

# KINGSLEY NEWS

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## SPRING 2026



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Rooms can be hired for an hourly rate of £15 per hour.

There is a standard charge of £35 per session - for the provision of the bar.

# FROM THE EDITOR

*Welcome* to the Spring 26 edition of Kingsley News,

... and very warm wishes to all our Kingsley News Readers.

Welcome back to our bumper Spring edition of Kingsley News. We do appreciate all the contributors and advertisers that use this magazine and help to keep it free to all the households in Kingsley.

The committee have been very busy since we last published Kingsley News. We have been carry out lots of little jobs and improvements at the community centre in preparation for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the opening of the centre which we plan to celebrate with an event / events later this year. If you have any great ideas of what we could host then do let us know.

With regards to getting in touch, we now have new email addresses:

*Chairperson - Heather Hayes: chair@kingsleycommunitycentre.co.uk*

*Community Centre Bookings: booking.secretary@kingsleycommunitycentre.co.uk*

*Kingsley News Editor - Steve Easton : editor@kingsleycommunitycentre.co.uk*

If you are a budding publisher then we are still looking for a editor to take over the reigns of Kingsley News - see the advert in this edition for more details.

Best Wishes

Steve

*I hope you continue to enjoy reading this edition and please do give feedback too. Please, don't forget that Kingsley News is also available in digital format on the Kingsley village website, [www.kingsleyvillage.co.uk](http://www.kingsleyvillage.co.uk).*

*Photos/Articles/Adverts for the newsletter to be sent to the Editor at*

*editor@kingsleycommunitycentre.co.uk*

*Copy deadline the 15<sup>th</sup> May 2026*



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-  Thursday 19th March
-  Thursday 16th April
-  1.00pm – 3.00pm
-  Kingsley Community Centre

Bring your own materials; we'll provide the cuppa and biscuits.

For more info, contact Gail on 07833 128974

Come for the crafting, stay for the company!

# Kingsley News – We Need a New Editor

*Kingsley News has been at the heart of our village for 50 years, sharing stories, updates, and village information with every household. We're now looking for someone to join our volunteer team and take on the role of Editor. We estimate that this would involve a maximum of 2 days' work per quarter.*

## What's involved

We now publish four editions a year, supported by our wonderful regular advertisers who help us keep the News free for every home in Kingsley.

The role includes:

- Editing and shaping each edition of Kingsley News
- Laying out the publication in Canva (full support and guidance provided – no prior experience needed)
- Gathering local content such as updates from clubs, groups, schools, and community organisations.
- Liaising with churches and local groups to collect information and ensure everyone's news is included.
- Liaising with Advertisers to ensure their adverts are correctly displayed and laid out.
- Helping plan the overall flow and feel of each issue

What you don't need to worry about  
Printing and distribution are already organised. The rest of the committee will continue to support the production process, so you won't be doing this alone.

## Who would this suit

Someone who:

- Likes organising information and presenting it clearly
- Has an eye for layout (or is happy to learn)
- Wants to help keep a valued community tradition going

If you'd like to play a part in shaping Kingsley's community voice, we'd love to hear from you.

## Interested?

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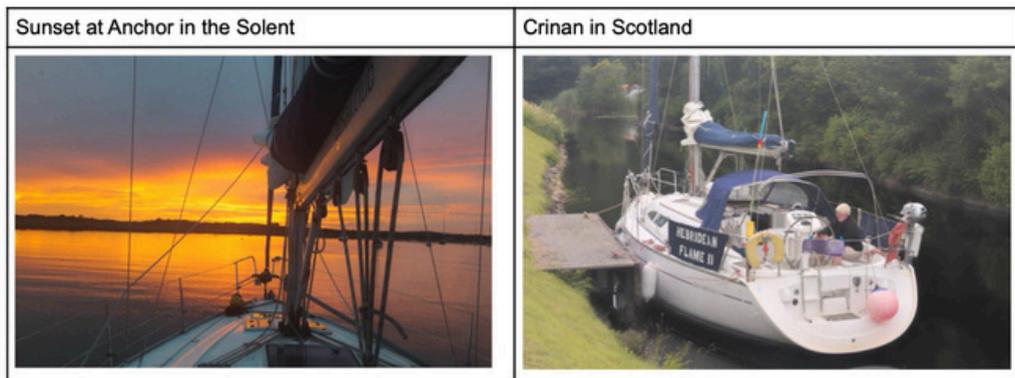
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# My Hobby

Readers of this newsletter will have familiarity with various hobbies, of gardening and sewing, horse riding and padel, of walking and cycling. After our career and families, hobbies can be part of how we define ourselves, as well as what we do with our spare hours and days. Our routes into a pastime are as individual as we are, so how might one get to take up a new one?



Some years ago I was bought a mug as a gift by an indulgent family member. Now fading slightly, the words on its side read "I might look like I'm listening to you, but in my head I'm sailing". Possibly a bit unfair but certainly there are times when my mind drifts away from a routine meeting or episode 6 of series 4 of a tv programme. Instead it will alight on the deck of a yacht anchored in a sheltered cove, a beautiful sunset as backdrop to a glass of crisp white wine. I have certainly had such sublime evenings in Greece but also on our own South Coast and off craggy Scottish Isles. On other days the only comparisons to Greece have been the rules for disposing (or more accurately the temporary storage) of used toilet paper within a functional but pretty basic toilet compartment (the heads if you want to get technical).

Now, as a retired teacher, I have only modest means and owning any boat has been likened to standing in a shower ripping up £20 notes. My extravagance is an annual week in the Mediterranean which costs about £4000 for a 40 foot boat, not too bad split amongst 4 people with a flotilla lead crew who leave you to your own devices for most of the day but help you find a mooring place each evening and organise social stuff if you want to join in.

For my other sailing to make things affordable I rely on a very friendly sailing club [www.gosail.club](http://www.gosail.club) who have 3 boats. In 2025 in April and October I ran training sessions on their Southampton based boat, Ocean Flame 4, in the Solent. In the summer, with 3 crew I sailed her across the channel for 2 fabulous weeks in the Channel Islands. Afterwards passing her over to another crew in Jersey and taking the plane home.

In August I brought their 37 foot, 3 cabin Scottish boat back from its summer cruise base in Oban to its home base in Largs on the Firth of Clyde. The other boat is in Plymouth and in past years I have sailed her around the fabulous coves of Devon and Cornwall with the unique Isles of Scilly being accessible. For me, it is the perfect experience, combining beautiful sights only seen from a small boat with the challenge of navigating tidal waters and operating with a sociable team. All this backed up by a helpful association.

My own route started 2 decades ago with dinghy sailing, progression through RYA courses, practical and theoretical, then cadging trips on boats with friends and using a web site called crewbay, basically a dating agency to allow wannabee crew and needy skippers to make beautiful sailing together. Now most of the needs of my sailing passion is met through the [gosail.club](http://www.gosail.club). Over years I have progressed from crew to skipper and now lead half week sessions, showing newbies and experienced sailors the boats, the ropes and our own coasts.

Navigating in the Greek Islands



Anchored in the Channel Islands (Sark)



So what has this to do with Kingsley? Over recent years I have encouraged (some compare it to a press gang) a few locals onto boats whilst others have been enabled to pursue their sailing in an economical way. A little group of enthusiasts now meet up a couple of times a year for a pub evening to plan their voyages. For 2026 the cross channel trip is to the North Coast of Brittany with a boat handover in St Malo. If any of this has tweaked some interest, take a look at the web site or drop me a line.

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# KINGSLEY GARDEN CLUB



Stuart Hatton came along to our November meeting and gave us plenty of information in his talk "Plants for bees". His advice was to have a succession of blossom so that there's a constant supply of nectar across the year. This made me think way beyond our summer favourites... The list included lots of shrubs such as Mahonia, Chaenomeles and heathers. If you're thinking of sowing seeds soon, single flowering Cosmos and Dahlias are great and easily grown. Stuart also said that one tree can provide as much nectar as half a football field of forage so don't discount their benefits too!

It was of concern that the Yellow Legged Hornet is amongst us (quite nearby) and is a vicious predator of our honey bees. It's impact could be absolutely devastating so we were urged to look out for it and report any sightings. (There's a poster in the Community Centre for further information)

On February 9th we were joined by Barry Grain of Rosemeade Nurseries. He was formerly Head Gardener at Cholmondeley Castle for many years, he is a really lively chap who enjoyed banter with the audience. Barry had the members split on the appeal of the rarer yellow forms. It's safe to say though he inspired many of us to look out for the smaller, unusual forms of this beautiful tree. I can feel a visit to Rosemeade Nurseries coming on.

The date for the next meeting is **March 9th**.

The dates for the rest of the season are :

April 13th. 8.00 pm Interactive talk on Identifying Trees

May 11th 8.00 pm "Shady Characters and Sunshine Suzies"



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# KINGSLEY WALKERS



For the Kingsley walkers the final event of 2025 was two walks of varying lengths. Despite a little bit of confusion between the different summits of Eddisbury Hill and Old Pale we managed to get 23 members together for a very enjoyable lunch at the Carriers Inn in Hatchmere.

We renewed acquaintances in January on another local walk around Acton Bridge. Given the extensive local knowledge of some in the group it is a matter of delight to this walk leader when he takes people on paths for the first time. I ticked up two, one a path near, but parallel to the Trent Mersey canal and another leading from Acton Bridge and coming out directly opposite the Riverside Inn on the A49.

We are indeed lucky to have so many footpaths. Whilst many paths can be traced back to Anglo-Saxon times, the enclosure acts of the 18th and 19th Centuries gave a few ownership of what had been common land and restricted many rights. It was activism by ramblers that led to the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949, which created, together with national parks, the “definitive map”. This is the legal record of public rights of way required to be kept and updated by each local highway authority, with 100,000 miles of them in England. We may face the odd obstacle, or pool of smelly slurry but our wanderings are unlikely to get us shot, as pointed out by a visitor from the US.

However, the weather does cause problems and the winds of Storm Chandra in late January caused an early morning WhatsApp message to be sent out with a rare cancellation. We are looking forward *to our full programme for 2026 and this year that includes a good number of us decamping* (no camping but staying in a nice hotel) for a week in May to circumnavigate Jersey. It may not be Ferdinand Magellan or Sir Francis Drake, but it is our own little adventure.

Please contact us if you might wish to join our walks on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month [kingsleywalkerswa6@gmail.com](mailto:kingsleywalkerswa6@gmail.com)

But also take a look at other walking opportunities such as the Frodsham Festival of Walks Friday 24 April – Monday 4 May 2026

<https://www.frodshamfestivalofwalks.uk/>

Whilst other groups such as Mid Cheshire footpath society maintain the tradition of quiet activism to keep our footpaths open and viable as an asset for all.

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**Wednesday 13 – Saturday 16 May 2026**

Join Kingsley Players in their Golden Anniversary year for a special stage version of the hilarious BBC classic comedy, 'Blackadder Goes Forth' by Richard Curtis and Ben Elton.

Set in the trenches of the Western Front during the First World War, we join Captain Blackadder and his hapless company as he devises lots of 'cunning plans' to escape before the dreaded order to go 'over the top'.

Directed by Malcolm Barker.

**'Blackadder Goes Forth' will be on stage at Kingsley Theatre in Kingsley Community Centre, from Wednesday 28 to Saturday 31 January 2026, 7.30pm.**

**Tickets cost £12, with £8 tickets available for students/children. These can be booked online at [www.kingsleyplayers.co.uk](http://www.kingsleyplayers.co.uk) or by ringing the box office on 07724 892154.**

***ALSO DON'T MISS: Kingsley Players Youth Theatre production of Mary Shelley's Frankenstein by Rona Munro, on stage Saturday 28 & Sunday 29 March, 2026.***

# KINGSLEY VILLAGE LITTER PICK



Luckily 17th January was a fine, dry and still morning for our first village litter pick in quite a few years.

Volunteers met at The Community Centre at 10am and armed with bags and pickers and a "promise of a prize" for the most unusual item to be found, set off in all directions. One hour of Wombling saw us back at the Centre having covered Mill Lane, Hollow Lane, Top Road the park and so much more.

To finish off the morning, tea, coffee, biscuits and a friendly chat we're very much enjoyed.

Many thanks to those who gave their time and effort to make this a great morning.

It is hoped that this will become a regular event. If you would be interested in volunteering please keep an eye out for news of the next date on the Kingsley Facebook page.

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**Times:** 10.00 am start, finishing about 12.30 pm.

**Cost:** £12 per person. We ask for a £6 non-returnable deposit.

**Venue:** MainStreet CommunityChurch,  
Frodsham, WA67DF (by kind permission)

## Booking – for more details and to book a place

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# KINGSLEY BOOK CLUB



## **Review: Foster by Claire Keegan**

We were impressed on how a short story could pack in so much without the emotional density found in larger volumes the author trusts the reader to fill in the spaces that she opens.

We saw the unnamed girl blossom being given responsibility and routine when moved into a house run by Kinsella with his silence and respect for woman, where love was shown by caring such a stark contract from the homelife left behind for this brief time. With both sides keeping up appearances with their secrets and pride we were left to fill in what all the characters were getting from this.

Without realising it we were taken on a roller coaster of emotions no wonder this is on the national curriculum for Irish schools, we explored belonging and displacement, the weight of family responsibility and shown that the small transformative acts of care that can shape a person. All this without being preached too, a story that lingers, growing larger in memory than it is on the page.

## **Review: A good Man in Africa by William Boyd**

This 1981 novel was a light and quick read, although some considered this as having no depth. A 'laugh out loud' farce book for most but a couple of us could not tell if this was intentional or just badly written.

It does sound like we were at loggerheads all night but no we did agree that the characters for good or bad were very identifiable, especially Murray.

We acknowledged that some readers may well feel uncomfortable that a novel reflecting life in 1950s expatriate communities is dealt with as a comedic, irreverent satire about colonization and cultural views of morality and ethics.

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*The Kingsley Village Book Club meets on the second Thursday of each month at 7:30pm. at the Red Bull. New members are always welcome—just turn up with your curiosity and love of books, whether you prefer to quietly soak up the discussion or dive into the debate.*

Everyone is encouraged to choose a future book if they wish, so the list develops organically and reflects the group's variety of tastes.

2025–26 Reading List (Nov–Apr) – with average scores out of 5 where available:

- Dec – A Good Man in Africa – William Boyd – bumbling British diplomat (3.08)
- Jan – Foster – Claire Keegan – child sent to rural Irish farm (set in 1981) (4.91)
- Feb – The Midnight Bell – Patrick Hamilton – staff/guests in a 1930s London pub
- Mar – The Forbidden Garden of Leningrad – botanists under siege in WW2
- Apr – Everything is Illuminated – Saffran Foer – family heritage search in Ukraine
- May – Tokyo Express – Seicho Matsumoto – 1958 whodunit with train timetables

We score each book out of 5, and our discussions often bring out unexpected perspectives and lively debates.

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### **Services in March 2026**

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March

10.00 am Holy Communion at Norley

6.30 pm Sacred Space at Crowton

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March

10.00am Holy Communion at Crowton

6.00pm 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday @ 6 – at NCK Centre, Norley

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March - Mothering Sunday

10.00am Holy Family Holy Communion at Kingsley

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March

8.30am Holy Communion at Crowton

10.00am Holy Communion at Alvanley

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March – Palm Sunday

10.00am Holy Communion at Norley

Joint with the Methodist Church

Mid-week Holy Communion all at 10.00 am

19<sup>th</sup> March at Kingsley

12<sup>th</sup> March at Crowton 26<sup>th</sup> March at Norley

### **Services in April 2026**

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April – Maundy Thursday

7.00 pm Holy Communion

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April – Good Friday

2.00 pm Meditations at the Cross at Kingsley

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Day

8.30 am Holy Communion at Crowton

10.00 am Holy Communion at Norley

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April

10.00 am Holy Communion at Crowton

6.00 pm 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday @ 6 – at NCK Centre, Norley

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April

10.00am Family Holy Communion at Kingsley

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April

8.30 am Holy Communion at Crowton

10.00 am Holy Communion at Alvanley

Mid-week Holy Communion all at 10.00 am

9<sup>th</sup> April at Crowton 23<sup>rd</sup> April at Norley

16<sup>th</sup> April at Kingsley 30<sup>th</sup> April at Crowton

### **Services in May 2026**

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May

10.00 am Holy Communion at Norley

6.30 pm Sacred Space at Crowton

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May

10.00 am Holy Communion at Crowton

6.00 pm 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday @ 6 at NCK Centre, Norley

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May

10.00 am Family Holy Communion at Kingsley

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May - Pentecost

8.30 am Holy Communion at Crowton

10.00 am Holy Communion at Alvanley

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May – Trinity Sunday

10.45 am Holy Communion at Norley

Methodist Church

Mid-week Holy Communion all at 10.00 am

7<sup>th</sup> May at Kingsley 21<sup>st</sup> May at Crowton

14<sup>th</sup> May at Norley 28<sup>th</sup> May at Kingsley

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## **Worship at The Hurst Methodist Church**

### **March 2026**

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March - 8.30am Holy Communion  
led by Revd C Rawlinson

10am Morning Worship led by Mrs A Hanks

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March - 10am Morning Worship  
led by Mrs N Hughes

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March - 10am Holy Communion  
led by Revd C Heald

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March - 10am Morning Worship led by Mrs R  
Lane

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March - 10am Morning Worship for Palm  
Sunday led by Dr J Ford

### **April 2026**

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April \*9.45am\* Easter Sunday Communion led by  
Revd C Rawlinson

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April - 10am Morning Worship led by Revd I  
Rigby

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April - 10am Morning Worship led by Revd P  
Levitt

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April - 10am Morning Worship led by Prof N  
Ford

### **May 2026**

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May – 8.30am Holy Communion led by Revd C  
Rawlinson

10am Morning Worship led by Mrs J Batey

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May – 10am Morning Worship led by Mr P  
Morrey

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May – 10am Holy Communion  
led by Revd C Rawlinson

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May – 10am Morning Worship led by Mr M  
Ridley

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May - 10am United Morning Worship  
led by Revd C Rawlinson

*A warm welcome awaits all who wish to attend.*

We are anxious the most vulnerable of our community feel  
safe, so ask that you please do not attend if you have cold or  
flu symptoms.

Feel free to wear a mask if you wish.

### **Coffee and Chat**

Please come and join us each  
**Tuesday morn 10am** at the Hurst  
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***You will be most welcome***

### **Men's Brunch**

*Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> March,*

*Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April*

*and Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May*

*at 10.30am in The Hurst meeting  
room for bacon/sausage bap.*

***Please come and join us.***

### ***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 this Spring  
we think of, and pray for people  
living in:*

***W/c Mar 1st: Newton Hollows and  
Hatcheries***

***W/c Mar 8th: Newton/Hillfoot and  
Old Hall Lane***

***W/c Mar 15th: Kingswood***

***W/c Mar 22nd: Meeting House  
Lane/Offalpits Lane***

***W/c Mar 29th: Norley Road***

***W/c Apr 5th: Cooks Hill***

***W/c Apr 12th: Pike Lane, Wood  
Lane, The Clough***

***W/c Apr 19th: Roddy Lane and  
Beech Lane***

***W/c Apr 26th: Chapel Avenue***

***W/c May 3rd: Chapel Lane***

***W/c May 13th: Westbrook Road***

***W/c May 17th: Church View***

***W/c May 24th: Smithy Lane***

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**There are three active Clubs who meet at the KNVI**

**1. Bowls Club – Contact Club Secretary, Andrew Ainsworth [aainsworth74@btinternet.com](mailto:aainsworth74@btinternet.com)**

Our bowls section is a thriving club with members playing both social and competitive league bowls through the summer. Anyone interested please contact the club Secretary Andrew on the above contact details.

**2. Snooker Club – Contact Barrie Barnard [barriekbarnard@gmail.com](mailto:barriekbarnard@gmail.com)**

The KNVI has a snooker room with 2 full size tables which have been recently recovered and are kept in excellent condition. We have a Team which plays in the Frodsham and District League as well as holding several club competitions throughout the year.

**3. Tennis Club – Contact Chairperson, Joanne Jardine [joannejardine@hotmail.com](mailto:joannejardine@hotmail.com)**

Kingsley Tennis Club is a friendly vibrant club that is open to all who wish to play tennis either competitively or recreationally. Whatever your age or ability you will be made most welcome to join us on our two floodlit all-weather courts. There are social sessions and weekly team, cardio and junior training with our excellent coach Jamie Oakes. We also have two teams in the local league and are always looking for new players to join us. Throughout the year we also have various social events and open days.

**Regular Weekly Activities**

Arts and Crafts Club	Monday	2pm – 4pm	John Fleet <a href="mailto:fleet16@btinternet.com">fleet16@btinternet.com</a>
Key Notes Musical Theatre Singing Group	Monday	7pm – 9pm	Steve <a href="mailto:keynotesmusicaltheatre@gmail.com">keynotesmusicaltheatre@gmail.com</a>
Toddlersense: Active play for toddlers 13 months to 5 years	Tuesday Mornings	10am – 12am	<a href="http://www.toddlersense.com/midcheshire/home">www.toddlersense.com/midcheshire/home</a>
Quiz Night	Alternate Thursdays	8pm – 10pm	John Fleet <a href="mailto:fleet16@btinternet.com">fleet16@btinternet.com</a>

**Hiring the Facilities for Private Functions**

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For further information and enquiries please contact;

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## **Kingsley WI**

**All meetings are the first Wednesday of the month  
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**Programme from April 1st 2026 - 3rd March 2027**

- April 1st **Women of Chester**
- May 6th **Lunchtime Meal at The Golden Lion, Ashton**
- June 3rd **Northwich Hedgehog Rescue**  
Helen Gill
- July 1st **BBC Local Radio at 60: Past, Present and Future**  
Mick Ord
- Sept 2nd **Finding Elmo - Northwich Ship Builders**  
Andrew Rowe
- Oct 7th **How I ended up in Prison** Dr Karen Castle
- Nov 4th **AGM and Social Evening**
- Dec 2nd **Christmas Crafts**
- Jan 6th **Hob Hey Wood** Mark O'Sullivan
- Feb 3rd **My Mad Life Trekking the World**  
Michelle Beaver
- March 3rd **Do You Remember the 60s?**  
David Hearn

***New members are always welcome***

For further information email [janetlesleyfletcher@gmail.com](mailto:janetlesleyfletcher@gmail.com)

**Kingsley Players Youth Theatre are kicking off their tenth anniversary year with their production of 'Mary Shelley's Frankenstein' by Rona Munro.**

**An eighteen-year-old girl, Mary Shelley, dreams up a monster whose tragic story will capture the imaginations of generations to come.**



A young scientist by the name of Frankenstein breathes life into a gruesome body. Banished into an indifferent world, Frankenstein's creature desperately seeks out his true identity, but the agony of rejection and a broken promise push him into darkness. Dangerous and vengeful, the creature threatens to obliterate Frankenstein and everyone he loves, in a ferocious and bloodthirsty hunt for his maker.

Jake Powell, director and KPYT Chair, said: 'This is a special year for us as we celebrate a Decade of Drama. Throughout the year, we will be celebrating the past, present and future of KPYT, with 'Mary Shelley's Frankenstein' shining a spotlight on the present. Over the past few years, we have had a particular focus on creating a teen ensemble, who have performed in our acclaimed productions such as 'Chatroom' and 'A Monster Calls'. This year, they perform the classic tale written by the mother of science fiction, Mary Shelley.'

**'Mary Shelley's Frankenstein' will be on stage  
at Kingsley Community Centre  
on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March (2pm & 7:30pm) and Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March (2pm).**

**Tickets cost £10 and can be booked online [www.kingsleyplayers.co.uk](http://www.kingsleyplayers.co.uk)  
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What a delight it was to disappear into Fairyland for a most entertaining escape from a grey, cold January day. “The Wishing Well” was written and co-directed by Kingsley’s very own Arnold Ashbrook. As he explains in the programme, he did not envisage Fairyland as a particularly happy place as each of the characters have their problems. Red Riding has her wolf; Bo Peep can’t find her sheep; Jack does not want to sell his cow etc etc! However, as we follow three children down the wishing well into Fairyland, we witness how they are able to bring joy to the myriad of characters and achieve the “happy ever after” so vital to a good pantomime!

In true panto style we had characters to hiss and boo: the two Ugly Sisters who were desperate to find their “prince charming” even if the slipper was the wrong size; a couple of mafia gangsters determined to con Old King Cole out of his gold, but without the gumption to do so; Grizelda, the geriatric witch, who was eventually won over to being kinder; and the domineering mother of Jack (of beanstalk fame) who finally allowed Jack to keep the cow once she was given a glamorous new dress. All these characters were played with perfect timing and finesse we’ve come to expect from the Kingsley Players.

It was the enthusiasm of the younger members of the cast that kept the vibrancy of the play alive. All the usual fairyland characters were there, ably supported by the troop of elves led by the two more experienced gnomes. Not a weak link amongst them as they entertained us with some beautiful songs as well as some well executed, yet challenging solos and lively dances. In the end, the characters overcome their troubles, and naturally, Prince Charming is reunited with his Cinderella.

However, a pantomime isn’t just about those you see on stage. As ever the team that helped make the performances happen did a superb job whether that was helping with front of house, backstage and in the preparation of this production. With around 19 young people in the cast many thanks must also be given to the parents and guardians who helped as chaperones.

**For more information about the Kingsley Players, please check out the website at [www.kingsleyplayers.co.uk](http://www.kingsleyplayers.co.uk)**

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### Dates

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April

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*Come and meet her as she leads a Lent Study group on Mondays, alternately at the Hurst and Norley Methodist Churches. It is a six-week course looking at passages in St John's gospel, where various characters are invited to come and see what God is doing. Each session is stand alone and should be approximately 1 hour.*

*23<sup>rd</sup> Feb - John's disciples. 7pm at the Hurst*

*2<sup>nd</sup> March - The first followers of Jesus. 7pm at Norley Methodist Church*

*9<sup>th</sup> March - The woman at the well. 7pm at the Hurst*

*16<sup>th</sup> March - The man born blind. 7pm at Norley*

*23<sup>rd</sup> March - Andrew, Phillip and the Greeks. 7pm at the Hurst*

*30<sup>th</sup> March - Mary Magdalene and Thomas. 7pm at Norley*

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