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FROM THE EDITOR

Welcome to the January 23 edition of the Kingsley News,

As I sit writing to you, my first as editor of the Kingsley News, I cannot help but to think back over my past 25 years living in Kingsley. I am certain that there are many of you who have lived here far longer than I have but please do excuse this village 'newbie' for sharing his thoughts. Kingsley has much to offer; schools, churches, playing fields, garages, shop, Post Office, pub, community centre and village institute to name but a few, as well as many other services and retail as advertised regularly in the Kingsley News.

We are a very privileged community, and there are many unsung heroes amongst you who volunteer your time for the benefit of others and I wish to thank you all. If you are looking, however, to get more involved in Kingsley life then we would love to hear from you, so please do get in touch with me or any other member of the KCA committee.

Best Wishes

Steve

THANK YOU!

On behalf of the KCA committee and people of Kingsley, I would like to thank Heather Hayes for all her tireless work as previous editor of the Kingsley News. Heather continues her role as Booking Secretary, so if you are thinking of using the community centre please do contact her.



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In our June 2005 edition of the Kingsley News we published an article called 'LIFE'. I would like to share it again with you today.

LIFE

When things in your life seem too much to handle, when 24 hours in a day are not enough, remember the jam jar and the beer.

A lecturer stood before his philosophy class and picked up a large jam jar and proceeded to fill it with golf balls. He then asked the students if the jar was full. They agreed it was. So the lecturer then picked up a box of small pebbles and poured them into the jar. He shook the jar gently and as he filled the gaps between the golf balls asked again if the jar was full. The students agreed again, 'it was'. The lecturer then picked up a bag of sand and poured it into the jar. The sand naturally filled up all the remaining gaps around the pebbles and the golf balls. Asked once more if the jar was full, the students responded with a unanimous 'YES'.

The lecturer then produced two cans of beer from under the table and poured their entire contents into the jar, effectively filling the empty spaces between the sand - his students laughed.

'Well' said the lecturer, 'I want you to recognise that this jar represents your life. The golf balls are the important things - family, friends, health and maybe your favourite hobbies - things that if everything else in your life was lost and only they remained, your life would still be full.'

'The pebbles are the other things that matter such as job, house, car etc. The sand is everything else in your life - the small stuff'

'If you put the sand in the jar first then there is no room for the pebbles or the golf balls. The same goes for, life, if you spend all your time and energy on the small stuff, you will never have room for the things that really matter to you. Pay attention to things that are critical to your happiness. Take care of the golf balls first. Set priorities - the rest is just sand.'

One student raised their hand and enquires what the beer represented. The lecturer smiled. 'I'm glad you asked. It just goes to show that no matter how full your life is there's always room for a couple of beers!'



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**stage a new musical version
of 'Wind in the Willows'
(25 – 28 January 2023)**



Ratty, Mole, Badger and Toad will be on stage in Kingsley at the end of January in a new musical version of Kenneth Graham's much-loved classic story, 'Wind in the Willows', first premiered at the London Palladium in 2017.

Award-winning Kingsley Players will be giving five performances of this charming tale, which has been delighting readers and audiences since the novel was first published more than a century ago.

Julian Fellowes, creator of Downton Abbey, is behind this latest adaptation, which features a range of wonderful songs from Messing About on a Boat to the Wild Wooders, Spring and Mr Toad's Speed is of the Essence.

Director Lynn Pegler said: "We have a fantastic cast who are bringing this wonderful tale to life. Although the original Wind in the Willows was based around the River Thames, the story could easily have been set in Cheshire. The county's beautiful scenery has been my inspiration for our version and audiences may spot some familiar scenes.

"Close your eyes and you can just imagine strolling along the River Weaver and spotting Ratty and Mole's rowing boat in the reeds or chancing upon Badger's burrow or the glinting eyes of stoats and weasels in Delamere Forest. Do come and see if the arrogant, over-the-top Mr Toad really can mend his ways!"

'Wind in the Willows', with music and lyrics by Olivier Award-winning duo George Stiles and Anthony Drewe, will be on stage at Kingsley Theatre in Kingsley Community Centre, from Wednesday 25 to Saturday 28 January 2023, 7.30pm, with a Saturday matinee, 2.30pm.

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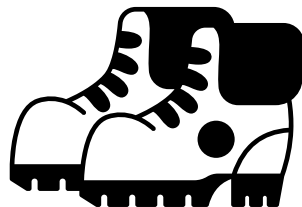
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KINGSLEY WALKERS



The Kingsley Walkers group brought their programme for 2022 to a close in a very satisfactory fashion. On 22nd November we had a 9 mile walk around Chirk. Starting from the castle we covered lovely countryside, crossed the 220 metre long Chirk Aqueduct (not to be confused with its 307m and higher cousin the Pontcysyllte) before a sunny lunch stop alongside the canal and next to the Chirk Tunnel (420 metres). Here we listened to the dulcet tones of a diesel engined narrow boat spluttering through the tunnel and an echoing altercation as the skippers of two boats 'discussed' the right of way. We then walked through the tunnel ourselves before exchanging conversation with a fleet of about 20 canoeists and paddle boarders heading the other way.

On December 13th we met at the Carriers Inn with a 6 mile long walk heading West into the Forest and a 4 mile short walk group heading East. The Inn was waiting for grit to arrive to treat their car park and as some of us stumbled and slipped we were treated to a spectacular ice driving approach from one member arriving a little late. In a rush but no harm done.

After the walks we dumped boots and woolly hats and 33 people convened for our annual Christmas Lunch. We would very much like to thank Joanne and her staff at the Carriers Inn for the very friendly and efficient service and the chef for the extremely tasty meals across all courses and choices. After lunch we were treated to the sight of said chef spreading the just arrived grit and chipping away at the ice in the car park.

As well as Christmas and New Year wishes, there was a big thank you to all the walk leaders who have given us a varied programme through 2022. Personally, I have made many good friends through the group since my "incoming" to Kingsley and I am sure our community of walkers will be just as welcoming for years to come.

I am sure we will have a varied and exciting programme in 2023. Commitments have already been made to lead some of the future short walks (3-5 miles, second Tuesday of each month) and the long walks (7-9 miles, fourth Tuesday).

New members are welcome and just need to contact us at
kingsleywalkerswa6@gmail.com

CHURCH NEWS

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

Tea at 2.30 – Thursday, 26th January 2023 at 2.30pm at The Hurst meeting room

Men's Brunch – Friday, 27th January 2023 at 10.30am at The Hurst meeting room

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 & Chamberbrook Lane

W/c Jan 8th Kingsley Green

W/c Jan 15th Kingsley Road

W/c Jan 22nd Belleair/Peel Hall

W/c Jan 29th Newton Hall

We invite you to add your own prayers

DID YOU KNOW..... that since 1985, the Hurst has raised more than £90,000 for charitable organisations? The congregation chooses a project every year in March for which to raise funds by putting on various money making events. Normally, a charity in this country is chosen one year and overseas for the other. As usual in a Methodist church, activities are often connected with food! In the past we used to hold a Safari Supper and more recently we have held soup lunches, Big Breakfasts and pudding evenings and many more ideas! We are always looking for projects to support, so if you know of anyone locally who is involved with a 'Cinderella' charity, we would love to hear from you. Two of the beautiful wall banners at the Hurst give a record of charities supported.

CHURCH NEWS

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Services in January 2023

Sunday 1st January

10.00 am Holy Communion at Norley

6.30 pm Taize for New Year

Sunday 8th January

10.00 am Holy Communion at Kingsley

6.00 pm Holy Communion (BCP) at Alvanley

Sunday 15th January

10.00 am Family Service at Crowton

6.00 pm Healing Service with Holy
Communion at Kingsley

Sunday 22nd January

8.30 am Holy Communion at Crowton (BCP)

10.00 am Holy Communion at Alvanley

6:00 pm Evening Prayer at Norley

Sunday 29th January

10.00 am Holy Communion at Alvanley

Mid-week Holy Communion all at 10.00 am

5th Jan - Norley – 19th Jan - Kingsley

12th Jan - Crowton – 26th Jan – Alvanley

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Worship at The Hurst Methodist Church

January 2023

Sunday 1st January

No service at the Hurst – Joint service at
Frodsham Methodist Church at 10:30am

Sunday 8th January

10am Morning Worship led by Mr M Smyth

Sunday 15th January

10am Covenant Service led by Rev'd. A
Emison

Sunday 22nd January

10am Morning Worship led by Mr J Bell

Sunday 29th January

10am Morning Worship led by Mrs E Holmes

A warm welcome awaits all who wish to
attend.

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A bit of background - The WI came into being in 1915, the first institute being opened in Llanfairpwllgwyn on Anglesey. It is based on the ideals of fellowship, truth, tolerance and justice. Starting with its roots in rural and agricultural areas it now embraces the interests of women in both rural and urban communities. It set out to give women a voice, to be a force for good in the community. It was a place to share experiences, learn new skills, a place to make friends.

Kingsley WI

Kingsley WI began in 1919, when 51 members were enrolled after a visit by Mrs Paget, wife of the Lord Bishop of Chester, inspired them to form their own Institute. There is a planter maintained by the WI celebrating this event at the junction of Brookside and Dark Lane. We now have 28 members and meet on the first Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm in the Community Centre. In the early days the subjects they covered ranged from 'Umbrella Mending' to a visit from 'The Herring Marketing Board' during the war. Not to be outdone, this year we have had 'Secrets of Health from the Beehive', a lively performance by a Ukelele Band and 'Women in Parliament'. As expected in the WI delicious cakes are usually the order of the day!



*The Kingsley WI banner,
made by Mary Roberts, a
long standing member.*



Some of our present members concentrating hard on making Christmas wreaths ...

... and here are those wreaths

Kingsley WI belongs to **Weaver Vale Group** which includes

Kingsley, Norley, Crowton, Acton Bridge, Frodsham, Helsby and Round Tower. At least two meetings a year are held, one in May which is an evening event, and one in October, in the

afternoon. This combining of a number of WIs means that more can be spent on the speakers and it is a chance to get together with other Institutes.



Kingsley is also part of the **Cheshire Federation of Women's Institutes** which has offices in Chester. They arrange events and activities throughout the year in which Kingsley members can choose to participate and publish the monthly County newsletter, Cheshire News, recently being sent out on-line to hopefully save a few trees!

At the top is **The National Federation of Women's Institutes** based, of course, in London. There are 220,000 members in more than 6000 WIs. The Federation publishes the magazine, WI Life, which is received by every member. Over the years the National Federation has, following resolutions suggested and voted on by all members at the AGM, been active in promoting many issues which have become nationwide. In the past there have been campaigns on banning smoking in public places, equal pay, breast cancer screening, and very famously, the Keep Britain Tidy movement came out of a resolution at the WI AGM. More recent resolutions have been on Food Matters, Carers Welcome in Hospitals, Climate Change, More Midwives, SOS for Honeybees – a very comprehensive list showing the desire of the WI to bring about change.

Just a very brief idea of the WI and we would love to welcome new members. Just come along to any meeting or email kingsleywi1919@outlook.com



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AT KINGSLEY COMMUNITY PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL

Mrs Ruth Basden, Chair of Climate Action Frodsham (CAF) supported by Mr Allan Arthur, member of CAF, recently made a presentation to the Year 6 at the school regarding climate change and actions that can be taken to protect the environment.

After introductions and references to COP 27, Ruth stressed the importance and need of urgent action to reduce carbon emissions to save the planet for future generations. The Year 6 pupils described their different interests and discussion centred on the importance for the environment and the natural world in the fulfilment of those interests. Therefore the need for urgent action.....

The school has an Eco-Council and Ruth was keen to tell pupils of a simple strategy to help pupils and the Council decide what action to take to protect the environment involving the steps of 'RESEARCH', 'DECIDE' 'PLAN' and 'ACTION'. The children then became involved in identifying ideas for action ranging from contacting your MP, to walking and cycling more and cutting consumption and waste. Ruth said that talking about the changes you are making at school, at home and at clubs or gatherings is so important to help other people to understand what you are doing and to encourage them to make changes too. The session ended with a brief Q&A session.

Ruth thanked the school for the opportunity to speak and the pupils for their attention. Leaflets were then left for subsequent distribution regarding CAF's Big Green Day and the application of the simple strategy at school, at home and at social gatherings.

MS Di Reeves, Teacher Years 5/6 wrote to Ruth to say "Many thanks once again for your time and energy and inspiring our Year 6s. The children loved the session and took the CAF leaflets home. The booklets - Planet Protectors look ace - packed with useful information.

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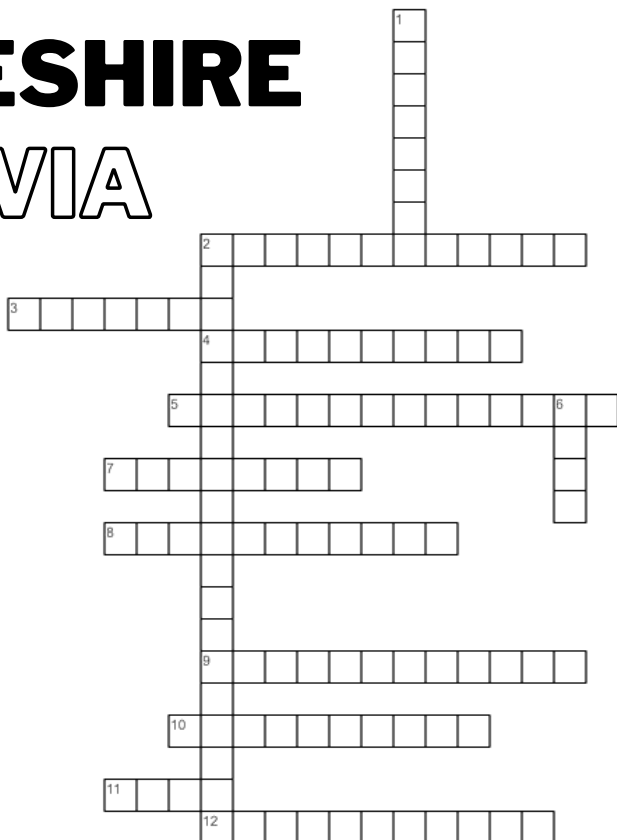
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Across

- 2 Which Cheshire town was once the main silk weaving centre in England?
- 3 Tatton Hall near Knutsford was the home of which family?
- 4 What was opened in 1931 by George Mottershead and his family at Upton by Chester? (7,3)
- 5 What is Cheshire's largest woodland area? (8,6)
- 7 How do boats get from the River Weaver to the Trent and Mersey Canal near to Northwich? (4,4)
- 8 The Lovell Telescope is found at which observatory at Lower Withington? (7,4)
- 9 Which village was built by the Lever Brothers' company for their employees? (4,8)
- 10 Name the singer and song writer born on 20 January 1971 in Frodsham, Cheshire? (4,6)
- 11 What was the Roman name for Chester?
- 12 Charles Lutwidge Dodgson was born on January 27, 1832, in Daresbury, Cheshire - by what pen name is he better known? (5,6)

Down

- 1 What led to the growth of the small hamlet of Crewe?
- 2 Sometimes known as 'The Big Ditch' what was officially opened by Queen Victoria on 21 May, 1894? (10,4,5)
- 6 What was mined at Northwich?

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RED BULL'S GREENHOLME KNIGHT

Readers may well remember the Lord Mayor's black pony in attendance at the Red Bull's May Fayre this summer. But few of us may have realised that we were in the presence of a champion!

Greenholme Knight is a fell pony, born on the Cumbrian fells six years ago, and was picked out at the sales by Ciaran, who obviously saw potential in the little black fluffy foal. Knight is the same breed as the late Queen's pony, "Emma" who came to fame showing her respects to her late mistress as the coffin approached Windsor Castle. Two years ago, when Red Bull landlords Ciaran and Terry were not pulling pints, they began the task of breaking in Knight. According to Terry, this was helped by the pony's very placid temperament which he likened to a well-natured dog!

So far 2022 has been a successful year for Knight. The highlights included winning the ridden fell pony class at the Royal Cheshire Show in June where he was competing against twenty-five other ponies. Ciaran's diligent preparation to make sure Knight looked his best and Terry's work riding him in the show ring had certainly impressed. This meant Knight qualified for the prestigious Horse of the Year Show.

So, in October the Red Bull team went off to spend a few days in Birmingham. Their efforts paid off as Knight, ridden by Terry came eighth in the final. There had been an earlier trek down south to Hickstead in July, where Knight had come second in the Junior Riders' class at the Royal International Horse. Quite a summer.

However, Greenholme Knight's year is not over yet! He's off to the London International Horseshow in December..... so, nip into the pub for an update!





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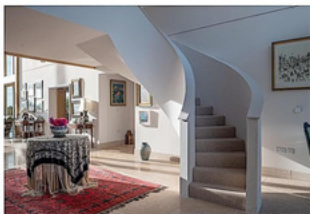
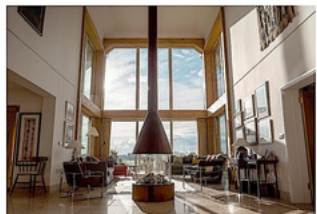
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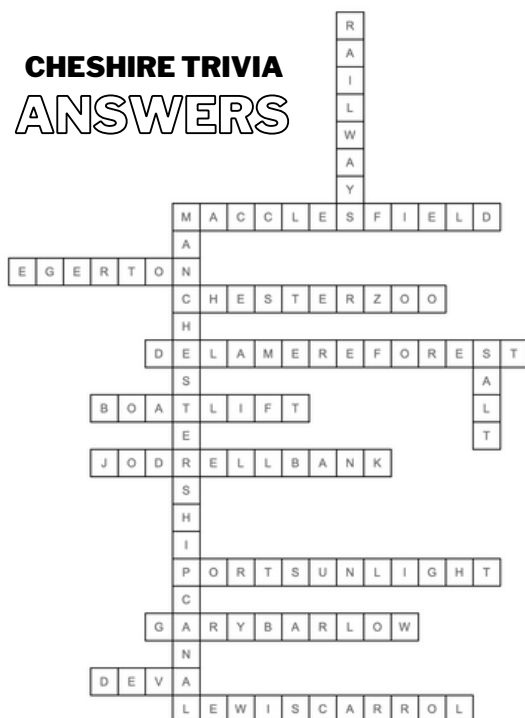
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January 1975

LETTER

COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Dear Villager,

January Edition.

Since this is the first K.C.A. Newsletter of 1975 I thought it a good idea to review briefly the Associations achievements of the past year and our hopes for the future. K.C.A. has two objectives as defined in its Constitution. These are first, to further the social and recreational interests of the residents of Kingsley and, second, to provide a Community Centre for the Village.

As regards the first aim 1974 has seen the successful formation of a committee led by Tony Whitby, our Vice Chairman who have done much to cater for the social needs of the village. Especially worthy of mention are the 8 - 12 yearolds Disco's and the Bingo sessions organised by them which have helped to provide social gatherings for the less mobile in the community. The many other events organised by them and by the fund raising committee led by Fred Kells have provided entertainment and opportunity for social contact for people of a variety of tastes on many occasions during the year, perhaps the best example being the revived Kingsley Carnival.

We are well on our way towards meeting our second aim at the present time since work should start in the next week or two on construction of the Kingsley Community Centre. Actually this may be a rather grandiose title for what is really a Village Hall, since the first phase of the project will provide just that. It is our hope that it may further develop into a true Community Centre later when hopefully the Country present financial problems are easier. We must thank all of those who have given of both their time and money in helping to raise funds to make this possible. At the end of 1974 our bank balance was £2950, well over £1,000 of which was raised during 1974. We must also thank those who have spent a very considerable amount of time in negotiations and planning in connection with the project. Especially I would like to thank the "Building Committee" led by Norman Clough for the considerable work they have put in during 1974.

We enter 1975 confident that K.C.A. is in a healthy condition; that this is so is due in large measure to the whole hearted support given to it by you, the villagers of Kingsley. Thank you all. May I end by wishing you all a much happier New Year than we have been led to expect.

Yours Sincerely,
R. W. Toft.
Chairman K.C.A.

(1) Community Centre.

We've done it!!

At last we have got access to the site for the centre. As soon as the setting out plan is received, the construction of the centre will commence.

It is hoped that the first piece of turf will be cut during January by Major Bonner, Chairman of the Cheshire Community Associations' Council, who has done a tremendous amount of work in helping Kingsley get a centre.

The date for the official start will be announced in the very near future.

(2) Sponsored Pub Crawl.

The Association has organised a Sponsored Pub Crawl on Friday 31st January. The 'crawl' will start from the shopping precinct at Frodsham at 7 - 30 p.m. The participants will visit several pubs on the way back to Kingsley. Sponsorship will take the form of a donation for every $\frac{1}{4}$ mile walked by 'a crawler'; with the maximum number of quarter-miles being 12. If you would like to sponsor someone, please contact any committee member.

(3) Great January Sale.

The Teenage sub-committee of the Association has organised a great January Sale on Saturday 18th January at the Institute at 2 p.m. All goods will be auctioned and rumours are that there are fantastic bargains to be snapped up. If you have any goods which you would like to donate to the sale, please bring them to the Institute on the Saturday morning of the sale or contact any committee member if you require them.

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