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and regular groups meeting can be found at www.kingsleyvillage.co.uk**

Welcome to the March 22 edition of the Kingsley News,

Well thank goodness February is behind us, with the wind, rain and grey skies then the image on our front cover from local artists Annabel Burton provides a glimmer of better days ahead with blue bells, shades of green and daffodils that soon will be seen.

The Parish Council is looking to support local groups/organisations who have plans in development to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, please do get in touch with them as it would be a pity not to mark this occasion locally.

Finally, many congratulations to our Youth Theatre on securing their project with the National Theatre. It is great to see the Youth Theatre grow year on year. Don't miss seeing, 'Variations' at Kingsley Community Centre this month and also the opportunity to catch them at The Crewe Lyceum. Tickets available at www.kingsleyplayers.co.uk

Wishing you all a great month ahead.

Heather

About Annabel Burton - Local Artist

When I was at school I wanted to be an artist. I gained a BA Honours Degree in Fine Art.

My mother said it was impossible to make a living from art! My father insisted that I gain touch typing skills so that I would always be able to find work. Years went by, I had 3 children and a variety of jobs from teacher to chauffeur. With my partner I built a successful international business as a Professional Astrologer, for over 20 years. Then events in my life caused me to re-evaluate my perspective.

My youngest daughter died of Leukaemia at the age of 27, she had always encouraged my art and as a self help therapy to get over my loss, I started to paint again, just for my own interest.

Interested viewers of my work enquired and I started to sell online and now have finally developed a career in art that I have some how been denied. My renewed interest, skills and the internet age all combined their timings to allow me to pursue my artistic interests.

Today I produce art & craft that I like, that I would buy for myself and that other people buy because they like it too. My work is inspired by what I see & feel, by nature, by design & lovely things. It has taken a life of careers, but finally I am here!

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Kingsley Youth Group: An Appeal to Parents

To my mind, one of the ‘Jewels in the Crown’ of the Kingsley Community Association during my long involvement with the KCA, has been the Kingsley Youth Group. When I became KCA Booking Secretary in 2003, the Committee struggled to get the Youth Group off the ground. And then, to our great good fortune, along came Charlie Shelton and Anne Kavanagh. Over the years I watched as Charlie and Anne worked together with others to bring the Kingsley Youth Group (initially known as KU17s) to a place where it was thriving, and at the forefront of village activities for Kingsley’s young people.

Then came Lockdown in March 2020 and, sadly, in May 2020 Charlie died.

You will have read in last month’s Kingsley News that Anne has, understandably, decided to step down from her involvement with the KYG. I thank her from the bottom of my heart for all that she has done for the young of Kingsley over so many years.

Today I write this in my role as Chairman of the KCA. I feel that I – we, the village – owe it to Charlie and Anne to do everything we can to keep the Kingsley Youth Group going. I appeal to parents: please, please, think about how you could help in moving things forward. Kingsley children have benefitted greatly from Kingsley Youth Group and its past success has very much depended on the involvement of parents. It would be tragic if parents in Kingsley could not help to take this forward.

The Kingsley Community Association will give you every support we can. Please contact me on 01928 788788, or email embatey@msn.com if you feel able to assist in any way.

Thank you.

Elizabeth M. Batey.

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Local Youth Theatre collaborates with world-renowned National Theatre

KPYT are extremely proud to be working on their latest production of *Variations* by Katie Hims, which they are performing as part of National Theatre Connections Festival.

Each year, the National Theatre commissions ten new plays for young people to perform, bringing together some of the UK's most exciting writers with the theatre-makers of tomorrow.

After working with leading creatives, KPYT have assembled a company of young people aged twelve to eighteen to produce and perform *Variations*.



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Performances will take place at Kingsley Community Centre from Thursday 31st March to Saturday 2nd April, starting at 8pm. Tickets are £5 and can be bought via www.kingsleyplayers.co.uk or by ringing 07724892154.

This production of *Variations* will be going to Crewe Lyceum on Monday 25th April

How has it been to collaborate with the National Theatre?

It has been a little surreal!! As a youth theatre, we've grown from nothing over the past 6 years, so when this opportunity became available, we thought it is the next step to widen our reach. One of our highlights has to be meeting the writer with the cast and of course, the director's weekend at the National Theatre on South Bank.

Can you tell us a little bit about Variations?

Variations is a brand-new play. It looks at a young person and their mental health in a clever and entertaining way. There is something that everyone can take away from it and how to live in the present. Not to forget croissants, lots of croissants!

You're also performing this play at the Crewe Lyceum?

Yes! That's correct. We will be taking this production to Crewe Lyceum for a wider festival on the 25th April. Our cast have already visited the dressing rooms, been on a backstage tour and spotted the theatre ghosts. It's certainly a different venue, seating 677 compared to Kingsley Community Centre.

Why should we see Variations?

Our cast of 13 have been working tirelessly on this production and are keen to share it locally. This is a once in a life-time opportunity for them and your support in the audience in Kingsley or Crewe would be brilliant. It's not often a brand-new play commissioned by the National Theatre is on at the Kingsley Community Centre!

What's next for the youth theatre?

We've got a few exciting ideas in development! We would like to continue our professional development for local young people around Kingsley and we actively encourage new members to join.

KPYT would like to extend their thanks and support to the National Theatre, Arts Council England, KCA, Kingsley Parish Council, the Co-Op, Frodsham Roundtable, Frodsham and District Rotary, Hugo Deynem, and Tesco.

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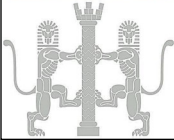
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Wednesday 2nd March at 7.30pm in The Community Centre

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people in their time of need ”**

The programme for the rest of 2022

- APRIL 6th** *Performance by the Ukulele Band*, leader Graham Edgeley
- MAY 4th** *Meal* (postponed from January)
- JUNE 1st** *‘Secrets of Health from the Beehive’* by Yvonne Mathews
- JULY 6th** *‘Gardening for Birds’* by Norman Sadler from the RSPB
- AUGUST** *No Meeting*
- SEPT 7th** *‘Should’ve Asked Me Husband’* by Sue Holden
- OCT 5th** *‘Women in Parliament’* by Gary Hart
- NOV 2nd** *AGM and quiz/social evening*
- DEC 7th** *Christmas craft or flower arranging*

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Dutton Hydro Electric Scheme

Built in 1874, the Grade II-listed Dutton Locks on the River Weaver in Cheshire are still used by boats today, and are a popular destination for walkers and cyclists.

Going back as far as 2012, both Kingsley and Frodsham Transition Initiatives showed interest in the potential for development of a hydro system to generate power from the sluices near the locks, which form part of the river's flood control defences.

The Canal & River Trust has announced that a hydro scheme is now being constructed beside Dutton Sluices by Hydropol, a company which has extensive experience in the construction of hydro power plants worldwide. The scheme itself, which comprises a single Archimedes screw, is due to be complete by Spring 2022. The site is predicted to generate 900,000 KW hours per annum equivalent to the electricity requirement of approximately 150 average homes.

The land for the scheme at Dutton is leased to Hydropol, who will own and maintain the hydro scheme. Once completed, the construction site will be reinstated and a two-metre high fence will be built around the scheme as per the planning permission already granted.

The Canal & River Trust now has 11 hydro sites, with third parties using its waterways to generate approximately 22 megawatt hours per annum, equivalent to the demands of approximately 6,000 average homes.





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Kingsley Parish Council March 2022

The Parish Council met in the Green Room of Kingsley Community Centre for the February meeting, and there was a single member of the public in attendance by Zoom.

The Parish Council welcomed a new Co-opted Councillor to our February meeting. Tim Vernon who is the school caretaker at Kingsley Community Primary School, Tim lives in the Parish of Kingsley and had decided after much thought to join the Council and we welcome him to our number. We still have five other vacancies, so if you have lived in Kingsley for 12 months or more, why not follow Tim and join the Parish Council, it is the only democratic way to have your say on the future of the village.

Cllr Hugo Deynem, our CWAC Ward Councillor, reported that Kingsley was on the list for the delivery of the new larger wheeled recycling bins between w/c 14th February and w/c 28th March 2022. An information pack will be issued to all residents and whilst this was due to be issued prior to the bins arrival, it is likely that the bins may arrive before the information pack. He also reminded residents of Kingsley that if you wish to have your Green waste (bin) collected, you will now have to register with Cheshire West & Cheshire and pay the £40 annual fee. Please go to Cheshire West and Chester Waste Recycling for more information on both of these issues. A link will be provided on the Parish Council website in due course.

We wish to remind residents of Kingsley that the Parish Council had previously agreed to provide a financial contribution to any formal village activity organised to celebrate Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee between the 2nd to 5th June 2022. Please submit your proposals to the Parish Council for consideration in the coming months.

There were 2 planning applications to consider this month and in both cases, the Parish Council agreed to submit a response to CWAC with no concerns.

The Parish Council has now agreed on the Contractors for the following; grass cutting of the Playing Field, cutting of selected access to Public Rights of Way (the actual PROW's are cut by CWAC twice a year) and grass cutting at the Cemetery. The relevant contractors will be advised in the coming weeks. The contract for the enhancement works across the village will be awarded at the March meeting.

The repairs to the Cemetery memorials damaged before Christmas, is still with the Council's Insurers who have now requested three competitive quotations for the works. These will be submitted to the insurers in the coming days and we hope the works to repair the memorials will start soon. The Council is also investigating quotations for the provision of CCTV cameras in the cemetery for security purposes. Once again we await the provision of three competitive quotations.

CONTACT DETAILS FOR PARISH COUNCIL

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Sunday 6th March

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6.30 pm Sacred Space at Crowton

Sunday 13th March

10.00 am Holy Communion Kingsley

6.00 pm Holy Communion at Alvanley

Sunday 20th March

10.00 am Holy Communion at Crowton

6.00 pm Evening Service at Kingsley

Sunday 27th March – Mothering Sunday

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10th March - Crowton – 24th March – Alvanley

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The Kingsley walking group is well established and has good numbers of walkers from Kingsley and further afield. There are two walks in most months. A short one of around 4-5 miles on the second Tuesday in the month, normally with the option of a pub lunch at the end. The longer walk is of 8 - 10 miles and is on the fourth Tuesday in the month with people meeting at the Kingsley Community Centre at 9:30. New members are always welcome, it is a great way of meeting people and learning of paths in the area. If you are interested please email kingsleywalkerswa6@gmail.com. There is also a Facebook Page where route details, including GPX files, are shared.

After very enjoyable Christmas walks on 14th December followed by lunch at The Carriers Inn at Hatchmere the 2022 programme started with a short walk around Moore. This included sections close to the Manchester Ship canal, the Bridgewater Canal, Moore Country Park and the nature reserve. The long walk on 25th January started at Whitegate going along the Whitegate Way, the Weaver, close to Moulton and back through Vale Royal. The February short walk was around Alvanley and the longer route is the famous Panorama Walk above Llangollen.

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- Speak to your neighbours about starting a scheme. It only takes two people!
- Contact your local PCSO to help you start your scheme.
- Register yourself as a coordinator on www.cheshirepolicealert.co.uk and let the CNWA know via cheshirewatch@cheshire.pnn.police.uk so they can help you map your scheme and provide you with the resources you need.

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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 7-10 years.

The Kingsley Players' panto – Peter Pan – at the end of January was fantastic. The Brownies had a great timeoh, yes they did ! Then we had an energetic and entertaining night in the company of Rachel – a fun & knowledgeable Zumba instructor. The following week, the Brownies gave an entertaining display of their very own, choreographed 'Interpretive Dance', which ensured they all earned their Dance Badge.

I managed to get all the way to the last meeting before half term, before the dreaded omicron monster finally caught up with me.. We were in serious danger of having to cancel our meeting as, with just one adult, our ratio levels were not being met. Thankfully, one of our lovely parents stepped forward, offered to help out and saved the day !!!
.....not all heroes wear capes, you know !!

After half term, we intend to delve into some local history, for the Brownies' History Badges and hopefully we'll learn something new about our local area. Looking forward to that.

We are receiving more enquiries for Brownies, and we have a waiting list at the moment. It shows that Guiding UK – especially Brownies – is still a very popular pastime. However, we are still urgently in need of adult volunteers, as Marian and I are due to retire towards the end of this year. Please, please spread the word – volunteering with Brownies 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...

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.

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- March 9th – Bernard of Clairvaux – Loving God
- March 16th – Julian of Norwich – Seeing God
- March 23rd – John Owen – Communion with God
- March 30th – Jonathan Edwards – Affections of God
- April 6th – Teresa of Avila – Room for God

It would be helpful to let Ron or Hilary know if you wish to attend

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

W/c Mar 6th Newton/Hillfoot and Old Hall Lane

W/c Mar 13th Kingswood

W/c Mar 20th Meeting House Lane/Offalpits Lane

W/c Mar 27th Norley Road

We invite you to add your own prayers

WORSHIP AT THE HURST METHODIST CHURCH

March 2022

Sunday 6th March

10 am - Morning Worship led by: Mrs A Hanks.

Sunday 13th March

10 am – Morning Worship led by: Deacon T Coleman.

Sunday 20th March

10am – Holy Communion led by Revd. D. Bintliff.

Sunday 27th March

10 am - Morning Worship Local Arrangement led by Bible Group.

All are welcome.

Coffee and Chat

Please come and join us each Tuesday morn 10.30 at the

Hurst Methodist Church

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