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FEBRUARY 2017

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

<b>W/c Feb 5th</b>	<b>Middle Lane and CP School</b>
<b>W/c Feb 12th</b>	<b>Mill Lane and Scotlands Lane</b>
<b>W/c Feb 19th</b>	<b>Ball Lane and Crewood Common</b>
<b>W/c Feb 26th</b>	<b>Newton Hollows and Hatcheries</b>

***We invite you to add your own prayers***

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# *EDITORIAL NEWS AND VIEWS*

Dear Readers

February is a strange month, the days are lengthening but spring seems to be such a long way off that it feels like it will never arrive. I read a quote recently that said "the only good thing about February was Valentines Day"!! However, I saw some early snowdrops yesterday so maybe spring isn't that far away, I hope.

It is a fact of life that all good things come to an end and sadly this is the case for the Kingsley Transition Initiative. After 9 years of running the highly successful quarterly markets and other projects the KTI has been dissolved. I am sure you will join me in thanking everyone involved for their hard work and success. Maybe there is someone locally who would be willing to start organising the markets again?

Thanks to a very generous donation from WREN FCC Community Action Fund, the Village Institute is undergoing extensive refurbishment, to include new central heating, windows, electrical work and insulation. Many thanks to the people involved in securing the funds for refurbishment.

I know this request has been made before, but is there anyone out there who could contribute an article to the magazine, or who would like to do a guest editorial?

*Elizabeth*

**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**

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## ***KTI TO BE DISSOLVED***

*At the EGM in January it was decided that, after 9 years of four quarterly Local Produce Markets a year, solar panels on the Community Centre roof, the allotments and numerous smaller initiatives involving the primary schools, Scouts, tennis club and various information evenings, Kingsley Transition Initiative would be dissolved, mainly because the existing team felt that we had done as much as could be achieved.*

*At the January Parish Council meeting, KTI reported that their current funds are in excess of £2000 and that it is the intention of KTI, when all liabilities have been met, to pass remaining funds to the Parish council Community Fund.*

*If you have any projects of a sustainable nature that require extra funding please contact the Parish Council via the village web site – <http://www.kingsleyvillage.co.uk>*

*If you have any questions then please contact Simon Sherlock - [simon@sherlock.co.uk](mailto:simon@sherlock.co.uk)*

## **LITTER PICK UPDATE**

On Saturday 14th January 10 of our litter pick team collected 13 bags of litter. After high winds there was quite a mess especially on the main roads. The next litter picks will be on Saturday 11th February and Saturday 11th March.

We start from the Community Centre at 10.00 and provide all equipment. Come and join us.

## **Kingsley Youth Group (KYG)**

KU17s received registered charitable status last year, and we changed our name to Kingsley Youth Group at the same time. Our aims and session times have remained unchanged.

We aim to provide a safe and fun environment for young people to socialise, and occasionally learn something useful. We meet every Thursday in term-time at Kingsley Community Centre. 5:30 to 7:30 pm for school years 4 to 7 and 7:30 to 9pm for school years 7 and above. We have lots of activities including table tennis, table football and X-box games. It's only £1 on the door and there is no joining fee.

We also arrange the occasional outing, and have recently been to see the Kingsley Players 'A Mouse's Tale', which was a marvellous production enjoyed by all.

Sessions in the near future will also include pancakes, making Mother's Day gifts and old-fashioned games including bingo, statues, musical chairs and board games.

We welcome new members; we just need to get contact details from you. We'd also like to hear from young people and their parents about what you'd like to see KYG do more of: would there be interest in running sessions during the holidays, for interest? We can be contacted by email: [kingsleyku17s@gmail.com](mailto:kingsleyku17s@gmail.com).

## **Kingsley Garden Club Change of Speaker - Monday 13th February**

Due to the scheduled speaker from Lost World Nursery letting us down at the last minute, we have had to make some hasty phone calls to find out if anyone could step in and help us out at the last minute. We have been lucky in securing the Ranger from Marbury Country Park and are extremely grateful to him for coming at such short notice. It should be a really interesting evening to hear about the Country Park and the role of the ranger and the work he does (if trying to get hold of him is anything to go by, he is a very busy man).

We look forward to welcoming David James and to welcoming you - why not come along to find out more about the park and about your local Gardening Club, all visitors are welcome.



After a highly successful number of years, there will be no more quarterly local produce markets hosted by Kingsley Transitions Initiative. These have been really well attended over many years and have been a fantastic showcase for high quality local producers. A big thank you to all those who have been involved over the years.

As they will be sorely missed by so many people, we would be interested to hear from anyone who would like to help with getting them restarted. We have details of all the producers, so much of the organisation is already waiting, all we need is a couple of willing volunteers.

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. Mike Butler 788125 or [mrpb\\_kca@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:mrpb_kca@yahoo.co.uk)

Monday 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> Feb **Move it Mondays Fitness Class 7-8pm**

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> Feb **Gardening Club 8pm**

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> Feb **Kingsley W I 7.30pm**

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> Feb **Alzheimer's Society 11am-12.30pm**

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb **KU17's**

Kingsley Players put on their wonderful and popular performances throughout the year. 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! 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 at an hourly rate where appropriate. Contact Elizabeth Batey, Booking Secretary, 788788 or [embatey@msn.com](mailto:embatey@msn.com)

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The successful candidate will work under the direction of the Site Maintenance Officers and will undertake general school cleaning duties.

Applicants must be able to work as part of a team and have a flexible approach to changes in duty rotas. The hours are 7.5 per week and will be worked, ideally, from 4.00pm – 5.30pm each evening (some flexibility available) Monday to Friday. Term time only.

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## **Kingsley Bookworms – Next meeting 2nd February 2017 at the Red Bull**

We started 2017 with “The Essex Serpent” by Sarah Perry”. This is one of the Costa nominated novels for 2016. There were some similarities with The Lie Tree that we read last year. On the whole everyone enjoyed the book, scoring it 4 out of 5. A few people thought that it was a bit slow to get going, but worth persevering. We were delighted to welcome our first new member of 2017.

This month we are reading “Perfume: The Story of a Murderer” by Patrick Suskind. It is set in the 18th century and translated from German. This book is quite controversial and the discussion should be very interesting. We have a 12 month list of books that we plan to read. They are available on our Facebook page, or get in touch and we can send you one.

We are planning several trips to literary festivals in 2017, both local and further afield as well as a trip to see Pam Ayres in April. At our March meeting we will also be talking about the Costa shortlisted books and the winner.

Everyone is welcome to join us at any of our meetings or events. If you want more information, or to join in any of our events please contact me on [vgwillim@coachwork.co.uk](mailto:vgwillim@coachwork.co.uk) or call me on 07799 067 457. We have also got our own Facebook page called Kingsley Bookworms.



## **Breakfast at The Hurst again**

Come along to The Hurst on Saturday 25th February 10-12 and enjoy breakfast, brunch or lunch with us.

£5.00 for 4 items, toast and a drink, extra items available at 50p each. Children's meals of 2 items, toast and drink will be available for £2.50.



There will also be a sale of "Nearly New" items. Profits are for the chapel's charity of the year - Buzz Group.

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## The Hurst Souperstars'

**Soup lunch**

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February -  
Noon to 1.00 pm**

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**Home-made Soups, Puddings  
Tea and coffee  
- only £2.50 all in.**

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All proceeds this month in aid of the  
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and enjoy a friendly chat whilst eating  
delicious home-made soup and pudding.  
Really good selection of soups and puds  
!!!

There is even a small raffle with many  
small prizes to be won!!!

## **Kingsley & Newton Village Institute**

An extensive refurbishment of the Village Institute building is taking place thanks to a £32,830 grant from funding body WREN.

The money, awarded by WREN's FCC Community Action Fund, will be used to provide a new gas-fired central heating system; an electrical upgrade throughout the building; loft and cavity wall insulation; replacement of the roofline, and new windows and doors throughout. All of this will improve energy efficiency at the Institute.

It is hoped that the improved facilities will be in use by the 2017 May Bank Holiday.

WREN is a not-for-profit business that awards grants for community, conservation and heritage projects from funds donated by FCC Environment (the leading UK waste and resource management company) through the Landfill Communities Fund. Since 1998, WREN has granted over £200m to more than 7,000 projects which benefit people living within 10 miles of a FCC Environment landfill site. For more information please visit [www.wren.org.uk](http://www.wren.org.uk) ; [www.entrust.org.uk](http://www.entrust.org.uk)

## **Gardener Required**

Local Kingsley resident requires a competent "Gardener".  
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## **Kingsley Walking Group**



The first walk of the year was a rewarding seven miler, from Norton Priory through Halton Village. Much of the route was surprisingly rural, through pleasant woodland and along the canalside. We took lunch below the walls of Halton Castle, which afforded good views of the Mersey Gateway project and the developing bridge. Walking through Halton, we got a sense of the village as it was in a bygone age, passing The Seneschal's House, reputedly the oldest house in Runcorn (c 1598). Eleven of us turned out, despite the unpromising weather, and thankfully the rain held off.

The walk started at the Hare and Hounds Crowton on a bright sunny day . We enjoyed walking on the bridle ways and footpaths around Crowton and Norley stopping off to have our coffee in a friends garden. There were long views of the Cheshire countryside from the elevated paths with buzzards soaring close by. There were 22 people on the walk which was just over 5 miles. Sharing a meal together at the end.

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).

## **Warrington Cine & Video Society**

invite you to their Annual Film & Video Show

on **Saturday 25th February 2017**

at St Martin's Methodist Church Hall, Gig Lane,  
Woolston, Warrington WA1 4EE.

Doors open at 7pm for a 7-30pm start.

Admission £4, including refreshments.

For further information e-mail [wcv.1936@btinternet.com](mailto:wcv.1936@btinternet.com)

## **Kingsley Parish Council Meeting 17 January 2017**

**Members of the Public.** Four members of the public attended the meeting.

**Planning applications.** Two planning applications were received and discussed at the meeting. Planning Application 16/05436/FUL Manor Cottage Hillfoot Lane Kingsley demolition of existing structures and two storey rear extension. 16/05249/FUL 2 Westbrook Road Kingsley replacement & repositioning of 2 metre fence.

**Playing Field.** Tenders have gone out to contractors for work required on certain trees within the playing field. Lights in the field are being repaired.

**Car Parking.** A Car Parking Working Group is being set up in order to continue to look at ways to improve car parking within the village. The working group will initially consist of Parish Councillors though when other expertise is required specialists will be invited to join the Group.

**Contractors** have been confirmed for 2017, to carry out the grass cutting in the playing field, works along the public rights of way and grass cutting in the cemetery.

**Kingsley Transiton Initiative (KTI).** Unfortunately KTI is officially closing down as public support appears to be petering out. KTI have been in existence since 2009 and have managed several projects during that time including placing solar panels on the Community Centre, setting up the Monthly Market and the Allotments as well as assisting with school projects and sponsoring the Tennis Club. Sadly it means the end of the monthly market unless someone comes forward to run it.

**PLEASE NOTE** that the Minutes of the Parish Council's meetings are placed on the village website each month.

## **WORSHIP AT THE HURST METHODIST CHAPEL**

### **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February**

10:00 am- Morning Worship at The Hurst :Mrs K.Rowe

6.30 pm- At Blakelees Chapel : Revd B.Dodd

### **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February**

8.15am- At The Hurst : Communion :Revd I.Rigby

10:00am –Morning Worship at The Hurst : Mr A.Ellams

6.30pm- At Blakelees Chapel : Revd I.Rigby

### **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February**

10:00am- At The Hurst- Communion : Revd I.Rigby

6.30pm At Blakelees Chapel- Mr J.Hufton

### **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February**

10:00am-At The Hurst- Mr M.Ridley

6.30pm-At Blakelees Chapel-Prof N.Ford

All are very welcome, please do come and join us and please bring the children! There is a Sunday school for children (apart from the month of August), and those who presently attend, really do enjoy!



@ The Hurst Methodist Church,

4.30pm-6.30pm on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February

### **Fun and Games**

We have some very messy things for you to do!!!!

An evening meal is provided, with food liked by all ages. A vegetarian option will always be available.

Suggested donations of £1 per child, £2 per adult or £5 per family are welcome to help cover costs.

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## News from Kingsley WI

For our WI here in Kingsley the New Year began in very cheerful mode with an evening of dining, wine and song! A delicious meal was prepared by caterer Jane Smith and a very talented Jazz singer, Irene Martin, entertained us in a pleasantly relaxed fashion with a variety of her favourite arrangements of popular songs familiar to most of us.

The evening gave a chance for members to mix and catch up with friends and get to know one or two of the several new members we are delighted to have join us.

So 2017 appears to be off to a good start with an excellent programme of a variety of speakers promising not only to entertain us but provide us with food for thought.

Feb 1 <sup>st</sup>	Lynda Hayley	"A photo around every corner"
March 1 <sup>st</sup>	Susan Sellers	"My life as a High Sheriff"
April 5 <sup>th</sup>	June Corner	"Naughty but Nice"
May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Ray O' Brien	"The Merseyside Entertainers"
June 7 <sup>th</sup>	Prof John Hardy	"Fixing the Forgetful"
July 5 <sup>th</sup>	Jane Dawson	"Chester Mystery Plays"
Sept 6 <sup>th</sup>	Barbara Andrew	"Grandma was Suffragette"

If any of the topics in the programme listed above are of interest to any of the ladies in the village please do come along to any of our meetings on the 1st Wednesdays of the month you will be assured of a warm welcome

## TheWI

### Notice

**The next meeting of Kingsley WI will be held on  
Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February at 7-30pm  
in the Kingsley Community Centre**

**The speaker will be  
Lynda Hayney on  
"A photo around every corner"**

**As always Visitors welcome to attend any of our monthly meetings**

**KINGSLEY ADULT NETBALL CLUB  
SUNDAY 8 – 9 p.m.  
FRODSHAM LEISURE CENTRE**

**DID YOU/DO YOU ENJOY PLAYING NETBALL? or  
NOT PLAYED FOR YEARS BUT WOULD LIKE TO HAVE ANOTHER GO?  
COME AND JOIN US**

We are a group of ladies (mainly mums from Kingsley) of mixed ability and mixed fitness levels that formed a netball group at the start of last year.

The average age is 35ish and average time since the majority of us played must be 20 years! However, there are a few amongst us who have played more recently and are teaching and reminding us of all the rules we have forgotten.

None of us can commit to anything very regular. Instead we just want to play intermittently, have a bit of fun, improve and get to know a few others from the school/village. We wondered if there were any mums or friends and family members who might be interested in joining us and would welcome you on a Sunday evening. Cost is £3 a session.

Please don't be put off by thinking it is so long since you played and therefore you might not be good enough. We all enjoyed playing at school and it's great to play again whatever standard.

If you might be interested please give me a phone, Celia Maddock on 07748672457 or email me on [celiamaddock@gmail.com](mailto:celiamaddock@gmail.com).



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**From Carol Davies in Kingsley**

After 8yrs of collecting donations of food, clothing, toiletries etc for C.A.T.H, I am sadly having to finish at the end of January. I would like to thank all the people who have supported us so generously over the years. I hope you will please continue to support this worthwhile cause in the future. I have included the contact details. Information is also available on :-

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Mon 13 <sup>th</sup>	Noon -13.00hrs Soup Lunch at The Hurst Chapel
Tues 14 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm for 7.45pm Hurst Guild :Revd D.Goodwin tells of his faith journey.
Tues 14 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am Kingsley Walking Group. Meet at KCC
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