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and regular groups meeting can be found at [www.kingsleyvillage.co.uk](http://www.kingsleyvillage.co.uk)**

## Welcome to the February 22 edition of the Kingsley News,

As I write this, in late January, there are already signs of spring on its way snow-drops are now appearing and the first glimpses of daffodils can be observed. We are so lucky to live in a village with plenty of walks on our doorsteps to unwind and help blow off the January blues.

It was pleasing to receive an article from a Kingsley Resident of the story of the Lustre jug. It is a fascinating story and having been trusted to photograph the precious jug, I can confirm it is genuine and is certainly over 200 years old! If you have articles that you would also like to share then please do send them in.

The Parish Council update includes details of a change in operator for our local bus service. Our service is one of the only true rural routes in Cheshire West and the advice from the Parish Council is "if we don't use it we will lose it".

Congratulations must also go to Kingsley Players, for putting on a fabulous performance of Peter Pan. It was great to see a large cast and also many children taking part too, well done to all, especially considering some of the uncertainties faced with Covid too.

**Kingsley Youth Group needs your help!** Anne Kavanagh and her team, who have done a great job for several years, are stepping down, and we need parents with young children up to teenagers to come forward to restart KYG. If we have a team of keen parents, we can recruit qualified youth workers. **KCA will help with this process, so please come forward!**

Finally this month, we are pleased to be including an advertisement from Kingsley-Sussex, Rachel and Andrew recently moved to the village and are keen to promote their home improvement business. They have a wealth of experience between them and more details of the range of services is included in the advert. Welcome Rachel and Andrew.

Best Wishes

*Heather*

Articles for the newsletter to be sent to the Editor at  
[kingsleynewseditor@gmail.com](mailto:kingsleynewseditor@gmail.com) Tel 07912 280804

Copy deadline 21<sup>st</sup> of the month.

## The lustre jug of Stanneybrook Farm

In Westminster Abbey there is a memorial to the Unknown Soldier; in a house in Kingsley there is a different memorial 'The lustre jug of Stanneybrook Farm, Norley'.

During the Peninsular War, 1808-14, James Lewis, of Stanneybrook Farm, Norley, found himself in a dilemma. In those days, on many estates in the country, it was required of a tenant farmer to find, in national need, a man and a horse for military service. The war with France dragged on from the fall of the Bastille and the execution of the French king and was beginning to impoverish the country both socially and economically. It was evident that people were growing weary of it!

At that time conscription was not in force and enlistment into the armed forces was a matter of choice, however, the tenant of a farm was tied by the obligation referred to earlier. James was a tenant hence his predicament. The facts, owing to the passage of time, are not too clear but it may reasonably be assumed that Stanneybrook Farm had been occupied by a Lewis for several generations and, as was the usual practice, James took on the tenancy when his father died and in this respect James was a working farmer.

Labour, suitable labour, for some unknown reason, looked on Stanneybrook as a danger spot and avoided it like the plague! His family, being too young to manage the farm in his absence, meant the giving up of his tenancy and finding a new home for his widowed mother and dependants. James was at his wits' end but when hope had all but vanished a 'miracle' happened, or, at least James thought one had. One morning, a young man, living 30 miles away, turned up at the farm and offered to go to war instead of James as long as he (James) provided the horse!

When the necessary regulations were observed, the horse considered fit for service and the young man accepted as a recruit there came another surprise. Coming to take charge of the horse, the young man, whose name may have been known to James, but unknown to his descendants, presented James with a beautiful lustre jug, engraved in gilt letters with name and year, as a thank you for being allowed to go to war in his place.

Today that lustre jug is still held by a member of the Lewis family, treasured as a heirloom not only because it belonged to a great-great-great grandfather who farmed at Stanneybrook 210 years ago, but as a 'memorial to an Unkown Soldier' who went in their ancestors place to fight in Spain under the command of the Duke of Wellington, and, paying the supreme sacrifice, never returned.

**Name and address supplied.**



## KINGSLEY YOUTH CLUB

I am sorry to announce that Anne Kavanagh is resigning from her role of leading the Kingsley Youth Group.

Anne Kavanagh and Charlie Shelton have been the soul of KYG and they deserve no end of thanks for enabling so many young people to benefit from their enthusiasm and skills. It has been a genuine pleasure working with them over the years with many enjoyable times. It must be very hard for Anne to give it up after all she put in but, as has been said, the effort her and Charlie put in did a lot of good for a lot of people over a long period.

The main reason for Anne resigning is that we have tried for nearly two years now to recruit qualified Youth Workers with no success. COVID was obviously a major factor but as the danger recedes (we hope!) there is no sign of anyone volunteering despite numerous appeals. We would make a final appeal for someone from the Kingsley community to take Anne's place. Please contact John Carson on 07967 482992 if you are interested.

If we cannot get a replacement by the end of February the intention is for myself and the Board of Trustees to also resign and wind up Kingsley Youth Group on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022. If that is the case then I would like to thank the Board of Trustees for their support and also the many people in Kingsley who helped fund the Group through various events such as the Summer Ball, the Gin tasting and the Fete (special thanks to the Red Bull and it's many helpers) and others.

Hopefully the Youth Club will re-surface in a different form in the future.

Many thanks  
John Carson

## Kingsley WI

Our next meeting will be on



**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February at 7.30pm in The Community Centre**

**This will be a talk by Tony Tucker "My Brother – the 'Secret Artist' "**

On 2<sup>nd</sup> March the talk will be given by a representative of Care4u who used to run the charity shop in the village.

April 6<sup>th</sup> is a performance by Northwich Ukelele Band

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## 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.

Well....we **were** due to be back for 5 January.... but the omicron monster saw to it that that didn't happen . Undaunted though....the Brownies worked on a Space Quiz, while they were away. Then, when we got back on 12 January, we had a lively discussion about our Solar System. The following week we enjoyed a very informative SPACE presentation from a knowledgeable visitor - Mr David Crossley (*thank you !*), plus a chilly look at the moon and stars from the car park ! All in all, the Brownies worked hard to earn their Space Badges – well done girls !!

For the final meeting in the month of January – we have edible goodies on the menu, courtesy of Tawny Owl !! Followed on the Saturday by an afternoon visit to Kingsley Players' panto – **Peter Pan** !! Well deserved treats after the Brownies' hard work on their Space Badges and before we start work on our Dancing Badge in February !!

More serious note – we are urgently in need of adult volunteers for the near future, as Marian and I are due to retire towards the end of this year. We do have some interest from a potential new Leader – but the Unit needs at least two adult Leaders to function. **Please** spread the word – volunteering with Brownies (*which incidentally have been in existence in Kingsley since the 1930s*) is a very rewarding and enjoyable task. Contact us on the email below and we'd be glad to arrange to have a chat with you...you won't regret it – we have biscuits !!

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.....**simples !!**

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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## **New Year - New Projects**

The New Year is a perfect time for new plans and projects, and this year is no exception for Andrew and Rachel Lobban, who have recently made their home in the village of Kingsley.

Having moved from near Brighton in Sussex, Andrew and Rachel have just launched their home improvement business *Kingsley.Sussex* in the village and are excited about the year ahead. With over twenty years' experience creating kitchens and bathrooms, decorating, tiling and bespoke carpentry, they are now looking forward to working from Kingsley.

Andrew says, "Kingsley is the friendliest village I have ever been to. When we moved here last year, it immediately felt like home, and everyone has been so welcoming." A former design engineer, Andrew's technical skills and ability to see how homes could be improved, are complemented by Rachel's eye for colour and design. Rachel says, "What I really enjoy is helping our clients by taking the graft out of sourcing materials and being on hand to help with choosing paint colours or whatever help might be needed."

With new improvement projects soon to start, Andrew and Rachel are looking forward to transforming properties in Kingsley, into even more beautiful homes.

For more information you can contact Rachel or Andrew on 01928 788914

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**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> February**

10.00 am Holy Communion at Norley

6.30 pm Sacred Space at Crowton

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> February**

10.00 am Holy Communion at Kingsley

6.30 pm Holy Communion at Alvanley

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> February**

10.00 am Family Worship at Crowton

6.30 pm Healing Service at Kingsley

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> February**

10.00 am Holy Communion at Alvanley

No Messy Church this month

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**W/c Feb 6th**

**Middle Lane and CP School**

**W/c Feb 13th**

**Mill Lane and Scotlands Lane**

**W/c Feb 20th**

**Ball Lane and Crewood Common**

**W/c Feb 27th**

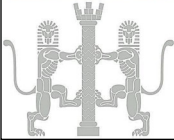
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The Parish Council met in the Green Room of Kingsley Community Centre for the January meeting, and there were two members of the public in attendance by Zoom. The February Parish Council meeting will be via Zoom.

The main purpose of this month's meeting was to agree and approve the 2022/23 Budget, and to set and agree the Precept, that would be sent to Cheshire West and Chester Council for incorporation within the new Council Tax for the same period. After lengthy discussions both Precept and Budget were agreed, and in order for the Parish Council to undertake its duties and planned projects this coming year and increases in tender costs and other services, there will unfortunately be a small increase in both figures.

The meeting also considered the tender returns for grass cutting and grounds maintenance on the Playing Fields, PROW's, Cemetery and General Village Enhancement. Contractors were agreed for the Playing Fields and PROW's and these contractors will be notified. The tenders for the Cemetery and Village Enhancement works, require further investigation and clarification, and will be considered at the February meeting.

The Parish Council had received and considered an application from a resident wishing to join the Council. This application was discussed and it was decided that the applicant should be co-opted onto the Council at the February meeting subject to the completion of the required paperwork and declarations. There are still at least five further vacancies so please consider joining us and help try and make a difference to the village you live in.

We have received correspondence from CWAC Transport & Highways with regards to the No. 48 Bus service serving Kingsley and the surrounding villages. In brief; ***The service is one of few remaining truly rural routes and is fully supported by Cheshire West and Chester Council, it is now run by Stagecoach following a re-tendering exercise. The current service is a Monday to Friday, 'one vehicle'. Between school times, the bus plies between Northwich and Frodsham, operating via Acton Bridge and Crowton on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, then via Delamere Park and Cuddington on Wednesdays. All journeys serve Kingsley, Hatchmere and Norley.***

***The 48 is unlikely to ever be commercially viable, but it is important to raise as much income as possible through fares and concessionary travel to offset the revenue support required.*** The message is clear, "use it or lose it".

A Contractor has now been appointed to undertake the works to the banking between the Co-op Car Park and the school and it is hoped works will begin in March. The Co-op have agreed to provide the plants and will provide members of their team to assist with the planting. Thank you Kingsley Co-op.

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Welcome to a new gardening year to members and friends of Kingsley Garden Club.

The first meeting in 2022 will take place on Monday 14th February at 8.00 in the Community Centre, when David Race will give a talk entitled "Garden Moods from January to June". David has a lovely garden in south Cheshire which is open under The National Gardens Scheme. A perfect way to spend the Valentine's evening for garden lovers!

There are jobs to do in the garden this month:-

- ✓ Prune wisteria to provide a good skeleton
- ✓ Prune apple trees
- ✓ Remove diseased leaves from hellebores
- ✓ Prepare vegetable beds.

It is not too early to visit gardens. There are two fairly local gardens well worth a visit, Dunham Massey National Trust Garden and Ness Gardens. Dunham has a wonderful winter garden with a mix of winter bulbs and coloured stems .At Ness there are a number of snowdrop walk areas displaying many different varieties together with hellebores. The early camellias are looking good, also witchhazels . Added to all this is the scent of the daphnes.

We look forward to seeing members and visitors at the meeting. Be assured that we will be using the large hall which will be set out to be COVID safe.



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**February 2022**

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> February**

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**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> February**

10 am – Morning Worship led by: Revd. D. Bintliff.

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> February**

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

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> February**

10 am - Morning Worship led by Mr M Ridley.

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