**

10.00am Morning Worship: Mr J.Hufton  
6.30 pm Blakelees Chapel : Mr P.Garner

### **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> January**

8.15am The Hurst-Communion Rev S.Santry  
10.00am Morning Service:Rev S.Santry  
6.30pm Blakelees Chapel : Rev S.Santry

### **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> January**

10:00am Morning Worship at The Hurst : Rev S.Santry  
6.30pm Blakelees Chapel: Pastor N.Willis

### **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> January**

10:00am Morning Worship: -Mr J.Bell  
6.30pm Blakelees Chapel: Dr J.Ford

### **Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> January**

10:00am Morning Worship:-Mr M.Smyth  
6.30pm Blakelees Chapel :Mr M.Ridley

All are very welcome, please do come and join us and please bring the children!  
There is a Sunday school for children, which those who presently attend, really do enjoy!

## **Litter Pick Update**

The November litter pick had 8 of our team collected 8 bags of litter. Thank you to those who pick up litter and help to keep our village tidy. **The next litter picks will be on Saturday 9th January and Saturday 6th February. Have a happy and litter free new year.**

**Could you give an hour once a month to help keep our village clean and tidy?**

We will start at 10.00 am at the Community Centre.  
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Eila Birtwistle – Litter pick co-ordinator.



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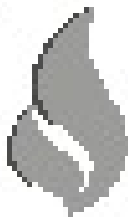
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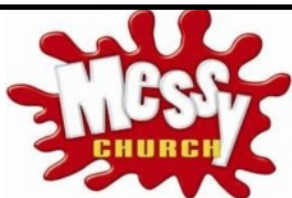


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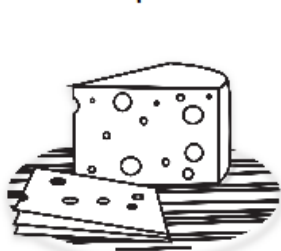


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- Wed 6<sup>t</sup> at KCC: WI- Meal at 7.30pm.
- Thurs 7<sup>rd</sup> 4.30pm Messy Church at the Hurst, fun, games and food till 6.30pm.
- Mon 11<sup>th</sup> 12 noon -1pm Hurst Soup lunch in aid of The Brick Children's School. All welcome
- Mon 11<sup>th</sup> 8pm at KCC-Kingsley Garden Club. "Planning and designing boarders for colour and scent".
- Tues 12<sup>th</sup> 7.45 for 8.00pm : Guild at The Hurst: Sue and Dave Mort "Mooching along the Mekong River".
- Tues 12<sup>th</sup> Kingsley Walking Group. Meet 9.30am KCC
- Wed 13<sup>th</sup>: 8pm at The Hurst : Café church-All are welcome
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