

# KINGSLEY NEWS

**APRIL 2016** 

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#### **COUNCIL MEMBERS (elected)**

Carol Rowlands, Vic Wodhams

#### **COUNCIL MEMBERS (not elected)**

One representative from each of the affiliated groups and clubs (NB. This is a condition of affiliation).

# The WI

#### News from Kingsley WI

The next meetings are to be held at the Kingsley Community Centre on Wednesday 6th April at 7-30 pm when our Speaker will be Gay Rhodes who will talk on "That Certain Age".

The speaker for our May meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> May at 7-30pm in the Community Centre will be Margaret Emsley who will talk on "My life in Wellingtons"

Visitors as usual are most welcome

### EDITORIAL NEWS AND VIEWS

Dear Readers

Good news for Kingsley.

Firstly, the Parish Council have been successful in their bid to secure a woodland tree pack of 105 saplings to be planted as part of the playing field project and around the village.

Work will start on the playing field project very soon on the creation of a running track and outdoor gym. See report giving dates of works.

For those who enjoy a game of tennis, the Institute has now secured funding for refurbishment of the tennis courts, and work will commence very shortly. There is a meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm for anyone wanting to get involved, more details in the KNVI report.

I am sure everyone would join me in saying thank you to all the people on the Parish Council and those who serve on the Institute committee for their hard work securing these first class facilities for our village.

Finally, please note that I now have a new email address dedicated to Kingsley News. Please send information for the magazine to this address in future.

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 Parish Council Meeting Update - 15th March 2016

Acton Bridge Councillor Charles Fifield attended the meeting to discuss the Town Farm Quarry successful appeal. Further information will be available after the meeting on 29 March, but the Weaver and Cuddington Ward Councillors will be pushing for Cheshire West and Chester Council to monitor the restoration. The extraction will continue as per the previous planning agreement.

#### Planning

Ravens Lodge Farm, Waterloo Lane – No objections Fir Tree House, Norley Road – Objection

#### CIL

Cheshire West and Chester Council (CWaC) are implementing a new levy to planning applications for minor residential and green field developments (exemptions for affordable housing). This will be a fixed tariff of £110 per sq m of floor space, with potentially 15% available to the local Parish / Town Council. This will be payable at the start of the development.

#### Playing Field

Horticon have been awarded the contract for the playing field developments.

The seven week development is expected to complete on 27<sup>th</sup> May. During the development the main car park will be used to store hardcore and the gated area for used to store the plant equipment.

Access to the field will be restricted during the development with some entry points closed temporarily.

The opening date in June is to be confirmed.

The Council has secured 100 bare rooted trees from The Woodland Trust and Ikea. Children from the village schools are to be invited to assist in planting the trees.

#### **Cemetery**

The cemetery contractor has agreed to extend his existing contract to include other minor work around the village.

Costs are being sought to undertake a structural survey on the cemetery wall.

#### Traffic and Transport

Due to the successful Town Quarry appeal, approximately 140 vehicles a day will be travelling through Kingsley, Norley, Crowton and Acton Bridge.

The reassessment of the Top School triangle has been completed although the results are as yet unavailable.

There has been a suggestion of imposing a 20mph speed limit on Middle Lane near the shop although to timescales have been set.

CWaC will mark up the parking spaces around the Community Centre if the decision is made not to progress with the bigger changes.

#### **KU17**

A formal reporting structure is being implemented to ensure greater visibility.

#### Council Procedures

Council procedures are being brought up to date. Standing Orders have been revised and a Public Participation policy is being implemented; both proposals were agreed by all.

#### **Queens Memorial Coin**

It was decided by a narrow margin not to purchase the coins for distribution to the local children.

#### Phil Brandreth PCSO Update

There are still issues parking and speeding issues around both schools and throughout the village. Driver Engagement days have been suggested. Some antisocial behaviour has been noted. Please report anything to 101. The monthly surgeries are continuing, please see the Kingsley website or Facebook page for details.

#### KINGSLEY THEATRE GROUP

# BILLY ELLIOTT The Musical

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2017 At The Palace Theatre, Manchester Discounted ticket price £50.00 Transport £13.00

Set in a northern mining town during the miners' strike of 1984/'85, *Billy Elliot* is the inspirational story of a young boy's fight to make his dream come true. Follow Billy's journey from boxing ring to ballet class where he discovers a passion for dance that unites his family, inspires his community and changes his life forever.

Music byElton John.

To reserve your tickets and transport phone Ray Wilson on 01928 787678

#### **Kingsley Parish Council - Woodland Trust Community Trees**

In early December, the Parish Council submitted a bid to the Woodland Trust (in association with IKEA) for a Community Tree Pack. In February, we were delighted to be advised that our bid had been successful and we had been awarded 105 native species tree saplings.

These arrived in mid-March and the Parish Council is to looking to arrange a tree planting event with local schools and young people's organisations in the village. It is proposed that some of the trees will be planted as part of the playing field project, whilst others will be planted in the schools' grounds and in other parts of the village.

The trees have been supplied as 6" saplings with tree guards. We do hope they will flourish once planted and that the entire village community will be able enjoy them for many years to come.

#### **Litter Pick Update**

The February litter pick had 11 of our team collected 11 bags of litter. Thank you to those who pick up litter and help to keep our village tidy. The next litter pick will be Saturday 2nd April. A million people give a royal wave goodbye to litter! As part of the 90th birthday celebrations, the Clean for the Queen campaign aims to make the places where they live more beautiful by removing litter. Can you be part of this campaign by helping in Kingsley

Could you give an hour once a month to help keep our village clean and tidy?

We will start at 10.00 am at the Community Centre.

New helpers are always welcome. We provide all the equipment needed. Eila Birtwistle – Litter pick co-ordinator.

#### **Foxhill Coffee Morning**

April 5th at 10.30--12.30

Foddstall and raffle etc.

Cost £3 Pay at the door









# TLC (tea, laughter and company) BREAKFAST CLUB at the HORSESHOE INN, Hollow Lane, Kinglsey.

Beat those mid-week blues and join us for some morning company, fun and laughter. The TLC group meets regularly on a Wednesday morning at the Horseshoe Inn in Kingsley from 10am to 12pm. Everyone is welcome to join us for a cuppa and breakfast or just a chat and a tea cake. If you would like any more details or support to get there, please call Eula on 01928 733020.

#### Alzheimer's Training and Dementia Family Workshop

This free session will provide people with the awareness and information about dementia and focus on improving the inclusion and quality of life for people with dementia.

The workshop will also include an Introduction to Alzheimer's disease and Other Dementias; Activities to Encourage Engagement; Techniques to Manage Behaviour and the skills, knowledge and tools to support people to help individuals, with dementia, to live well in the community.

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April, 2016 Home Instead, Office 5, Fraser House, Bridge Lane, Frodsham, WA6 7HD (opposite Chinese Delight Restaurant) 5pm – 7pm

#### Refreshments will be provided.

Limited spaces available - if you would like to book a place, or have any further questions, please call Eula on 01928 733020 / 07825913168

#### **CAN ANYONE HELP?**

Hi, my name is Jonathan Wilson. I am a film maker and have recently completed my Masters in Film Making. I want to get into professional film work as this is my passion. The problem is that even though I have made good films I cant get work without experience so am stuck in a catch 22 situation. I am wondering if there is anyone in Kingsley that could help me get my foot in the door and help me out with this dilemma, it would be greatly appreciated. I have a Youtube account called 'Jon M Wilson Director' if you would like to see some of the films I have made. Thank you.

Tel: 078421 83052

#### On Stage Near You

#### Not already enjoying local shows? You really ought to get out more.

It's a brave move for a small village amdram group to attempt a major musical production like *Oliver*. Kingsley Players did it with their usual panache and it was a superb production. The feedback we have received has all been positive with many saying it was the best show they have ever done (where have you heard that before). Well done to director Lynne Pegler and her company. For further action of some Kingsley Players see Urban Tendz below.

Those of you who travelled further afield praised Nantwich Players *Playhouse Creatures* and Centenary's *Educating Rita* at the Brindley. Lots for March and in chronological order we have:

- 4th 5th Stockton Heath Methodist Drama Society John Chapman's hilarious farce *Kindly Leave the Stage*. We have seen this at Kingsley, followed last year at Harlequins so its proving a local popular choice.
- 8th 12th Zodiacs Amateur Operatic society *Boogie Nights* at The Brindley, Runcorn and directed by **Neil Silcock** (Fagin in **KP's** *Oliver* and also director of Avenue Q and played *Scrooge* both latter for Zodiacs ). Bound to be a great show from this much acclaimed local group and a must for all you musical lovers.
- 8th 12th Moulton Drama Group *Haywire* by Eric Chappell's acclaimed comedy. Do book as it's a small hall and they tend to sell out.
- 12th 19th Chester Theatre Club *Merely Players* by Damian Trasler and directed by Mark Townsend. An unusual comedy thriller, a recommended evening to see this talented group at Chester Little Theatre.
- 13th 19th Altrincham Little Theatre Veronica's Room by Ira Levin. Pre war American high drama.
- 15th 19th Urban Trendz Theatre present *In the Company of Women* at Davenham Theatre. Directed by **Ed Green (director of** *Bite Sized Shakespeare in Kingsley last year)* and in the cast from Kingsley Players are **Sue Elliott** and **Jo Oultram**.
- 16th 18th March Harlequin Theatre Belle (The Ballad of Dr Crippen) A Music Hall musical in 2 acts by Wolf Mankowitz from a play by Beverley Cross. Music and Ivrics by Monty Norman.

16th - 19th Nantwich Players Youth Theatre - The Witches - Roald Dahl - directed by David Wood. Great trip out for the kids.

17th - 19th Tarporley ADS - Dial M for Murder - Frederick Knott. Enjoy the stage version of the Hitchcock classic 1950's thriller.

20th March Barnton Memorial hall - Little Pixie Productions will present The Lost Red Shoes Cabaret.

and don't miss at the beginning of April Frodsham Players production of The Secret Garden from 5th to 8th.

I should be pleased to receive any feedback about shows you have seen or if you wish to add items to next month's list by email cheshireonstage@btinternet.com

John Doe

#### **DAFFODIL WALKS**

Spring has well and truly arrived and if you're looking for a lovely day out what could be nicer than the forthcoming Open days at The Whitegate Daffodil Farm from 30th March until 10th April 2016. The location in Whitegate village near Northwich was formerly a horticultural Farm supplying daffodils for the cut flower trade, it's no longer commercially viable to harvest the flowers but it now opens its gates for a limited period each spring to allow people to enjoy the beautiful fields and raise much needed funds for Macmillan Cancer Support with last years event raising almost £7000. The Farm boasts over 500 varieties, some rare and historic. Alongside the tranquil countryside and spectacular Daffodil fields Children (and adults alike!) will love "The Magic Oak Fairy Tree" and the refreshment Marquee is always popular providing drinks and delicious home made cakes.

The Farm is Open Daily 10am - 4pm, there is a small admission fee , Adults  $\pounds 2.00$ , Children  $\pounds 1.00$ .

For those who'd like to enjoy the fascinating tales of the Farm's 125years of Daffodil growing, owner Len Tomlinson, described as a 'colourful character' will host an informative yet light hearted guided tour each day at 10.30am, (booking is required) cost - £5.00 includes admission, drink & cake. All proceeds to Macmilllan.

For more information or to make a booking

www.daffodilwalks.com or Call

Gail Jackson 01606 889380

#### **KINGSLEY & NEWTON VILLAGE INSTITUTE (KNVI)**

As reported in last month's Kingsley News, we have now secured all of the funding needed to pay for the refurbishment of the two tennis courts at KNVI (the Tesco Grant came in at £8,000). Both courts will be resurfaced, relined and repainted, and new fencing will be erected around both courts. One of the courts will also allow for disabled access.

A contractor has been engaged and work is expected to begin this month. If all goes to plan the courts will be ready to play in May.

There will be a meeting at the Institute on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2016 at 7.30pm where we shall discuss our plans and the way forward for tennis in the village. For example, how about Junior coaching? Or Cardio Tennis? Or Senior coaching?

This facility is for all ages and all standards of players: come and join us in this exciting new undertaking! Whatever your tennis skills, do let me know if you are interested in playing tennis in Kingsley. Watch out for future updates in the Kingsley News and on the Kingsley Village website.

Please would you email me at <a href="mailto:embatey@msn.com">embatey@msn.com</a> or telephone 01928 788788 to let me know if you are planning to attend the meeting and also please indicate if you are willing to help with the organisation and running of the tennis section in any way.

I look forward to seeing you on Monday, 4th April at 7.30pm.

Elizabeth M.Batey

#### **FREE TO GOOD HOME**

Several bags of pebbles /cobbles varying in size from 3" to 5". Please contact Rosemary Weeks on 01928 788130 if interested.

3 'G Plan' cabinets. Ideal for office 200cm high x 76 cm wide (buyer to collect) Contact: 07862726865

Dell Dimension 5150 Computer and 15" monitor and keyboard Call Joan, 788150.

#### Kingsley Parish Council - Playing Fields Project Update

As many of you will be aware from previous articles in Kingsley News, the Chester Chronicle and Frodsham News, Kingsley Parish Council were successful in winning several grants to provide a 500m long track (1.5m wide) around the playing fields together with a small outdoor gym and two picnic tables.

The project was tendered in February 2016, by the appointed project managers for the Parish Council - Groundwork, and a successful contractor was appointed in early March 2016. Following a Pre-Start meeting between the Parish Council, Groundwork and the contractor Horticon, a start on site date for the project was agreed as Monday 11th April 2016. The project will last 7 weeks, with an estimated projected completion date of 27th May 2016.

During the works, the playing field car park will be closed to the public as the contractor requires this for his works compound. During this time, we politely request that people park at the Community Centre and walk around the public footpath to the playing fields. Please do not park on Westbrook Road, Highbank Road or any of the other neighbouring roads in front of people's houses.

Horticon have indicated that they do not require the whole playing field to be closed during the works. They will work in sections behind barriers to create the path working around the playing field from the car park to end up at the children's play area. For your own safety, please do not cross the barriers under any circumstances as there will be excavators and heavy plant operating. Should any incident occur where the public enters the working area, we will unfortunately have no other option but to close the playing fields for the duration of the works. The contractor will be working from 7.30am to 4pm, Monday to Friday, there will be no weekend or evening working.

It will be necessary to form new steps onto the playing field at the Highbank Road entrance which will require a temporary closure for a day. The entrance from Dark Lane will also require a temporary closure for a day whilst a new path is laid from that entrance onto the field.

It is planned to have an official village opening event in late June 2016, (more details to follow) but the track and gym will be open to the public from the end of May 2016. We will look to give a further update in the May Newsletter. Please contact Councillor Claire Jones (<u>clairelisajones@yahoo.co.uk</u>) if you would like your organisation to take part in the open event. For all other enquiries about the project, please contact Parish Clerk, Jo Preston, jowish@hotmail.com.

#### **Kingsley Walking Group**



Our planned walk on 9 March, originally to be from Danebridge, had to be re-arranged in view of adverse weather forecast for that area. Instead we travelled to the Peckforton area, which proved to be a good choice as the weather was quite pleasant, with only light drizzle towards the very end. Starting from a lay-by on the A534 just past the Bickerton Poacher, we took a path from the bottom end of Coppermine Lane, rising steeply to soon join the Sandstone trail over Bickerton Hill and spectacular Raw Head. Descending eastward, we took the path passing Grig Hill farm, to rejoin the Sandstone Trail alongside the Peckforton Hills. We traversed east by Waste Hill to reach Stone House Lane, soon cutting back to climb Bulkeley Hill. and enjoy the lovely woodland walk, before returning to our cars via the east side of Bickerton Hill. About 8 miles. Nine stalwarts enjoyed a vigorous walk.

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).

#### **PILATES**

Pilates for all abilities, every Tuesday 1:30-2:30 in the Hurst Church hall. It consists of stretches and exercises to improve mobility and flexibility. First session free, just come along or contact Val on 789916 for more details. Bring a mat or towel for the floor exercises.



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#### TUESDAY 19TH APRIL

#### **LECTURE**

"ICELAND,THE EXPLOSIVE CENTRE OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC"

by Dr Sigurlaug Sveinbjornsdottir

7.30pm at Frodsham Community Centre

Visitors welcome. £2 including tea/coffee & biscuits

#### **WANTED - GARAGE TO RENT**

A SECURE DRY GARAGE REQUIRED TO RENT, WITHIN A FIVE MILE RADIUS OF FRODSHAM, FOR THE STORAGE OF A LARGE CAR

PLEASE RING 01928 731512

## Parking Enforcement at Cross/Hollow Lane on Yellow Lines.

The Parish Council have been informed that Mark Jones (Cheshire West & Chester Environment), has advised that their parking services team will be attending Cross/ Hollow Lane site to monitor parking and issue penalty tickets where appropriate.

#### **DOG FOULING**

There is persistent dog fouling happening on Hunters Hill, would the all dog owners please clear up after their dogs. The fouling is happening at the end of gardens and drives. It is an offence to allow your dog to foul the pavements anywhere. The residents of Hunters Hill be keeping a close watch and the offenders will be reported to the Police.

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Another exciting prospect for Kingsley this month: weekly Tap & Theatre Classes will begin at the Community Centre on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April. These classes are aimed at 5-11 year olds: further details about the classes may be found here in Kingsley News and at the Community Centre. 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 11th	Kingsley Garden Club	8pm
Tuesday 5th,12th,19th,26th	Yoga Classes	6.30- 8.00pm
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Kingsley W I	7.30pm
Wednesday 13th,20th,27th	Latin Flow Dance Class	7-8pm
Wednesday 13th,27th	Alzheimer's Society	11am-12.30pm
Wednesday 20th, 27th	Tap & Theatre Classes	4.30-6pm
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> , 14 <sup>th</sup> ,21 <sup>st</sup> , 28 <sup>th</sup>	KU17's	

Kingsley Players put on their wonderful and popular performances throughout the year. The Centre now has a scintillating dance floor – it's a fabulous venue for a party, be it Birthday, Anniversary, Retirement or Wedding Celebrations. Children's Parties are particularly popular!

The next K.T.I. Market will be on Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> June 2016 There is potentially something there 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

#### ROOM AT THE TOP

Rooms with kitchen facilities for hire at The Hurst Methodist Church.

Ideal for children's parties etc. Moderate charges.

Contact Brian Moores on 787442

#### Kingsley Bookworms - Next meeting 14th April 2016

On March 3rd 12 of us met to talk about Toxic by Jamie Doward. We scored it 3.9 out of 5. The highest score was 4.75 – the highest ever. Two things came out of the discussion. Firstly, because of the large number of characters it was a book best read quickly. People who had dipped in and out of it found it hard to keep up with who was who. We also talked about the ending and decided it was not really credible. Despite all this we liked the book and had a lively discussion about it.

The Weaver Words literary festival is on in April and we decided to go to see Dan Cruickshank talking about "The History of Architecture in 100 Buildings" on April 7th. For that reason our April meeting will be held on Thursday **April 14th.** We will be talking about "Notwithstanding" by Louis de Bernieres. The book is subtitled "Stories from an English village".

During April we will be reading "Ted Hughes: The Unauthorised Life" by Jonathon Bate. This was shortlisted for the 2015 Samuel Johnson prize. We will talk about it on May 5th. Some people have started to read this already because it's quite a long book.

Our June book is "The Lie Tree" by Frances Hardinge, describes as "a deliciously creepy novel". We will talk about it at our June meeting.

For July we plan to read "Life after Life" by Karen Atkinson.

Our next meeting is on **Thursday 14th April** at the Red Bull. We start at 7.30pm and everyone is welcome.

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. Join us to see what's going on.

#### **FOR SALE**

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# ST JOHN'S SCHOOL

April 2016

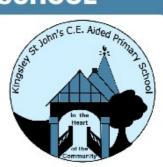
### World Book Day

For the 2016 World Book Day, Kingsley St John's chose a different way to celebrate. The day was themed and linked to 'Our Multicultural World.'

All children were encouraged to bring into school a story, poem, artifact or image linked to a different culture. Staff were delighted with the array of items brought into school and detailed discussions were shared about where in the world such cultures existed. There was a great deal of globe work carried out too.



In addition, the school welcomed Illustrator Stephen Waterhouse, who began the day with an assembly to share his role and some of the books he has illustrated. He then spent time in each class holding a workshop of illustration, which will be brought together for an outdoor display celebrating difference and diversity.



At the heart of St John's School is an ethos of accepting difference, not indifference.

The school would also like to thank Cheshire Development Education Centre (CDEC) for their help in finding a school set of multi- cultural books for the school library.



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ARE YOU 7-18 YEARS OLD? WANT TO BE A PART OF SOMETHING EPIC? KINGSLEY PLAYERS YOUTH THEATRE.

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Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April.
Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April.
4-6pm.
Kingsley Community Centre.

For more information contact... jake powell1992@yahoo.co.uk hayestom@hotmail.co.uk

#### **Mothers' Union Report for April**

Our March meeting turned out to be even more fun than we had anticipated. The focus of the evening was poetry - poems brought in by members which had inspired them, were reminiscent of bye-gone days or just pure fun to share and listen to. One such light hearted poem being 'When I am Old' by Gervais Phinn - anyone who has experienced the teenage years of a son will find this particularly entertaining. Other poems included 'Join the Club' a light hearted take on the young elderly and Ough, Ough, Ough which is a pun on different pronunciations. This meeting was followed a couple of weeks later by another 'Open House' gathering which was well attended and the cakes and buns much appreciated.

Our next meeting on Tuesday 5th April will be a talk by Bob and Sharon McClean based on their experiences in Israel. As usual all are invited to join us and listen to what they have to say. Our next 'Open House' is to be held at the home of Rita Boon - again we extend a warm welcome to all who wish to join us.

Finally on the 21st April there will be a Mothers' Union coffee morning and cake stall at the Parish Room in Frodsham, please pop in if you are in Frodsham that morning.

Pam Owens

# Kingsley Transition Initiative

"Helping to build a more sustainable community by promoting local produce, energy efficiency, renewable energy and education."

For 2016 Kingsley Transition initiative has the following objectives to:

- Encourage and support community initiatives to make Kingsley a more resilient and happier community;
   ENERGY \_\_\_\_\_
- Facilitate public debate of the alternative energy issues:
- Encourage energy efficiency by ineulating homes better as well as think of renewable fuel sources such as solar; economy...
- Fecilitate Local Produce Markets on 19th Merch, 11th June, 17th September, and 18th December;
- Support the local provision of quality products and services in our cree;
- Promote Upcycling and the concept of a Circular Economy;
   FORD ...
- Continue the development of educational gardens at both primary schools;
- Encourage people to grow their own vegetables wherever possible as well as compost and recycle as much so possible; consultary...
- Encourage engagement of youth in the community;
- Notwork and collaborate with other local Transition groups;
- Lobby and listse with our CW&C & Kingsley Parish Council on systemability legues.

We are a friendly group and would welcome participation by any local resident interested in helping to achieve our objectives.

For information contact Simon on 01925 757913 or Graham on 01925 757379

For more information please contact email: info@kingsleytransition.org.uk visit: www.kingsleytransition.org.uk







#### **BBC RADIO PRESENTER**

#### **TERRY WALTON**

The Allotment Doctor

Is speaking at

KINGSLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE
Monday 11th April 2016 at 8pm

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During March Kingsley Transition Initiative offered residents in Kingsley and Frodsham an Infra Red Thermal Imaging survey to help home owners identify parts of their houses that are poorly insulated and leaking heat. By studying the images and offering advice on improved insulation KTI have been able to show these households ways to save money on their heating bills and live in a more comfortable, healthy home, whilst also doing their bit for the environment by reducing their carbon footprint.

We found many people have already done a fair bit to insulate their homes and only required a couple of minor improvements. BUT there were a few houses that fell well below the expected insulation standards and have lots of opportunity to save money on their energy bills by investing in more insulation.

Because of this we are considering offering this service again soon, if there is sufficient interest from local residents.

So please contact us if you're interested in helping build a sustainable and resilient future for Kingsley.

Contact simon@sherlock.co.uk

or visit

http://www.kingsleytransition.org.uk

#### KINGSLEY ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST PARISH CHURCH

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#### Services for APRIL 2016

April 3 <sup>rd</sup>	10:00	<b>Holy Communion</b>
April 10th	10:00	<b>Morning Worship</b>
April 17th	10:00	Family Service
April 24 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	<b>Holy Communion</b>
-	18:30	Encounter

#### ALL ARE VERY WELCOME

# Katie Piercy enlightens us on the wonderful habitat work being carried out to enhance Flaxmere Moss at Norley.



Flaxmere is a mossland SSSI (Site of Special Scientific Interest) peppered with rare and unusual species such as bog asphodel and round-leaved sundews. Flaxmere has suffered significant damage from drainage over the years. Ditches cut through the peat have caused water to be lost from this naturally boggy habitat. This caused the special mossland flora to slowly disappear. However, over the last two years the Delamere's Lost Mosses project, funded by WREN Biodiversity Action Fund, with guidance from Natural England, the Norley Parish and Cheshire West and Chester Council, has begun habitat restoration work to reverse this trend. Internal ditch blocking has helped keep water on the moss, securing a safer future for the rarities living on this site.

A recently created external bund around the southern end of the site, made of peat, is helping to further retain clean water on the site. The bund has two purposes, to help retain water on Flaxmere, and to stop water from an exterior drain from entering the site. The exterior drain carries water from surrounding fields, and has a higher nutrient content. If allowed to flow onto the site the nutrient rich water will alter the types of vegetation growing on the SSSI, meaning important rare plant species would be lost. Spring will bring new plant growth to the bund and a more secure future for the mossland species that rely upon wetter habitat.

If you would like more information on the project please contact Katie Piercy Delamere Mossland Officer <a href="mailto:kpiercy@cheshirewt.org.uk">kpiercy@cheshirewt.org.uk</a>.

Chris Meredith – Delamere conservation officer for Heritage Lottery Funded project, Delamere's Dragons - explains the conditions needed for the amazing transformation of dragonflies from larva to beautiful colourful winged insects

The first signs of spring are in full view as you walk around Delamere Forest, snowdrops bursting through the soil, blossom on blackthorn bushes and the leaves appearing on hawthorn. It won't be long until a new generation of dragonflies will appear.

At this time of year the early flying dragonfly and damselfly species are starting to become more active as mosslands and ponds warm up, they will soon be upon the greatest change they will experience in their life, emerging as winged adults from their larval skin. Despite occasional freezing temperatures, and a lot of rain, dragonfly larvae have been patiently waiting out the winter months, hidden from view deep under water. Near the surface of the water the temperature may change drastically as it freezes overnight only to be thawed by the sun, however, deeper in the water the temperature

remains much more stable, which is where you'll find many insects over winter, sheltering in the dead vegetation at the bottom of the pools.

By April the meres and mosses scattered throughout Delamere will start to come to life with the vibrant green of new plant growth and the whirr of thousands of pairs of wings.

As the final year of the white-faced darter dragonfly reintroduction gets underway we just hope that the weather dries up in time for May, giving emerging adult white-faced darters the best possible start to their life on the wing.

For more information or to volunteer contact <a href="mailto:cmeredith@cheshirewt.org.uk">cmeredith@cheshirewt.org.uk</a>

#### WORSHIP AT THE HURST METHODIST Chapel

**Minister: Revd Steve Santry** 

#### Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April-2<sup>nd</sup> of Easter

10.00am-Morning Worship: Mr J.Hufton 6.30 pm at Blakelees Chapel: Prof. N.Ford

#### Sunday 10th APRIL -3rd of Easter

8.15am at The Hurst-Communion Rev S.Santry 10.00am – Morning Service: Rev S.Santry 6.30pm at Blakelees Chapel : Rev S. Santry

Sunday 17th APRIL -4th of Easter

10:00am Morning Worship: Rev C.Jones 6.30pm at Blakelees Chapel: Mr J.Hufton

#### Sunday 24TH APRIL -5th of Easter

10:00am-Morning Worship: -Mrs J.Batey 6.30pm at Blakelees Chapel : Miss H.Rowland Church Anniversary at Blakelees Chapel

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- Word Weavers (Wed 6<sup>th</sup> April) featuring Frodsham poet Andrew Rudd and violinist Daniel Axworthy; J
- Jo Bell, former Cheshire and Canal Poet Laureate, reading her waterway poems aboard the Anderton Boat Lift boat & River Weaver (Thu 7<sup>th</sup> April)
- The Beautiful Game. Literary spotlight on Everton football legend Neville Southall and Harry Catterick (Sun 10<sup>th</sup> April)
- Gala Night Celebration (Sun 10<sup>th</sup> April) featuring Jaywalkers, John Gorman and the launch of a new illustrated poetry book Salford Quays Unlocked by local writer Lynn Pegler.
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- Children's events (Fri 8<sup>th</sup> April) Cartoon workshop (children aged 8-13), Pre-school story session (age 3-5)

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