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W/c Feb 4th Newton Hall
W/c Feb 11thMiddle Lane and CP School
W/c Feb 18thMill Lane and Scotlands Lane
W/c Feb 25th Ball Lane and Crewood Common

We invite you to add your own prayers

EDITORIAL NEWS AND VIEWS

Dear Readers

Firstly I would like to thank Vony for stepping in as guest Editor and producing the January newsletter while I was away at Christmas. We went to America to spend Christmas with our son Jonathan. It was very cold with plenty of sunshine and snow, some days it was -15C, but still a very enjoyable break.

There is pressure everywhere on the green belt area surrounding towns and villages, Kingsley being no exception. This has been brought to light by the proposed development at Higher Heyes Drive. Consequently the Kingsley Green belt Action Group has been formed to highlight the pressures that the green belt is under. The only way to fight development is by a pressure group and that is why they are asking for your support.

On the 16th February we see the return of the Blackheart Orchestra to the Kingsley Community Centre. They were very popular on their last visit ad this is sure to be a sell out.

On 3rd March Steve Fairhurst will be performing at the Kingsley and Newton Village Institute. Tickets are only £5.00, see ad for further details.

Farnham Maltings Touring Theatre Group will be performing at Kingsley Community Centre on 9th March, again see ad for further details.

Best wishes

Elizabeth

Articles for the magazine to be sent to the Editor by email to - kingsleynewseditor@gmail.com
Tel: 01928 787678
Copy deadline is the 21st of each month www.kingsleyvillage.co.uk

Kingsley and Newton Village Institute (KNVI)

The KNVI is located on Top Rd. The building has a main room with dance floor and bar, and there is also a kitchen and snooker room. Externally, there are excellent facilities for both tennis and bowls.

We have won several grants over the last couple of years in order to refurbish and improve the Institute. The kitchen has been re-fitted and is now an excellent facility, the windows and gutters have been replaced and a new cemntral heating system has been installed. We will very shortly be putting in a new dance floor and expanding the car parking space available.

As a charity, KNVI is here to provide facilities for the community, whether outdoors, with bowls and tennis, or indoors, with snooker, line-dancing and the provision of excellent facilities for local organisations and private parties. These community assets are being used nearly every day of the week and we now have nearly 200 Friends of the Institute.

Currently, our regular events are:

Mondays: Art Group 2 -- 4pm Tuesdays: Line-dancing 8pm -- 10pm Wednesdays: 7pm -- 10pm Indoor bowls Alternate Thursdays: 8pm -- 10pm Quiz (next quiz nights will be January 11th and 25th, February 8th and 22nd. League snooker 6:30 -- 11pm. Fridays: Saturday and Sunday mornings: Junior tennis training with Bill Connell.

Enquiries and Bookings

The KNVI is available to hire for very reasonable rates: £10 per hour, £30 for half a day and weekday evenings, £50 for weekend evenings. For booking enquiries please contact Jonny Maddock on 07515 059129 or jonnymaddock@yahoo.co.uk

For bowling enquiries please contact Dave Ewart on 01928 733072

For tennis enquiries or Friends subscriptions please contact Elizabeth Batey on 01928 788788 or embatey@msn.com. There is also a website for Kingsley Tennis Club: www.kingsleytennis.org.uk

The KNVI is one of the charities that can be supported in any branches of the Co-Op.

For this scheme, you need to get a Co-op card and nominate us as your chosen charity on their website



Good News! Blackheart Orchestra are returning to Kingsley Community Centre, on Friday 16th February 2018! Details elsewhere in this edition of Kingsley News. Also, advance notice: Farnham Maltings, a touring Theatre Group, will be performing at the Centre on Friday 9th March 2018. Again, details elsewhere in this Kingsley News. 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 12th Feb Kingsley Garden Club 8pm
Tuesday 6th, 13th,20th,27th Feb Shukokai Karate 6pm-8pm
Tuesday 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th Feb Cheshire Centre for Independent Living 4pm

Wednesday 7th Feb Kingsley W I 7.30pm

Wednesday 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th Feb **Tai Chi** 1.30pm-2.30pm

Thursday 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th Feb Kingsley Youth Group

Kingsley Players put on their wonderful and popular performances throughout the year. We also proudly welcome the new Kingsley Youth Theatre!

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 Elizabeth Batey, Booking Secretary, 788788 or embatey@msn.com

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The Hurst Methodist Church

Sunday 4th February

10:00 am- Morning Worship at The Hurst: Miss H. Rowland

6:30pm- At Blakelees Chapel: Mrs E. Holmes

Sunday 11th February

8:15am : Holy Communion at The Hurst: Rev D. Bintliff 10:00am – Morning Worship at The Hurst: Rev D.Bintliff

6.30pm- At Blakelees Chapel: Revd B.Dodd

Sunday 18th February

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

6.30pm- At Blakelees Chapel: Revd D. Bintliff

Sunday 25th February

10:00pm-Morning Worship at The Hurst- Ms J.Mason 6.30pm- At Blakelees Chapel : Dr R.Lane

All very welcome, please do come and join us and please bring the children!



The Hurst Church Soup

Monday 12th February Noon to 1.00 pm

Home-made Soups, Puddings Tea and coffee only £3.00 all in All proceeds this month in aid of "Maggie's Centres".

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 soups and puds!

Kingsley Parish Council January 2018

Planning applications.

Land Adjacent to Brow Dene Town Well Kingsley 17/05267/REM Approval of reserved matters following outline permission 14/03646/OUT for one detached building. The Planning Working Group will look further at the reserved matters.

3 Orchard Gate Kingsley 17/05453/FUL

2 storey side extension and partial conversion of garage. NO OBJECTION 52 Top Road Kingsley 17/05469/FUL

Demolition of existing dwelling & erection of two dwellings OBJECT Land at Beech Lane Kingsley 17/05482/FUL SCREENING REQD Build 3 stables and a tack room

<u>Higher Heyes Development</u> A Working Group consisting of councillors and members of the parish are in the process of taking legal advice from a solicitor regarding the proposed housing development. A crowd funding account has been set up and pledges can be made in order to fund the legal advice.

<u>Playing Field.</u> There have been 2 complaints regarding the trees and shrubs that block light from gardens backing onto the playing field. It was decided that Councillors and Mid Cheshire Ground Maintenance would meet in the playing field to assess any work that may be required. It is hoped the new play equipment will be installed during February.

Kingsley Parish Cemetery

Council plan on improving the area around the War Memorial to make it more accessible for everyone and funding is being sought from the CWAC Member Budgets Award Scheme both for that project and the digital mapping of the Cemetery. Some of the railings around the Cemetery and the handrail are in need of repair and this work will be carried out shortly.

<u>Neighbourhood Plan.</u>(NP) The process for the production of a NP is continuing and the next step is completing the Application Submission for Designating the Area required to be sent to Cheshire West and Chester Council.

<u>Tenders 2018</u>. Contractors for Ground Maintenance in the Playing Fields, Cemetery and Public Rights of Way for 2018/2019 were confirmed as Mid Cheshire Grounds Maintenance. These bids offered best value for money. Contractor for Kingsley General Enhancement 2018/2019 was confirmed as Mr S Nicholls. This bid offered best value for money.

<u>Christmas Lights.</u> The Christmas lights will be replaced for next season as the present ones are in a poor condition.

Parish Church of St John's Kingsley

Sunday 4th February

10.00 am - Holy Communion6.30 pm Sacred Space at Christ Church Crowton

Thursday 8th February

10.00 am - Mid-week Holy Communion

Sunday 11th February

10.00 am - Morning Worship

Sunday 18th February

10.00 am - Family Service

Sunday 25th February

10.00 am - Worship Together

6.30 pm - Encounter - contempory worship at Kingsley

A warm welcome awaits you at any of these services

Lent Study Group

Starting Wednesday 21st February for six consecutive weeks.

Kingsley Church Room at 2.00 pm.

We shall be using Paula Gooders's Study Guide to Pope Francis book 'The Joy of the Gospels.'

For more details or to book a place please conact Hilary as below, or - hilary.merrington@btinternet.com

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Kingsley Green Belt Action Group (KGBAG)

As you maybe aware a planning application made early last year by a developer culminated in the first stage of approval of 15 'affordable' houses on GREEN BELT land off Higher Heyes Drive (planning application no. 17/02356/FUL).

Please note, this has <u>NOT YET</u> been give final approval/rubber stamped so there is still time to act!

These plans changed three times from those originally submitted by the developer and shown at the village 'Open' meeting held on July 18th 2017 (when representatives of both the developer and Cheshire West and Chester council were in attendance). It was also very evident to the large number of villagers at the meeting that this development was only the first of a possible three phase development on prime agricultural green belt land.

The Parish Council objected to the application on a number of grounds including the main ones below:

- 1. the need for further affordable housing in the village was not proven
- 2. CWaC ignored their own Green Belt policies
- 3. last minute 'rushed through' changes to the scheme were NOT published and did not allow time for public discussion.

The decision to give planning permission was taken by CWaC planning committee on 5th December 2017 in a meeting (plainly obvious from the webcast) whereby the decision was taken across party lines with very few of the objections being professionally debated.

At the Parish Council meeting held on 16th January 2018, Councillor Sue Billows, who has been consulting with expert planners and solicitors, reported that she has had a response "given that the HNS (Housing Needs Survey) is fundamental in order to overcome the fact that the development lies within the green belt and trigger the Rural Exceptions Policy, there are serious questions regarding the Council's approach to dealing with this application".

The Parish Council has resolved to obtain further legal advice from a solicitor and barrister. This action will require external funding as the Parish Council is severely limited in the monies it has available to finance this action.

We have set up a Crowd Funding page -

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/kingsleygreenbeltactiongroup and updated the web site at http://planning.sherlock.co.uk to allow the downloading of a pedge form for those who are willing to help with larger sums.

Finally, and most importantly, this planning approval decision by CWaC must be a wake-up call to all residents, not only in Kingsley village but in all surrounding villages and rural locations, that <u>no</u> green belt land is safe from development under current CWaC policies.

KINGSLEY CRICKET CLUB

Kingsley Cricket Club had an excellent season on and off the pitch in 2017. The 1st XI won the Second Division of the UK Fast Cheshire Cricket League, meaning that they will play in the First Division for the first time in the club's history next season. The Midweek XI, affectionately known as the Kingsley Knights, finished runners-up in the First Division of the Chester and District Midweek League. The respective teams received their trophies from ex-England players Paul Nixon and Matthew Hoggard at the recent awards evenings.

The club's juniors also tasted success, with the U13s beating local rivals Oakmere in the North Cheshire Cup. We ran a very successful Allstars programme for the younger children and fielded teams at U9, U11, U13 and U15. Winter coaching takes place in the New Year at Frodsham Leisure Centre and summer training takes place on Friday nights at The Croft between mid-April and late July, with the bar open for families to relax in the sunshine. If you have children who are keen to take up the game please let us know.

Our famous annual Beer Festival, now a highlight of the village social calendar, was again a resounding success, raising vital funds that the club needs to develop. We are always looking for new members and volunteers, so if you are keen to get involved as player, umpire, coach, scorer, bar staff etc., please get in touch.

In particular, we are looking to rejuvenate our Sunday XI so if you've not played for a while and would like to start playing again, please get in touch with me. Our Sunday team is all about giving people an opportunity to enjoy playing cricket, whatever their age, ability etc.

Adrian Burden Secretary, Kingsley Cricket Club (07966 711940; burd8@sky.com)

Litter Pick – Can you spare an hour once a month?

The litter pick team will be out on Saturday 10th February and Saturday 10th March. We meet at the Community Centre at 10.00. All equipment is provided.

Last month 15 bags of litter were collect from along the main roads.

The Blackheart Orchestra In Concert at Kingsley Community Centre On Friday 16th February 2018 at 8pm.

Advance tickets are £10 (under 12's £5) available now from Anne on 07564 393758 or kcaevents1@gmail.com

Doors open at 7.30pm and the concert runs from 8.00pm to 10.15pm. Limited tickets may also be available on the door. A Bar will be available on the evening.

The Blackheart Orchestra are multi-instrumentalists Chrissy Mostyn and Rick Pilkington. Their unique music has been described as "Utterly magical" by the BBC's John Gilmore. They combine acoustic instruments and the voice of Chrissy Mostyn with piano, omnichord, electric percussion, electric mandola, bowed guitar and vintage synthesisers to create a new and very unique vision of progressive, contemporary British music. Their show features multi-instrumental playing and continuous changing of moods and combinations of instruments.

Further information may be found at www.theblackheartorchestra.com or www.facebook.com/theblackheartorchestra

Farnham Maltings Touring Theatre Group Will Perform BRAVE FOLK On Friday, March 9th, 7:30pm At Kingsley Community Centre

Advance tickets are £10 and £5 for under-12s, available now from Anne on 07564 393758 or kcaevents1@gmail.com.

Doors open at 6:45pm and the show will run from 7:30pm to 9pm. The show is suitable for people 10 years and older.

An evening of story and song from the lands of the far, far north. Brave Folk is a mystical Nordic tale fizzing with humour about love and courage and knowing when to act. Set in the marshlands Yorgjin Oxo, our hero, is a carefree young man who has been taught the sounds of storms and how to sing into the rain, until one day people and places disappear and everything changes.

Further information may be found at: www.farnhammaltings.com and @farnhammaltings



Kingsley Youth Club

Thursdays in term-time School Years 4 to 6 5:30 – 7:15pm School Years 7 to 11 7:30 – 9:00pm Kingsley Community Centre

We've been setting new records at the youth club, with attendances of 30 to 40 youngsters at recent sessions. We still have room for new members, though, especially in the older age range. There's no membership fee, just turn up and fill in a form.

Sarah has put together a great programme for the next few sessions, including: making slime, a Greek food evening, a birthday party and a celebration of the Chinese New Year.

Not forgetting the usual activities: indoor games, X-box, table football, pool and tuck and snacks for sale. Only £1 on the door.

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On Stage Near You Not already enjoying local shows? You really ought to get out more.

February is a quiet month but we have come across the following three which seem well worth a visit. At the Brindley an iconic revival, at Harlequins a classic with impeccable pedigree and a rip roaring farce at Altrincham.

6th - 10th Centenary Players - Brindley Theatre - Brassed Off by Paul Allen – This is the stage version of that iconic of 1996 staring the late Pete Postlethwaite. Grimley Colliery is set to close as the accountants say there's more money in it shut than open, even after redundancy payments. It means 1200 job losses, a dying town and the loss of its brass band. But under the leadership of Danny, coughing with coal-dusted lungs, the band is somehow transformed into British champions with local lass Gloria whipping up the money needed to get them to the Albert Hall. http://www.centenaryods.co.uk/9363.htmlhttp://www.centenaryods.co.uk/9363.

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21st – 24th Harlequin Theatre – Amy's View, written by David Hare. This superb award winning play ran in the West End of London 20 years ago with Judi Dench in the lead role and Samantha Bond in the title role. Kingsley Players feature with **Kelly White** (Some of My Best Friends Are Women) directing and the title role is played by **Holly Boland** (Goodnight Mr Tom). The play takes place in Berkshire near Pangbourne, and in London, from 1979 to 1995. Over the course of these sixteen years, "a running argument about the respective virtues of traditional theatre and the media arts weaves its way through espoused opinions on marriage, love, fame, fidelity, betrayal, personal and artistic integrity, and the sometimes elusive ethics of the corporate world. among other things." http://www.harlequinplayers.com/amys-view

29th to 3rd March Altrincham Garrick - Up and Coming by Eric Chappell billed as a riotous political farce by the writer of Rising Damp. Philip Conway, Deputy Prime Minister and Leader of the House is attending a party conference. But, tipped to be the new party leader, his campaign for power is in serious danger of collapse. Visits from rivals, fellow conspirators and the all-too-attentive Vicky coincide keeping Philip on his toes; the world's press is in the lobby; there are threats of assassination; students are rioting outside the hotel: an uncomfortable evening is the result! Who will get his – or her – just deserts? http://www.altrinchamgarrick.co.uk/shows/up-and-coming-2/

Reviews

A quiet time because of the Christmas break but we have three reviews about Improbable Fiction by Alan Ayckbourn at the Chester Little Theatre. A well performed much loved comedy which was much enjoyed by large audiences.

The remainder of the plays featured last month had yet to be performed at the time of writing.

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. John Doe

RUDYARD KIPLING COMES TO NORI FY!

Jungle Book author Rudyard Kipling takes centre stage at Norley Village Hall on Saturday 3 March, in an entertaining, new play by local writer Lynn Pegler.

Fresh from a successful run at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe, If Only: An Audience with Rudyard Kipling explores the writer's extraordinary life and the devastating personal consequences of World War One.

The Nobel Literature Prize winner is famous for writing the nation's favourite poem 'If' — which will feature along with other popular poems and stories woven into a one hour stage show.

Performed in costume by Matt Jones and Lynn Pegler.

'The play is peppered with fragments of his writing and poems read complete, and it's through this poetry the piece conceives a clever framing...'

'Entertaining', 'powerful' with a 'warm and welcome charm.'

British Theatre Guide Review

Place: Norley Village Hall

Time: Saturday 3 March. 8pm. Bar

opens 7.30pm

Tickets: £10, including glass of wine.

Available from The Stores, Norley.

Photo: Matt Jones as Rudyard Kipling and Lynn Pegler as his wife Carrie.







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For further information e-mail wcvs.1936@btinternet.com

Kingsley Bookworms Next meeting 8th February 2018 at the Hurst Chapel

At first meeting of 2018, we talked about "Restoration" by Rose Tremain. We met at the Hurst chapel which worked well as a place to have a good chat. Again we had quite a large group, including two new members who we were pleased to welcome.

The book was popular and comments fell into two groups – Rose Tremain's use of language which most people enjoy and the main character, Merivel who most people found to be interesting and endearing although some people got a bit impatient with him. Quite a few of us hadn't read a "historical novel" before which also led to a good discussion.

The book scored an a average of 4 out of 5, one of our highest scores.

In February we will talk about "The Anatomy of a Soldier" by Harry Parker. This is another first novel, written from a very different perspective. It received a lot of acclaim when published in 2016. A few people have read the book already and were keen to talk about it.

We 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 or call me on 07799 067 457. We have also got our own Facebook page called Kingsley Bookworms.



Kingsley WI Wednesday February 7th

Deadly Beauty - A Woman's lot in the 17th Century
Speaker Vivienne Derricutt

Wednesday March 7th
Under the Mango Tree
Speakers Gordon and Kambe Timboni

Meetings are at 7.30pm in the Community Centre

Visitors are always welcome.

For further information ring 01928 788873

Kingsley Walking Group

The weather was gloomy and cold for the Long Walk on 9 January. However, nine people turned up for a local walk of approximately 8.5 miles. Starting from the Community Centre, we took the path across the fields by the cemetery to Depmore Lane, Norley Road and onto Waterloo. We entered Delamere Forest via Waterloo Gate, and followed the main pathways via Kingswood Cottage and Pinewood Farm to Barns Bridge Gates. Circling round, and after a stop for a picnic lunch, we emerged at Manley Common. We followed the lane past New Pale Lodge, then crossed the fields past Kingswood. After some difficulty traversing fields of cattle-feed kale planted across the footpaths, we descended back to Waterloo and thence home via Dark Lane.

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 call 788132 (short walks), 788068 (long walks).

@ The Hurst Methodist Church, 4.30pm-6.30pm on Thursday 1st 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.

<u>It's messy! It's Church – but not as you know it!</u> Create, celebrate & eat together.

It's happening in Kingsley – come & join in the fun.

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Please come promptly at 4.30pm

If you have not been before-come and see what fun it is





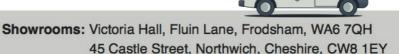
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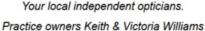
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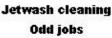
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Tues 13th	The Hurst Guild-Revd A. Gibson looks back at "A Minister's Travels"
Tues 13th	9.30am Kingsley Waling Group. Meet at KCC
Wed 14 th	Ash Wednesday
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Sat 17 th	10.00amThe Big Breakfast at The Hurst Church
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