

JANUARY 2022

# KINGSLEY NEWS

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**Peter Pan Panto - Kingsley Players, January 26th-29th**

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## **Welcome to the January 22 edition of the Kingsley News,**

Happy New Year!

This January we have the long awaited return of our village pantomime, Peter Pan. Our front cover features Nanny McSnee (Ian Anstice) and Peter Pan (Iona Anstice) and if you haven't been to one of these Pantos, you're certainly missing out! A brilliant evening of musical entertainment for all the family. Tickets are selling quickly and can be booked from the Kingsley Players Box Office.

We also have the return of two regular coffee mornings, which are a brilliant chance to connect with others. Each Tuesday at 10.30am there's the Coffee and Chat at The Hurst Methodist Church and the Coffee Club every other Friday from 7th Jan, 10.30am at the Community Centre

If any of you have a New Year's resolution to get more involved with local activities then there are a number of opportunities with the Guides, Brownies, Kingsley Community Association and the Parish Council all looking for support. Just a few hours help would make such a huge difference to all these community groups. The more people that are involved the less of a burden there is on the few, plus it is very rewarding too and a great way to meet new people.

Finally, a reminder that our weekly fitness activities have recommenced, another great way to meet others and to shake off those extra pounds. We have some fantastic instructors and are so lucky to have them right on our doorstep.

Have a Happy January !

Heather

Articles for the newsletter to be sent to the Editor at  
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Copy deadline 21<sup>st</sup> of the month.

**Please note all back copies of the Kingsley News including details of  
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**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> January**

10.00 am Holy Communion at Norley

6.30 pm Sacred Space at Crowton

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> January**

10.00 am Family Worship at Kingsley

6.30 pm Holy Communion at Alvanley

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> January**

10.00 am Holy Communion at Crowton

6.30 pm Informal Worship at Kingsley

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> January**

10.00 am Holy Communion at Alvanley

4.00 pm Messy Church at the NCK Centre, Norley

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> January**

10.00 am Holy Communion at Manley

**Mid-week Holy Communion all at 10.00 am**

6<sup>th</sup> January – Norley – 20<sup>th</sup> January - Kingsley

13<sup>th</sup> January - Crowton - 27<sup>th</sup> January - Manley

## **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 2nd The Hurst and Chamberbrook Lane

W/c Jan 9th Kingsley Green

W/c Jan 16th Kingsley Road

W/c Jan 23rd Belleair/Peel Hall

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## **Fly to Neverland with Kingsley Players for Peter Pan panto**

Fly to Neverland with Kingsley Players for a fantastic pantomime based on J.M. Barrie's much-loved, classic fantasy tale Peter Pan – on stage at Kingsley Community Centre for five performances, January 26<sup>th</sup> -29<sup>th</sup>.

Captain Hook, Tinkerbell, Wendy, the Lost Boys and other favourite characters will be joined by pantomime dame Nanny McSmee for a riotous re-telling of the famous story in a new adaption by Alex Jackson.

Directed by Kingsley Players Youth Theatre's award-winning director Jake Powell, the Peter Pan panto offers audiences a magical, entertaining show bursting with foot-tapping tunes, dance spectaculars and laugh-out-loud jokes.

Youth Theatre stalwart, Iona Anstice, takes on the role of Peter Pan, the boy who never grows up, while her dad, Ian Anstice, is transformed into the larger-than-life panto dame, Nanny McSmee.

Jake said: "With a large talented cast of 25 adults and children, we promise to banish the winter blues and take the audience on an amazing journey from the streets of London to a fantasy tropical island. This pantomime will have something for everyone – even a little magic!"

**Peter Pan will play for five performances at Kingsley Community Centre, from Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> January to Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2022, 7.30pm, including a Saturday matinee at 2.30pm.**

**Tickets cost £10, with £7 tickets available for students/children. These can be booked online at [www.kingsleyplayers.co.uk](http://www.kingsleyplayers.co.uk) or by ringing the box office on 07724 892154.**

### **Auditions for the 2022 May play 'Funny Money' – Tuesday 11 January**

Open auditions will be held for Kingsley Players' next production, Ray Cooney's hilarious farce 'Funny Money' on Tuesday 11 January, 7.30pm. Venue: Kingsley Community Centre.

If you're interested in performing, just turn up or contact director Simon Hetherington for more information.

Email: [Simon.hetherington@goodcall.biz](mailto:Simon.hetherington@goodcall.biz).

**ALL WELCOME**

## Kingsley Parish Council - January 2022

Firstly, may all the members of Kingsley Parish Council, wish all the residents of Kingsley, a very Happy New Year and we hope that you all celebrated a safe and Happy Christmas.

The December Parish Council meeting was held over Zoom on the 21st December, because of the rising cases of the Omicron variant, and it was felt that this was the safest option under the circumstances.

The Parish Council are still in negotiations with the Insurers with regards to claims for repairing the 35 headstones damaged in the recent vandalism. Whilst we are endeavouring to ensure the costs are covered by our insurance, there is a possibility that the Parish Council will have to cover the costs of the repairs out of our current budget. Will advise residents in the coming month(s) the outcome of our negotiations and when the headstones are likely to be repaired.

The Council received a report that the Co-op have offered to cover some of the costs for plant materials and also supply some of the labour to clear the sloping area at the end of the Co-op car park onto the passage adjacent to Kingsley St John's school. The Parish Council are seeking tenders for the remainder of the work to plant any shrubs and provide a good growing media for any plants.

Tenders are currently being sought for 3 year fixed term contracts for the grass cutting of the playing fields, the cutting of grass and undergrowth on the Public Rights of Way (those sections which are the responsibility of the Parish Council) and the cutting of the grass in the cemetery. Any interested parties (contractors) should contact the Parish Clerk for tender documents.

Finally, the Parish Council has received one application from a resident who wishes to become a Parish Councillor, this will be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting in January. There are still four other vacancies to fill, so if you fancy something new in 2022, then why not submit your name.

## CONTACT DETAILS FOR PARISH COUNCIL

Contact: Luke Trevaskis (Parish Clerk)  
Email: parish.clerk@kingsleyparishcouncil.org.uk  
Mailing address: The Boardroom, Hollow Lane, Kingsley, WA6 8EF  
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The WI will not be meeting in January for the meal owing to the uncertainty of the virus and the first meeting of 2022 where we hope to see you is on February 2nd for Tony Tucker's talk on his brother, Eric, 'The Secret Painter'

For further information ring 01928 788873  
or email janetlesleyfletcher@gmail.com

### Mental Health Survey of Rural Residents

Cheshire Community Action is a local charity carrying out research on the mental health needs of rural communities to help it develop new mental health services in rural areas. Please can you spare 5 minutes to complete this anonymous survey by clicking this link, typing into your internet browser or pointing your smart phone camera at the QR code:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/mentalhealthrural>

The survey is open until 7<sup>th</sup> Jan 2022.



### What will Cheshire Community Action do with the survey results?

Depending on what we find, this will inform the development of new projects and services in mental health. It could also inform our overall strategy by identifying where resources are most needed. It will give us valuable evidence to influence other service providers and funders within the public and voluntary sectors to help improve service provision in rural areas.

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Kingsley Guides would like to thank all the residents of Hunters Hill, Beech View Road, Higher Heyes and Mansefield Road for their generous donations to the foodbank. We collected over 300kg of food. The Guides and the foodbank staff were blown away by the amount of donations.

We still urgently need to recruit an additional leader to join our existing team - please could you consider giving just 1.5 hours of your week to help us!

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## **Peter Pan flies into Kingsley at the end of the month!**

Tickets are selling fast for Kingsley Players and KPYT's pantomime, *Peter Pan* – get them now!

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

**7:30pm, plus a Saturday matinee at 2:30pm**

Fly with us to Neverland for our pantomime adventure full of songs, dances and laughter.

Full Covid risk assessments have taken place and we will be adhering to the most current government guidelines.

**Tickets are £10 (£7 for children/students) and are available from [www.kingsleyplayers.co.uk](http://www.kingsleyplayers.co.uk) or by calling 07724 892154**

## We're Brownie Friends !



Hello everyone ! Your local Kingsley (& surrounding areas) Brownie Unit here again with tales of our activities. We meet in Kingsley on Wednesday evenings, during school term time. Brownies as a group, is part of Guiding UK and is a fun leisure activity for girls, aged between seven and ten years.

Our Unit has 'broken up' now for the Christmas holidays, as it always gets a little hectic around now for families, with lots of activities happening. But we're 'out of the mix' now until next year !! Sounds miles away, doesn't it ?

That said...in the lead up to Christmas holidays, we were very busy. We completed our Charities Badge – which gave us lots of information about some of our leading charities, including Cancer Research, R.S.P.C.A. and Guiding UK. The girls ended the session by giving a presentation, in their group, about why their chosen charity deserved to be supported. I must admit, I found out a few things I hadn't known before !

Our two meetings in December were taken up with Christmasy activities, such as Christmas crafts – which had Brownies making stars out of lolly ice sticks and Christmas crackers out of loo rolls !! Brownies are such a creative lot ! We also had a Christmas Games Night for our final meeting It was hilarious and finished with small gifts for the Brownies, which Santa had obviously delivered to the Scout Hut, a little on the early side ! What's more ...the Christmasy activities don't stop in January 2022..... because that's when we will visit **Kingsley Players'** latest panto – **Peter Pan** ! We always go as a (very well behaved !) group to the matinee – it's great fun.....oh no it's not ....OH, YES IT IS ... !!

Don't forget – if you wish your child to join Brownies, just type '*register my daughter for Brownies*' into an internet search engine and it'll take you to the **Guiding UK** registration page, where you can input her details and nominate her preferred unit..... OR..... you could volunteer yourself !! We are ALWAYS looking for helpers for our Unit – especially new Leaders. You would absolutely be most welcome to join us.....

As always .... thanks for listening....and if you have any queries – especially if you'd like to know more about joining us - please email [kingsley\\_brownies@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:kingsley_brownies@hotmail.co.uk). **Sue (Brown Owl)**







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## KINGSLEY YOUTH GROUP NEEDS YOUR HELP !



**We would like to re-start Youth Club after closing due to Covid-19.**

**So what's stopping us?**

We need qualified Youth Workers and volunteers to run the sessions. If you or someone you know are interested please contact Anne Kavanagh on 07935 331982 or [annekavanagh1234@gmail.com](mailto:annekavanagh1234@gmail.com)

Youth club is for young people in school years 4 to 11. We offer a variety of activities on Thursday evenings (including pool, indoor games, computer games, craft and art) and meet at Kingsley Community Centre.

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**January 2022**

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> January**

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**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> January**

10 am – Covenant Service led by: Revd. D. Bintliff.

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> January**

9 am – Holy Communion led by Revd. D. Bintliff.

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> January**

10 am - Morning Worship led by Revd. D Bintliff.

**All are welcome to join all these activities, but if at all possible, our advice is that a lateral flow test is taken before attending – with a negative result.**

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**The following article was provided by John Leach, and also features in the recent Hurst Newsletter.**

## **I Too Was a Refugee**

Some of you will know that I was born in China. For the first four years of my life I lived in Gwelin in central China where my parents were missionaries working for the Church Missionary Society. I was born in 1939 and China had been at war with Japan from 1936. In those first years of my life on more than one occasion we had to take shelter in nearby caves from the Japanese bombing raids.

In 1943 the Japanese were advancing. They controlled the coastal areas which would have been the way we expected to leave. War time! Soldiers coming! What to do?

We fled.

For six weeks we travelled across China by truck to Kunming in the far west where there was an American air base. From there a plane took us to India, on the dangerous route over 'The Hump' it was called, the eastern end of the Himalayan mountains. Later we travelled by train from Calcutta to Bombay, right across India. Finally a British ship carried us through the Suez canal across the Mediterranean to safety in England, which was also at war.

I was only 4 years old. I don't remember it at all. I have never thought of myself as a refugee until recent months. How many people must have helped us? Chinese as we travelled across China, the Americans for the flight out, Indians as we went across India and English sailors on the ship.

Now I see on my television screen, children, like I was, behind barbed wire, facing off against police with riot shields, cold hungry and desolate. Or risking their lives in little boats and arriving to find people desperately trying to help them with inadequate resources. Then they have to deal with a bureaucratic and unwelcoming asylum system.

Comparing their situation with mine, some things are the same; the fear of the soldier, the running away, the hardship of travel. But much has changed. Where is the help along the way, the human kindness, the safe arrival? All this was there for me but now there seems to be little pity left.

There are three times as many people arriving in small boats as last year. It is unacceptable, we are told, we must be tough and stop them! Are we that heartless? Can our toughness match their desperation? Their plight is the result, at least in part, of the arms we have sold in their countries, of the climate we have polluted. Do we expect now to close our borders and the problem will disappear?

Mathew ch. 2 v 13. *“.....an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph. ‘Get up’ he said. ‘Take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him”*

They too ran for fear of the soldier. Will things never change?

## About Refugees – Did you know?

There is no way to claim refugee status unless you are in this country.

All refugees arriving are therefore illegal entrants.

Lord Kerr in the House of Lords “Unless we provide a safe route we are complicit with the people smugglers”.

Home Secretary has claimed 70% of channel crossers are “economic migrants.... not genuine asylum seekers” This is not true. 61% are granted asylum on first application and 59% of the remainder on appeal.

So nearly 80% are judged to be genuine, fleeing persecution.

Less than 3% of refugees coming to Europe come to the UK.

Refugee numbers are less than half those of 20 years ago.

We have so many labour and skill shortages. Why don't we welcome them?

Please consider signing this petition.

<https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/596722>

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**John Leach**

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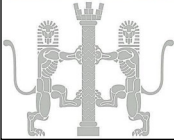
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