



# KINGSLEY NEWS

JANUARY 2019

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Community

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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 6th The Hurst and Chamberbrook Lane  
W/c Jan 13th Kingsley Green  
W/c Jan 20th Kingsley Road  
W/c Jan 27th Belleair/Peel Hall

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# EDITORIAL NEWS AND VIEWS

Dear Readers

I hope everyone had a good Christmas.

The main event in January is Kingsley Players production of Dr Doolittle, sure to be a great success. The box office is open so book your tickets early.

It is now the beginning of a new year and it would be good to receive some new articles for the magazine. If you are a member of a small group in the village why not publicise what the group does, it may also attract new members.

Happy New Year to everyone.

*Elizabeth*

## TESCO BAGS OF HELP

### **Kingsley Community Association needs your vote!**

Kingsley Community Association (KCA) has been successful in winning a grant from Tesco's Bags of Help. The size of the grant could be £1000, £2000 or £4000, depending on your vote.

The grant will enable KCA to refurbish the kitchen at the Community Centre, which is used in support of events held at the Centre.

Only votes cast at Tesco's Helsby store will count, and only in January and February 2019. Ask for your token at the checkout.

**Please support KCA, and support your community!**

**Articles for the magazine to be sent to the Editor  
by email to - [kingsleynewseditor@gmail.com](mailto:kingsleynewseditor@gmail.com)**

**Tel: 01928 787678**

**Copy deadline is the 21st of each month  
[www.kingsleyvillage.co.uk](http://www.kingsleyvillage.co.uk)**

Oh No...it's the 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year for...



**SHOWING SATURDAY 16<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2019, 7PM FOR 7.30PM**

Kingsley Players much celebrated *Allo Allo* is coming home for one night only. Join us to celebrate the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary year of the first showing. 'Players' started touring this show in 2009 and estimate they have completed over 60 performances of the show raising money for many different charities but principally for your Community Centre. 2019 is the year when KCA is starting to fund raise for an extension to the Centre so come along, have a brilliant night out and help raise funds for your Centre.

You might get together with friends and book a table or you can buy tickets individually **by telephoning Mike Butler on 01928 788125, to secure your place** at an evening in Rene's Café with a 2 course meal interspersed with the hilarious antics of the residents of Nouveon and their German and English interlopers



## **Kingsley Players back on stage with magical musical 'Dr Dolittle'**

Join award-winning Kingsley Players on an exciting journey to the magical world of *Dr Dolittle* at the end of January.

Based on the much-loved stories of Hugh Lofting and the Twentieth Century Fox film starring Rex Harrison, this stage version features all the famous Broadway songs such as 'Talk to the Animals' and the Richard Attenborough classic 'I've Never Seen Anything Like It'.

The musical tells the story of the quirky but kind animal doctor who is wrongly accused of murder. Follow him on crazy adventures as he and his friends (human and animal) embark on a sea voyage to track down the Great Pink Sea Snail – the oldest, wisest creature on Earth.

Dylan White, who starred as Mr Tom in the recent award-winning production '*Goodnight Mr Tom*', plays the title role of Dr Dolittle. He is joined on stage with a large talented cast which includes Matt Jones, Chloe Rigby, Andrea Jones, Joe Youds and Matthew Betteridge.

Director Lynn Pegler said: "This show is a treat for all ages and a joy to perform. We do, of course, have a dancing Pushmi Pullu, as well as a large menagerie of talking cows, pigs, horses, ducks and chimpanzees. What better way to banish the winter blues than by joining our enchanting visit to Puddleby-on-the-Marsh and the fantastic world of Dr Dolittle!"

***Dr Dolittle*** will play for five performances at **Kingsley Community Centre, Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> January, 2019**, including a Saturday matinee. *Dr Dolittle* book, music and lyrics by Leslie Bricusse.

**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.**

### **FREE TO GOOD HOME**

Panasonic Bread maker and a De Longhi coffee machine, both in good working order.

Helen - Tel: 0776 544 5995

## **Kingsley Bookworms**

**Next meeting 10th January 2019 at the Hurst Chapel at 7.30pm**

This month we talked about “Snap” by Belinda Baur (Crime novel, *Sunday Times* bestseller, longlisted for the Man Booker Prize for Fiction 2018). We thought it raced along well, but we had to suspend our disbelief quite a lot! We scored it 2.9 out of 5.

In January we will be talking about “The Lido” by Libby Page. This is a debut novel which has had great reviews. It’s said to be comparable with *A Man Called Ove* (which we loved) and *Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine* (our all time favourite). Early signs are that it will be a popular book.

We always welcome guests and new members. Over the last year we’ve had between 8 and 15 people attend our meetings. As well as talking about the book of the month, we exchange information about good reads and plan a variety of social events. The main part of the meeting lasts about an hour followed by drinks at the Red Bull by those that are feeling sociable. If, like a number of other people, who have been reading along with us, our 2019 list is on our Facebook page or get in touch and I’ll send you a copy.

Kingsley Bookworms meet on the second Thursday of each month and everyone is welcome to join us at any of our meetings or events. Meetings start at 7.30pm and are held at the Hurst Chapel. If you want more information, please contact me on [vgwillim@coach-work.co.uk](mailto:vgwillim@coach-work.co.uk) or call me on 07799 067 457. We have also got our own Facebook page called Kingsley Bookworms.

## **WORSHIP AT THE HURST METHODIST CHURCH**

### **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> Jan-Epiphany**

10:00 am- Morning Worship at The Hurst –Prof J. Ford

6:30pm- At Blakelees Chapel: Rev D. Speed

### **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> Jan**

10:00am- Morning Worship at The Hurst : Revd D.Bintliff –Covenant service

6.30pm- At Blakelees Chapel : Revd D. Bintliff-Covenant service

### **Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> Jan**

8.15am Holy communion-Rev D Bintliff

10:00am- Morning Worship at The Hurst: Mrs J Batey

6.30pm- At Blakelees Chapel: Revd Dr C Dutton

### **Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> Jan**

10:00pm- Morning service at The Hurst-Mr M Ridley

6.30pm- At Blakelees Chapel : Mr K Jackson

All are very welcome ; Please come and join us and bring children and grandchildren



What's on in January

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 7, 14,28        | Yoga   | 9-10 am      |
| Tuesday 8, 15, 29      | Karate                                       | 6.30-8pm     |
| Tuesday 8              | KCA Committee Meeting                        | 7.15pm       |
| Wednesday 2            | WI Meeting                                   | 7.30pm       |
| Wednesday 2, 9, 16, 30 | Yoga   | 7-9pm        |
| Wednesday 2, 9, 16, 30 | Tai Chi                                      | 1.30-2.30pm  |
| Thursday 3, 10, 17, 31 | Kingsley Youth Group                         | 4.30pm       |
| Thursday 3, 10, 17, 31 | Purestretch                                  | 9.30-10.15am |
| Wednesday 23 – 26      | Kingsley Players perform Dr Doolittle –      |              |
|                        | <b>Box Office Tel: <u>(07724) 892154</u></b> |              |

Parish Council meets at the Centre the third Tuesday of each month apart from August when there is no meeting.

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 – AND GREAT NEWS, BOUNCY CASTLES ARE BACK!  
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 out at an hourly rate where appropriate. Contact Jo Preston, Booking Secretary, email : [joquilter72@outlook.com](mailto:joquilter72@outlook.com) or 01928 787899.

**THERE WILL BE NO MESSY CHURCH AT THE HURST IN JANUARY**

**The Hurst Church Soup Lunch**  
**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January - Noon to 1.00 pm**  
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**Home-made Soups, Puddings**  
**Tea and coffee - only £3.00 all in.**  
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**All proceeds this month in aid of "Womankind". 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 both !!!**

## **On Stage Near You**

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

Its panto time again but not in Kingsley where we expect a real treat awaits you all in a great family show, the musical *Dr Doolittle* directed by Lynn Pegler, who brought us *Oliver* and *The Wizard of Oz*. Performing at the Community Centre from Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> to Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> January. We are told that Dylan White (Mr Tom in *Players' Goodnight Mr Tom*, which play was awarded best play in Cheshire by Cheshire Theatre Guild) is playing *Doolittle*. We expect this show will be sold out quickly so do not delay and grab your tickets now at <https://kingsleyplayers.co.uk/shows/dr-doolittle/>

If it's Panto you want then currently running at the Forum Chester until 5<sup>th</sup> January is Tip Top Productions *Aladdin*, see <http://www.tiptopproductions.co.uk/>

Or at Altrincham Garrick its *Cinderella* until 6<sup>th</sup> January, see <http://www.altrinchamgarrick.co.uk/> or at Davenham Little Theatre it's *Robin Hood and his Merry band of Persons* from 15<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup>, see <http://www.davenhamplayers.co.uk/> or in Knutsford Little Theatre from 17<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> its another *Cinderella*, see <http://www.knutsfordlittletheatre.com/> All of these should be great shows to thrill the kids (and the kid in most of us), at a fraction of the cost of professional theatre.

For the rest

20<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> Altrincham Little Theatre – *Dial M for Murder* by Frederick Knott. Hitchcock's famous film of 1954 brought to the stage. Ex-tennis pro Tony Wendice wants to have his wealthy wife, Margot, murdered so he can get his hands on her inheritance. When he discovers her affair with Mark Halliday he comes up with the perfect plan to kill her... <http://www.clubtheatre.org.uk/>

21<sup>st</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> Altrincham Garrick – *A Murder has Been Arranged* by Emlyn Williams. In this unique thriller that has playgoers gripping their seats, Sir Charles Jasper is an eccentric who delves into the mystical. He is due to inherit two million pounds on his fortieth birthday and plans to celebrate the occasion with a party on the stage of the St. James' Theatre, supposedly haunted because of several mysterious deaths years ago. <http://www.altrinchamgarrick.co.uk/>

24<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> Harlequin Theatre – *Romeo & Juliette* – the multi award winning well established Youth Theatre which sets the height of the bar for youth performances (which has been recently challenged by relative newcomers Kingsley Youth Theatre) are presenting this classic and more than well worth



a visit. <http://www.harlequinplayers.com/new-events/2019/1/24/william-shakespeares-romeo-and-juliet>

## REVIEWS

Because of holidays we missed much of what was on in November and the December News entry but members of the team and others from feedback, made comments on several performances. The first was Kingsley Players Youth Theatre short play to commemorate the end of World War One. A most moving a thought provoking work so well performed by the youngsters and much credit must go to them and their director **Jake Powell**. **Jake** who is obviously a busy man in amateur dramatics, also cropping up for a second time in the month to direct **Flint Street Nativity** for Frodsham Players at Frodsham Community Centre. The play, one of Tim Firth's classics. was universally enjoyed by everyone who responded. Well presented and performed. We hope you got to see it. The only negative comments we received were about the seating at Frodsham. We think many of you are used to the tiered seating at Kingsley but at Frodsham it is all on one level and the seats are not numbered. It ends up as a bit of a scramble for seats and views further back are not good.

At Guilden Sutton you also loved the Agatha Christie **A Murder is Announced** and this small village group attracts a lot of talented people.

December started with It's a **Wonderful Life** at The Harlequin Theatre in Northwich and the cast included Kingsley Players **Malcolm Barker**. There are lots of all positive comments about this with particular reference to the professional level of the performances of actors. A thoroughly enjoyable play telling this well known heart warming story in the form of the 1940's recording of a radio play.

Thanks for your contributions after seeing the above plays. It seems that lots of you are getting out to local am dram so please drop us off a brief note as the team cannot get to see them all and we would like a variety of views.

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

## COFFEE MORNING

The Kingsley Community Association (KCA) will be organising a Coffee Morning on Wednesday 13 February in the Community Centre. Why not come in out of the cold and for a small charge enjoy a warm drink and cake/biscuit between 10.30 and 12 noon. Everyone is very welcome and if successful this could become a regular event.

During the Spring the KCA also plan on organising an Indoor Car Boot Sale in the Community Centre, more information in future copies of the Kingsley News.



## Kingsley Neighbourhood Plan

We've now had a little time to review all your comments from the completed Neighbourhood Planning survey. Over half of the survey's were completed online which is great so we will continue to produce further questionnaires online and also have a paper copy for those that would prefer to complete a written version.

We wanted to share some initial findings with you before our next consultation event.

- 81% supported the development of a Neighbourhood Plan. 17% were unsure so at our next consultation event we will include some further info to show the benefits of a Neighbourhood Plan to help answer any queries you may have
- 97% of you felt that Kingsley was a very good or good place to live
- 71% of you felt that Kingsley was a very good or good place to run a business
- A few of the key words that were mentioned multiple times about what you value most about living/working in Kingsley included, 'Village', 'Community', 'Friendly', 'Countryside' & 'Community Spirit'

The main 2 elements of Kingsley that people didn't like related to traffic/transport and housing. Many people referred to the parking pressures in the village and inconsiderate driving. For housing, several people suggested there wasn't enough housing stock for single people, young people and those wishing to downsize. Some people felt there has been a 'rapid and unnecessary' growth of the village whilst others felt that the village should be allowed to flourish and grow

Many responses to what you felt were the main pressures affecting Kingsley now and in the future related to future development with common themes on potential loss of green belt land, possible changes to the rural character of the village, concern about rising house prices and affordability of property especially for first time buyers and older people looking to downsize.

### **What will happen next?**

We will be arranging a series of 'drop in' events in February/March 2019 where we will share more of the findings from the questionnaire. We will also be sharing the draft vision and objectives, so we can check with you that we have got them right, as they will set the direction for what we will be aiming to achieve with the Neighbourhood Plan. We will advertise these events in Kingsley News, as well as on our local village website and Facebook pages

### **Interested in getting involved?**

Anyone is welcome to join or attend our meetings. The NPSG meet on the first Monday of every month at the Hurst Methodist Church at 7.30pm. Due to the Christmas period our January meeting is on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2019 You can also email us on [kingsley.npsg@gmail.com](mailto:kingsley.npsg@gmail.com).

We will put regular updates on progress in articles in Kingsley News and on the village website & Facebook page.

### **Parish Church of St John's Kingsley**

#### **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> January - Epiphany**

10.00 am - Holy Communion

6.30 pm Sacred Space at Christ Church Crowton

#### **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> January**

10.00 am – Morning Worship

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

10.00 am - Mid-week Holy Communion

#### **Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> January**

10.00 am - Family Service

#### **Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> January**

10.00 am Worship Together at St John's Norley

**A warm welcome awaits you at any of these services**

**Associate Minister: Rev'd Hilary Merrington 01928 788087**

**[hilary.merrington@btinternet.com](mailto:hilary.merrington@btinternet.com) Website: [nck.org.uk](http://nck.org.uk)**

## **Kingsley Walking Group**



We had our traditional walk and Christmas Lunch on December 11<sup>th</sup>. Twenty two walkers assembled at the Red Bull and we set off on two different walks. Team "Long Walk" went slightly off piste, but they enjoyed a 3 hour walk around Kingsley. Team "Shorter Walk" enjoyed a 3 mile walk around Kingsley, enjoying the views and good company. Lunch for 25 was at the Red Bull where we were made very welcome.

Kingsley Walking Group has 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 in January and February.

We are a friendly group and everyone is welcome. Information on the walks is available on 788132 (short walks), 789098 (long walks).

**Latest Ofsted Inspection**  
**Kingsley St John's CE Aided Primary School has been judged 'good'**  
**by Ofsted once again.**

The latest inspection took place on November 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> November. It was a full 2 day Section 5 Inspection, rather than a shorter 1 day Section 8 inspection. The staff, headteacher, governors, parents and community are rightly, incredibly proud of the positive judgements and comments made throughout the report.

'Leaders' admirable drive and determination have ensured that Kingsley St John's continues to provide its pupils with a good standard of education.'

Kingsley St John's is a highly nurturing place. At the heart of the Christian ethos and school vision is a drive to ensure every child is the best that they can be. Headteacher, Rachel Jones has one sole focus for the school and its community and that is to make a positive difference to the world in which we live, and that they can do this together one step at a time.

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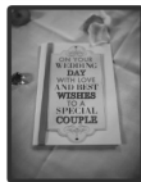
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| Tues 8 <sup>th</sup>              | 7.30pm At The Hurst Guild : Metal detecting, by Roy of Roy's Relics |
| Tues 8 <sup>th</sup>              | Kingsley Walking Group. Meet 9.30am KCC                             |
| Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> -12 noon     | Hurst Soup Lunch in aid of "Womankind "                             |
| Tues 11 <sup>th</sup> - 7.00 pm   | The Guild Supper at the Hurst Pre-booking essential                 |
| Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> - At 10.30am | Men's Brunch at The Hurst   |
| Thurs 24 <sup>th</sup> -2.30pm    | Tea at Two-Thirty at The Wyches.                                    |
| Wed 30 <sup>th</sup>              | Kingsley Walking Group. Meet 9.30am KCC                             |

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