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A Word from the Editor

Slowly, we are coming out of lock down and community groups can start looking forward. This month it's all about being able to get together outdoors. The Scouts, walking group, tennis club, cricket club and bowling clubs are all making plans to re-start. With luck, we will see activities re-starting in the newly extended Community Centre within the next couple of months.

This issue is packed full of outside based groups to join. The Scouts, in particular, have a great opportunity to get involved as a member or volunteer - there's something for all ages.

As lockdown eases, people are starting to wonder about "how life will be". As a community we will be reinstating clubs and groups; as individuals we will be deciding about activities we'd like to pursue. Next month we'll try and bring you information about lots more Kingsley groups. Coordinators - send in your information and we will include as much as we can.

Once again, thanks to the far-sighted group that got the daffodils planted around the village a few years ago. They are such a welcoming sight.

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Kingsley Walkers – Getting back to Normal

Kingsley Walkers is an informal group that has been meeting for more than 30 years. We are now getting ready to re-start the meets programme (subject to restrictions). Everyone is welcome to join us, communications about walks are published in the Kingsley News and by email. If you are wondering about joining us, why not get in touch for a chat?

Each month we have two walks. The Long Walk is held on the second Tuesday of the month. Generally, it's about 8 miles and is a full day out with picnic lunch. The Short Walk is held on the fourth Tuesday and is up to 5 miles long. We start and end at a pub with lunch. Walks are led by volunteers from the group.

We meet at Kingsley Community Centre and share lifts to the start point of the walk. We leave at 9.30 or 10 depending on the time of year.

Our April Walks are scheduled for April 13th (Long Walk) and April 27th (Short Walk). Both walks will set off from the Community Centre at 10am.

If you'd like to join us, please get in touch in advance so that we can make sure that we follow any rules that are in force at the time. At the moment it looks like we will be free to walk in April.

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The current times have been challenging for our whole community.

Kingsley St John's CE Aided Primary School, in coordination with the parish council and you, our village families, would like to let future generations know of the lengths we have gone to in order to keep positive. We will be creating a time capsule of all things Covid (masks, vaccine certificates, baking recipes, lockdown hair pictures, art work and much more) which we can bury and future school members can open in 100 years! They will learn all about our school, our village, the environment and, of course, the resilience and positivity within Kingsley during the pandemic. We would love your support in our **#community capsule**.

If you'd like to contribute or you require more information please do not hesitate to get in touch at davies@kingsleystjohns.co.uk or call 01244 976181

1st Newton and Kingsley Scout Group

The Good News

We've been given the go ahead to return to face-to-face Scouting from April onwards, our leaders are planning how that will look and will be in touch over the coming weeks.

Our Pike Lane HQ is fully prepared for a safe return to Scouting with Covid-19 safety at the forefront of our risk assessment process.

Over the last few years, we have upgraded the windows, electrics, security and floor of our headquarters in Pike Lane. In the next 6 months we're aiming to have the main building reclad. All this has been achieved through the leaders, parents from the group and some very generous local people who helped us raise over £30000.

Our local Scout camp site, Queen Charlotte's Wood, situated between Kingsley, Frodsham and Manley has been upgraded during lockdown and is offering free space for all local groups to run outdoor events in the coming months and will eventually open again for full camps when national guidance allows.

We have a new District wide Explorer Unit created that meets on a Wednesday evening at Queen Charlotte's Wood for young people aged 14.5 – 18.

We've got a new website at

<https://1stnewtonandkingsley.mwscouts.org/>

We're on Twitter at https://twitter.com/1st_newton?lang=en

We were all set to announce the return of our annual bedding plant sale and were just about to print and deliver the order form when lockdown 3.0 was introduced meaning we simply couldn't make it happen – we'll be back bigger and stronger in 2022!

The Challenge - Can you Help?

We are desperately short of adult leaders. We've had huge support over recent years from an amazing group of leaders, several of whom will move on to different things over Summer 21, meaning we urgently need to have others step up to take their place.

We need leaders for all three of our thriving sections:

Beavers - 6-8 years old

Cubs - 8-10.5 years old

Scouts - 10.5 – 14 years old

Support and training will be provided right from the start. We have access to outdoor spaces at Queen Charlotte's Wood and the village playing fields and when the weather becomes a "bit British", we have great indoor facilities both in our HQ and Queen Charlotte's Wood.

How much time do I have to commit?

The Scout Association has a flexible volunteering policy based around how much time you are able to give. A significant number of adults taking on a Leader role do this for a couple of years, others stay until their children move on from the Group. Whilst others, because of their interest and enjoyment they get out of it, stay on for more than 10 years. It all comes down to what time and for how long you feel you can commit to Scouting, we will work with you to help make the role fit around your availability as best as we can.

Is previous experience needed?

No. You do not need any previous experience of Scouting, or Guiding, as training and support will be provided. The Group Scout Leader will support you and ensure that you get the training you need to feel comfortable in the role and being able to deliver a safe, adventurous and exciting programme.

If you have some time and would like to contribute to the great tradition of Scouting in Kingsley, please contact us at

1stnewtonandkingsley@gmail.com or 01928 787631

Andy McGovern – Group Administrator

Kingsley Parish Council - March Update on Your Local Parish Council

We are delighted to welcome back Danny Moores to the Parish Council after a short break, Danny brings a wealth of knowledge to the Council having been born and lived in Kingsley all his life and having previously served on Kingsley Parish Council for over 10 years. We are also pleased to announce the appointment of our new Parish Clerk and RFO, Luke Trevaskis who joined us on a permanent basis at the end of February. Luke has been acting as our Locum Clerk since October 2020, and is an experienced Clerk who also works for CHALC and NALC in an advisory position.

We are planning to re-introduce the Grant Scheme that ran a few years ago, this will be open to any group or organisation that offers help or service to members of the village community. Please check the Parish Council website for details and the launch of the scheme.

Whilst a Parish Council does not have many statutory powers, we are here to protect and promote the interests of the village, to represent local views and lobby relevant authorities (through our Borough Councillor). So, don't hesitate to get in touch with the Parish Clerk or any Councillor if you have an issue we may be able to help you with.

A contractor has been appointed to resurface and repair the Cemetery footpaths. Work is scheduled in the next few months, weather permitting. The cemetery will remain open throughout the works, the contractor has agreed to maintain access to at least one half of the cemetery at all times. A new water tap will also be installed at the top end of the cemetery.

Higher Heyes Development

The sale of the properties on Higher Heyes to the Tier 1 local residents / those with local connections is going well and expires on the 26th March. There were 39 enquiries resulting in 17 applications of which around 11 are proceeding through the further stages towards eventual purchase. If you know of anyone who may qualify or, be interested, there are still properties / flats remaining so please apply to Torus Housing.

KNVI BOWLS SECTION

About this time of year we normally remind villagers of the thriving bowls club situated at the Village Institute. Amongst our current members we have both seasoned league players as well as social bowlers, who are quite content playing amiable games in pleasant surroundings. If you haven't bowled before there will always be experienced players ready and willing to provide help and advice. Outdoor sports are reopening on the 29th March, albeit under government restrictions, so it may well be the ideal time to join our friendly club.

For further details please contact Rob Hill,

email: robmarghill@tiscali.co.uk

mob: 07871 556108.

A message from The Hurst Methodist Church

"AND ARE WE YET ALIVE?"

The Hurst Methodist Church building has been closed for the past year in accordance with Government guidelines.

However, we remain active in many different ways. The traditional ministry of outreach in care and concern to the village community has been maintained; and the Church fellowship, prayer and bible study activities have continued using online technology.

Subject to the future situation regarding the pandemic, we are now hopeful that the Church will re-open in May, initially using spoken rather than sung worship.

Hopefully the whole village will return to 'normal' status very soon.

Peter Robinson

KINGSLEY TENNIS CLUB

**Kingsley Tennis Club, Kingsley & Newton Village Institute, Top Road,
Kingsley WA6 8DA**

The further easing of lockdown restrictions means that, from Monday 29 March 2021, recreational tennis will resume including singles and doubles social play and 1:1 coaching and group coaching.

Individual and group coaching will restart from 29 March

- Tuesday 30 March : Adult Ladies Rusty Rackets. Early Session 6:30-7:45. Late Session 7:45-9pm
- Wednesday 31 March: Men's Rusty Rackets Early Session 6:30-7:45. Late Session 7:45- 9pm

1-1 and 1-2 lessons available to be booked week days or weekends

From Tuesday 20 April Mini and Juniors group sessions will restart:

Saturdays

9-10am Mini Red group session 5-8yrs

10-11:30am Junior group session 11yrs onward

11:30-12:30 Mini Orange group session (8-9yrs)

12:30-13:30 Mini Green group session (10yrs)

From 27 April 27 LTA youth Start courses begin as below:

- Tuesday 27th 4pm-5pm Mini Orange group session (8-9yrs)
- Wednesday 28th 4pm-5pm Mini Red group course (6-8yrs)

Further courses to follow to include, Mini Blue 4-6 Yrs, Mini Green 10yrs and Juniors 11yrs onwards.

LTA Youth Start Courses can be booked on the LTA website,
www.lta.org.uk

For all other courses and lessons please book through our Club Coach
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Kingsley Garden Club

So, there is hope on the horizon that with the help of the vaccine, and sensible behaviour by everyone, that we may be coming out of twelve months of what most people will consider "hell". As you will understand, there have been no face to face meetings and the Committee decided against Zoom meetings because they wouldn't suit everyone and could exclude some. So, when will we be able to meet again? We are monitoring events but we do not want to put anyone at risk so we expect that we will be re-starting meetings in the Autumn. Once we are confident that we can safely meet, we will update you through the pages of Kingsley News, Kingsley Village website and Facebook so please keep an eye out later this year.

Topical Tips:

- Keep weeds under control, they have had the winter to take over your borders.
- Protect your fruit blossom which will show soon, from late frosts.
- Tie in climbing roses and indeed any climbers that may have come loose in the wind.
- Start to sow your seeds, your early potatoes (if you haven't already) and wild flower seeds
- Top dress roses and shrubs with suitable fertilisers or manure.
- Lift and divide herbaceous perennials
- Repair bare patches in lawns and if your lawn is dry try a first cut on a high setting
- Lift and replant any stray seedlings of plants such as Fox Gloves
- Prune fig trees

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

W/c Apr 4th	Cooks Hill
W/c Apr 11th	Pike Lane, Wood Lane, The Clough
W/c Apr 18th	Roddy Lane and Beech Lane
W/c Apr 25th	Chapel Avenue

We invite you to add your own prayers

An Update From Kingsley Cricket Club

Cricket Returns!

After what's seemed like a long winter, everyone at Kingsley Cricket Club is excited for the return of cricket over the next few weeks, in KCC's 50th season as a club.

On Tuesday 30th March, we have our first weekly **senior training** session at The Croft, before the 1st and 2nd XI get their 2021 seasons underway on Saturday 17th April. *Interested in joining?* We're looking for players of all abilities for our 3 senior teams - please contact our Club Captain Ben Stoddart (07720 850298) if you're interested.

Alternatively, why not come up to The Croft this summer to support your local team and enjoy a drink from the bar in the sun?

Junior training will start again at The Croft on Friday 9th April, with the U9s and U11s from 5:30pm - 6:30pm and U13s and U15s at 6:30pm - 8:00pm every Friday. We're always looking for new junior players! Get in touch with our junior coordinator Ali Begg (07432 552421) for any further info.

Lastly, after a year off, we're very excited about the return of the world famous Kingsley Cricket Club Beer Festival at The Croft this September. We're also planning the club's 50th anniversary party for next year (post-COVID.) Stay tuned for more details by following our social media channels, with regular updates on results, events and news:

Twitter - @kccscores

Facebook - Kingsley Cricket Club

St John the Evangelist, Kingsley

Do you remember how in Miss World competitions the competitors were always asked what they wished for? And they were always expected to come up with something either profound or moving, but they nearly all were expected to say 'Peace in the world '.

You see the idea of peace strikes a chord in all our hearts. We all want peace, and we all wish that it would happen, but it seems that all we can do is wish for it. There seems to be little else we can do. The idea of peace poses a problem for all of us. As I write the police, crime, and sentencing bill is being discussed in a bid to help maintain peace in our nation in which new far-reaching powers would be given to the police. This will be hotly debated, because how to keep the peace is paramount in a safe society.

At Christmas, we remember that it began with the Angels singing 'Glory to God in the highest and peace to his people on earth. Peace on earth? Can this really be true? What happens if you look to the one who came as the "prince of peace", who came to bring hope for the future?

As we draw near to Easter the message of peace once again rings out, for Jesus' death and rising was to procure peace. Paul could write...' now we have peace with God' and 'He himself is our peace'. The peace is real and founded on the risen reality of Christ.

This means we are called to live the life of peace that comes only from knowing Jesus as the Lord who is the Prince of peace. As we hear of the death of Sarah Everard and the vile actions of some men toward women, we need not only to hear the call of following the Prince of Peace but also to live as those who trust deeply in Him and know the reality of his promise "my peace I leave with you: my peace I give to you ". We must also step out and call out all acts of violence, oppression and subjection of women. So that as much as Miss World is rightfully a thing of the past, so too will be the fear and oppression that women have lived under, and maybe then the desire for peace will start to be fulfilled in society.

Easter Services on line – access via the church website www.nck.org.uk
Thursday 1st April – Maundy Thursday 7pm.
Friday 2nd April – Good Friday 2pm
Sunday 4th April – Easter Sunday 10am

Church Open – Good Friday between 12 noon and 1pm – the church will be open for private prayer

Other Services – we continue to stream a service every Sunday morning at 10am, accessed via the church website and can be viewed any time after that.

For all up to date information regarding church please refer to the website
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