



KINGSLEY NEWS

MAY 2010

The news and voice of your village
Community

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KINGSLEY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
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(Available from 12.30-7.30pm)

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Della Bunney, Sue Elliott, David Fletcher, Carol Rowlands,

COUNCIL MEMBERS (not elected)

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

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

W/c May 2nd Chapel Lane
W/c May 9th Westbrook Road
W/c May 16th Church View
W/c May 23th Smithy Lane
W/c May 30th Horseshoe Close

We invite you to add your own prayers

EDITORIAL NEWS AND VIEWS

Dear Readers

The Parish Council's Annual Chairman's Award for 2010 has been made to Eila Birtwistle in recognition for her efforts in organising the Kingsley Litterpickers. With Eila's help the litter pick team has grown in numbers and they do an excellent job of keeping Kingsley clean and tidy. Well done Eila.

This year's carnival will be on 26th June, followed in the evening by the Kingsley Scout BBQ at the Cricket Club. The carnival is a great occasion for everyone to have a fun filled day and also for some of the voluntary groups to raise much needed funds. KU17s will be running a tombola stall and are looking for donations of suitable prizes, so if you have any unwanted gifts!

Finally, has anyone in the village lost a Siamese cat? If you have then give me a ring.

Elizabeth

**Articles for the magazine to be sent to the Editor
by email to - ewilsonsecretarial@yahoo.co.uk**

Tel: 01928 787678

Copy deadline is the 21st of each month

www.kingsleyvillage.co.uk

Litter Pick Update

On Saturday 17th April 15 of our litter pick team cleared the village of 15 bags of litter. We were very lucky because just as we finished one of the SMYLE vans was spotted collecting litter bags and kindly took our bags. This meant I didn't have to have 15 smelly bags outside my house all weekend. Thank you to the team and also to those who collect litter as they walk around the village. The next litter picks will be on **Saturday 15th May and Saturday 5th June** starting 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.



FOUND

Siamese cat

Contact Elizabeth on
01928 787678

WANTED

TESCO/SAINSBURY VOUCHERS

for Kingsley & District Nursery,
c/o St. John's School,
Hollow Lane



KU17's



WE NEED YOUR HELP

**KU17's ARE HAVING A TOMBOLA AT THE
2010 CARNIVAL**

WE NEED PRIZES!

**ANY DONATIONS WOULD BE
APPRECIATED**

**PLEASE BRING GIFTS TO
HOLLANDS PHARMACY**

Mothers' Union

Crowton, Kingsley & Norley

At our Branch Meeting in April we were delighted to have the recently retired Mothers' Union Diocesan President Jean Shelmerdine to talk to us. She gave us an amusing and informative talk on her time as Diocesan President. Including the behind the scenes dramas and her overseas visitors who were only awake during daylight! in October.

We look forward to our next meeting on Tuesday 4th May when Alison Neale will be demonstrating and talking to us about "Virtual Babies".

We meet monthly in the Church Room, Kingsley, on the first Tuesday in the month at 7.30p.m and anyone is welcome to join us.

KINGSLEY PARISH COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT 2010

INTRODUCTION

This report highlights the activities and business of the Council for the financial year ending **31st March 2010**

MEMBERS

Cllr. Fletcher (Chairman)	788873
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Cllr. M. Goodridge	788917
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Cllr. R. Wilson	787678
Cllr.B.Brooker	788516
Mrs. D. Woods (Clerk)	739400

Footpaths & Playing fields

There were no dramatic events in relation to footpaths this year. Some discussions had taken place about what should be included in the maintenance contract. Landowners were written to on one or two occasions about obstructions of footpaths on their land.

Replacement footpath signs carrying the new Cheshire West Logo have been erected which caused some surprise as it was felt some did not need replacing. However, it was understood all will be replaced in due course.

The footpath maps continued to sell, though more slowly over the winter months. These are available in the village at the pharmacy and the two pubs.

The past year has been very quiet in relation to the play areas. The play equipment has now been installed for a full year and is being well used. For insurance purposes an annual inspection of the play area has been carried out by an independent body. In addition weekly inspections are carried out locally.

A number of trees on the perimeter of the field had to be taken down for both safety and excessive shading reasons.

Once again our thanks go to the Kingsley Litter Pickers for the job they do keeping the village so clean and to the dog walkers for helping to keep the field clear of rubbish.

Traffic & Transport

Several highway issues have been covered during the last year. Some were successful, others are ongoing. The two areas being pursued during the coming year are to try to reinforce the parking restrictions outside the Kingsley Post Office by the introduction of new bollards (in line with existing) or new planters with accompanying signs. The second is to investigate the feasibility of re-opening- or re-introducing a water spout at the bottom of Dark Lane – which was covered over several years ago, and improving the existing wooden fencing along the brook adjacent to Brookside.

Items covered this year are detailed below:

Railings at Dark Lane/Top Road

Continuing to pursue this matter.

Brookside Erosion

CWAC have confirmed work to be carried out in the summer.

New pavement along Top Road (opposite Mansfield Road)

A small section of footway pavement across the grass verge to be constructed in the near future.

Withdrawal of Bus Service 27a to Chester

Council responded to several concerns raised by worried residents about this withdrawal and lobbied our County Councillors to look into this matter further on our behalf. Whilst this specific bus service was withdrawn (the decision was commercially based and taken by the operator as opposed to CWAC) we will continue to maintain awareness and vigilance on any future threat to bus services to and from the village.

Fencing along Football Pitches Depmore Lane

With the assistance of Councillor Riley new fencing has been obtained and will be installed soon).

Width Restriction of Driving at Dark Lane

Following various discussions with residents of Dark Lane regarding the problem caused by HGV's using the lane as a short cut to the village, we successfully negotiated the installation of new signage at the Norley Road end of Dark Lane. This achieved some moderate success. Further pursuit of this matter by Councillor Riley has more recently helped to get CWAC to undertake an assessment of the suitability of the current road width. The results have led to CWAC issuing a proposed notice to institute a width restriction on vehicles travelling along Dark Lane. There were some minor concerns that need to be addressed to enable certain agricultural vehicles to continue to use the lane but hopefully these will not prevent the notice from being formally made in the future.

Parking outside Kingsley St Johns on Hollow Lane

There has been an increased volume of cars being parked along Hollow Lane outside Kingsley St Johns School. Whilst the cars are legally parked there have been concerns raised that it has caused the road at this point to become significantly narrowed. Kingsley Parish Council has asked the School to consider advising that staff could make use of the car park near the Kingsley Community Centre to help to address this problem. This will be monitored over the coming months.

CWAC Highway Survey

Kingsley Parish Council responded to this survey in December 2009.

Cemetery

Following the theft of the cemetery gates in October 2008 a local resident Mark Lewis offered to make a set of new gates himself. After much discussion a design of the gates was agreed. Mark agreed to manufacture the gates free of charge if the Council purchased the materials. Again after discussions at the Red Bull, Steve the Landlord set up a collection for the materials and soon £200.00 was raised. This covered the cost of the materials. The gates were duly manufactured and officially opened in the summer of 2009. Council gave a big vote of thanks to both these residents for showing such community spirit.

There had been an attempted break into the Board Room at the cemetery without success. Some damage occurred which was repaired.

The sandstone wall along the boundary near the entrance gates was also damaged when a car skidded into it. This was repaired and paid for by the driver of the vehicle.

The Grit bin was unfortunately not filled during the bad weather despite repeated requests. We understand this will be filled during the next winter.

KU 17 Group

Membership numbers were up with between 20 and 30 young people attending every Thursday. The largest outlays were for the hire of the Community Centre and wages for the youth workers. However some additional equipment has been purchased. The Group have also been out on several trips including ten pin bowling, Laser quest and Manley Mere. The group have had a very successful year and it was very pleasing to note that the young people's behaviour had been second to none.

Kingsley Parish Council are pleased that their contribution towards funding has enabled the village youngsters to have a safe and fun place to go every Thursday.

Youth Issues

There have been no problems this year which reflects favourably on the youth facilities in the village especially the KU17 and the Scouting organisation.

The Frodsham Helsby & Kingsley Community Action Group has been reformed which help to monitor and deal with problems and issues that arise throughout the area.

Web Site

The Kingsley Web continues to go from strength to strength with the majority of village organisations being readily available on line. It is important that all groups keep their details up to date.

Simon Sherlock continues to do an excellent job (with very little reward) in the maintenance of the Web site and the Parish Council and the community once again offer it's thanks to Simon for his sterling work.

The website now offers a very rich resource in archive material from the last six years which provides people with useful information; the statistics show that the website is accessed from places as far away as Alaska and Australia, in total the website was accessed from 45 countries last year. On average it receives 17 unique visitors a day and it has received in excess of 6000 hits in the past year. There was also a trending increase during the last year for the website access which was a very good sign peaking with 200 visits a week in January.

Kingsley News Monthly Magazine

Kingsley Parish Council continues to submit articles each month in this magazine.

Community Liason

Community Pride/Carnival/Orchards

Firstly the good news. The Litter Pickers continues to do excellent work and Eila Birtwistle is to be congratulated for her persistence and skill in bringing new helpers whilst hanging on to the existing ones. The village really has benefited from their works and thanks are given to all of them.

Kingsley did quite well in the Community Pride competition in 2009 but disappointed with some of the scores. After approaching the organisers it was confirmed there had been some problems with the judging in 2009.

In 2009 Kingsley won the Police Safety Award for Cheshire – the title is misleading –this award related to how safe people in the village felt and what we did to help them. A key factor in winning the award was the KU17 group by giving teenagers somewhere to go and something to do. The success with keeping the play area safe and free from vandalism was also a factor.

Village Plan

This project made limited progress during the year. The Transition Initiative group were interested in taking part and an initial plan to launch the project at the 2010 carnival is to be made.

2010 Carnival – 26th June

A larger and active committee have taken this on board with a circus being booked .In a break from tradition, the event will be held at the centre of the village using the St. John's School field as the centre.

CHAIRMAN'S OVERVIEW

During the past year the major project for the Parish Council was the continuation of the project for the provision of affordable housing for the village of Kingsley. A background and history of which can be found on the Kingsley Village Website. A lot of effort and consultation went into the selection of the site and the way in which the allocation of these homes would be made. The Parish Council ensured that as far as it was possible, the residents of Kingsley would have the highest priority in the allocation. It is now understood that the planning application has been approved.

The play area has now seen its first full year of use and the surrounding area has been seeded. It was very pleasing to see how much use was being made of the facilities by all age groups.

Thanks were paid to the Red Bull and Mr. Lewis for organising the collection and replacing the cemetery gates.

Thanks were also given to all the Councillors for making the Chairman's role an easy one and also to the Clerk for keeping the Council on the straight and narrow.

Summary of Accounts 1st April 2009– 31st March 2010

INCOME

Balance brought forward	14902.81	
Precept	21609.00	
Burials	1530.00	
Bank interest	9.32	
Carnival	120.00	
Walks books	56.00	
Community Safety award	250.00	
Refund VAT	23095.51	
Refund Norwich Union	150.00	<u>£61722.64</u>

EXPENDITURE

Salaries & Tax	5750.28	
Footpaths	1509.00	
Administration	1731.24	
Playing Fields	1591.98	
Insurance	1577.17	
Subscriptions/donations	667.72	
Subsidy Youth Club	1500.00	
Carnival	200.00	
Cemetery general maintenance	4908.17	
Loan repayment	2738.66	
Dog Bins/Dog Signs	600.59	
Seat repairs	91.34	
VAT	22989.53	<u>£45855.58</u>

BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD £15867.06

Christian Aid Week 9th – 15th May 2010

Making decisions about which charities to donate to can be difficult. There are so many good causes and we all have a view on which are more deserving than others. During Christian Aid week volunteers will be collecting in the village and surrounding areas. In order to help you make your decision about whether or not to give to Christian Aid here is an update of the work carried out during 2008/2009 that has been made possible because of your donations.

£16m has been spent on responding to emergencies. Christian Aid is not only there for the short term but continues to help with recovery and rehabilitation, supplying health care, food and other resources in places such as Bihar, Burma and Kenya.

£43.3m went to long term developments. Working with 600 partner organisations means that money is directed towards projects that are needed and will make a difference. For example sanitation toilet blocks have been built in some of the settlements (slums) in Nairobi. This is ongoing work that is not only reducing the incidence of disease but is raising the morale and self esteem of the people.

£14.9m went towards campaigning, for example renegotiating the International Trade rules so that poorer countries are not unfairly treated or exploited and able to trade fairly. Christian Aid's goal is to empower people to take charge of their future in order to end poverty.

Thank you for reading this and if you feel that you would like to donate please remember that you can gift aid your donation.

Contact details: Audrey Griffiths 788535 or Audrey.griffiths@btinternet.com

Garden Club

After the most severe winter for thirty years we can at last see the re-emergence of our gardens and set to create our own corner of Eden. For anyone needing inspiration

we are most fortunate living in easy reach of gardens of national renown. The Nation Trust gardens at Tatton Park have a beautiful Japanese Garden, Italianate formal gardens and a newly renovated kitchen garden for ideas for fruit and vegetable growing. This month is the time to see the vibrant colour displays of azaleas at Bodnant and Ness Botanic Gardens. Later in the season the herbaceous borders of Arley Hall and the formal aspect of Cholmondely Castle make rewarding visits. Nearer to home we have Mount Pleasant at Kelsall and the delightful Bluebell Cottage Gardens. We also have many "well worth a visit" small gardens open for charity and listed in the Yellow Book.

The gardeners of Kingsley Garden Club will be spending the summer working in their own gardens. Our monthly indoor meetings will resume on September 13th in the Community Centre. All are welcome to join us.



Plans for the Carnival on the 26th June 2010 are well underway. The highlights on the day will be:

- A circus with Big Top. Lots of circus tricks and acts.
- An agility display by the Delamere Dog Training team
- Classic Car display
- A procession for everyone to join. With a Samba Band, floats and classic cars
- Performances by the children from both of Kingsley's schools
- Hog roast, ice cream, teas and more
- Lots of stalls
- Transition Market

We will also be having a scarecrow competition on the day. Watch out for entry forms.

From 6pm, there will be a BBQ being held by the Scouts and Cricket Club. Tickets will be on sale from May onwards.

For information about joining in, call Vony on 01928 789098

ROOM AT THE TOP

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

Ideal for children's parties etc.

Moderate charges.

Contact Brian Moores on 787442

MAY 2010

WORSHIP AT THE HURST METHODIST CHURCH

Minister: Revd Steve Santry

Sunday 2nd May

10.00 am : Family Worship. Mr Brian C Moores

6.30 pm at Blakelees : Holy Communion . Revd Steve Santry

Sunday 9th May

8.15 am : United Holy Communion at The Hurst

10.00 am : Family Praise. Revd Steve Santry

6.30 pm at Blakelees : Mr Mike Ridley

Sunday 16th May

10.00 am : Family Worship. Mrs Elizabeth Holmes

6.30 pm at Blakelees: Revd Sue Levitt

Sunday 23rd May

10.00 am : Holy Communion. Revd Steve Santry

6.30 pm at Blakelees: Ms Wendy Ross-Barker

Sunday 30th May

10.00 am : Family Worship. Prof Neville Ford

6.30 pm at Blakelees: Revd Pat Billsborrow

All are welcome

***KINGSLEY ST. JOHN'S C.E (AIDED) PRIMARY
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Tel: 01928 788536

Casual Midday Assistant

(to cover sickness and absences)

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11.45am-1.30pm

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Kingsley Players

Alan Ayckbourn's Comedy Thriller

COMMUNICATING DOORS



Wednesday 19th May to Saturday 22nd May

AT KINGSLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE

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Friday and Saturday – Dinner & Theatre - Pre book only £12 per head

BOX OFFICE - 07925 516760 or online www.kingsleyplayers.co.uk

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8.00 PM, WEDNESDAY 19TH MAY
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The Hurst Souperstars'

SOUP LUNCH

Monday 10th May

Noon to 1.00pm

Home-made Soups, Dessert, Tea or Coffee - only £ 2.50 all in.

All proceeds for the Halton Haven Hospice -
our new outreach project

Everyone is warmly welcomed to the lunch - and to "Thought for the Day"
which follows !

Le Velo Club – Kingsley



Le Velo Club is a collective of local guys who enjoy road bike riding.

The foundations of the group can be traced back to the "Old Gits Lands End – John O'Groats" charity rides of 2007 & 2008, where firstly 2 then 4 people completed the 900 mile "End to End". The group has grown steadily and last summer a 15 strong group rode from London to Paris and raised around £24000 for medical charities.

The peloton continues to grow further, there is a core of around 20 riders whom ride regularly and we would encourage anyone who feels like they want to get some fun and exercise to get back on their bike and join us. Most are from in or around the village a few are friends from a little farther afield but all are equally welcome, you don't have to be from Kingsley to be in our gang!

We now have our own website (www.levelclub.com) where we publish the planned rides/events we are attending. These are mainly 1 day 80-100 mile "Sportive" rides ie not races but timed to assess your own performance. For those less committed or unready to take on what appears to be a big challenge the usual Sunday morning training rides run all year round and are a good opportunity to begin, moreover with the imminent lighter evenings approaching there are often informal impromptu short training rides of 1-1.5 hours on offer within the team.

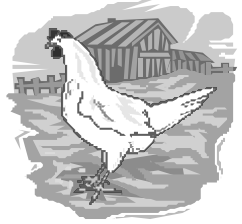
The planned pinnacle for 2010 will be the St. Malo to Narbonne (Channel to the Mediterranean) ride in September, details are on the website along with information on how to contact us. Less formally you will find that most early evenings on a Friday a reasonable cross section of members can be found in the Red Bull warming up for the weekends training!

Please get in touch if you feel you'd like to try riding with us levelclub@hotmail.com or call Steve Penberton 787263

FARM OPEN DAY



**HATLEY FARM
HATLEY LANE
FRODSHAM
WA6 6XX**



Hosted by The Warburton Family
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SUNDAY 13 JUNE 2010

10am – 4pm

FARM FUN includes

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FARM ANIMALS: Beef Cattle, Horse, Sheep
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CUT OUT AND KEEP



DATES

EVERY 3RD SATURDAY OF THE MONTH

SATURDAY 17TH APRIL
SATURDAY 15TH MAY
SATURDAY 19TH JUNE
SATURDAY 17TH JULY
SATURDAY 21ST AUGUST
SATURDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER
SATURDAY 16TH OCTOBER
SATURDAY 20TH NOVEMBER
SATURDAY 18TH DECEMBER



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KINGSLEY CRICKET CLUB



The new cricket season is under way with league matches on The Croft Cricket Ground every Saturday. There is also a full list of Sunday fixtures and junior matches at five different age levels as well as 20/20 cricket on Wednesday evenings. All are welcome to come and watch the cricket, and if they wish, to become involved with the Cricket Club.

The Club are still urgently needing to raise funds towards the cost of the new net facility. The next big event is the Scouts/Cricket Club barbecue after the Kingsley Carnival on Saturday 26th June 2010. Please come and support the Scouts and Cricket Club if you can.

The formal "Grand Opening" of the new net facilities will take place on Sunday 11th July. As well as the Celebrity opening, there should be lots of entertainment including a cricket match, various stalls and events, licenced bar, barbecue, and many other things to see and do. If anyone has books that they can donate please contact Alison and Peter Storey on 01928 788789 for books for the book stall. Donna and Adrian Burden are running a cake stall and would be very interested to hear from possible contributors on 07966 711940. John Elliott is organising a tombola and anyone willing to donate a prize should please contact him on 07876 742373. Carol and Ceri Rees are manning the bric a brac stall and anyone in the village with items suitable for that should please contact Carol or Ceri on 01928 787743 and collection and storage can be arranged.

The Kingsley Cricket Club Festival of Beer is being held at The Croft Cricket Ground on Friday, Saturday and Sunday 24th, 25th and 26th September 2010. Full details nearer to the event.

The Club offer sponsorship packages for local businesses and the support of the business community is greatly appreciated. The Club Fund Raising Committee is contacting local businesses with regard to sponsorship opportunities. Any help from local businesses would be most welcome at the contact details given below.

As always the Club welcomes anyone interested in joining whether as player or social member, sponsor, coach, scorer, or umpire, or any other way which will encourage and support cricket in the community.

For all contact details and more about the Clubs activities, statistics and all other information, please visit the Club's website: www.kingsley.play-cricket.com. Club secretary Keith Trenell can be contacted on : 01928 788465

Jack Armstrong

This month has been quite a roller coaster month with some big improvements and others have dipped slightly. We had a facilitator come to our home from Son-Rise and work with Jack all day. She did spend a lot of her time 'Joining' Jack but she did say that the words Jack did speak to her were very clear and that he had very good eye-contact she also gave the team who work with Jack lots of ideas and ways to help Jack carry on furthering his developments. All her sessions were also recorded so it is fantastic material to show any new volunteers.

This month Jack and his team have been working on Jacks attention span and interaction and introducing a lot games. This has really helped Jack and Jacks words have also started to be a lot clearer.

Out of Jacks son-rise room he is starting to show a lot more interest in his surroundings and has started to watch visitors walk up our path and sometimes even surprise them with one of his infectious smiles. Jack has started to show a lot more interest in books again and actually looking at the pages rather than flicking through. In the garden Jack now sits next to George his brother on the swings waiting to be pushed which is such a pleasure to see. George is now starting to get confused when Jack one minute wants to play with him and the next he doesn't.

We are still waiting to hear back from the Local Education Authority to find out if they will fund Jacks son-rise Education programme as many LEA's in the country do.

We would like to thank all of you that showed your support at the Red-Bull for the fundraiser that Steve and Lindsay held for Jack it was a great evening and a great singer as well.

Next month the Round-Table is doing the coast to coast fundraising for Jack they are cycling from Whitehaven to Newcastle so we wish them every success on the 147 miles. Mark Jacks dad is also participating and never really cycled before. His training is doing very well last weekend he dislocated his finger going over the handlebars and spent Sunday in A&E. if you do see Mark around the village please give him a supporting shout!

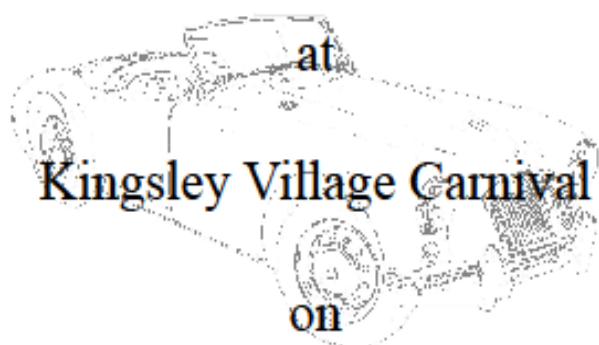
We also still have some team spaces available for Jacks golf day fundraiser on 25th May.

I spoke to someone out of the village the other day about what I am doing for Jack and that I am writing articles for the Kingsley News each month and they said to me that the people from 'KINGSLEY' have taken Jack to their hearts from what she has seen. I completely agree and can not thank you all so much for your kindness and generosity towards Jack and us as a family.

Jack s website www.joiningjacksteam.co.uk is updated weekly if you would like to be kept up to date. Jack is always looking for new volunteers if you know anyone that may be free please pass on our telephone number 788246 many thanks

Natalie, Mark, Jack and George

Kingsley Classic Car Rally



Saturday 26th June 2010

Classic Car Owners:

Take part in the morning run
Join the procession through the village
Enjoy the carnival activities



For details and entry form:

see www.kingsley-carnival.co.uk
or call John Woulds 01928 788616



Hollow Lane
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HEADTEACHER Mrs Ann Griffiths
VISITS WELCOME ANY TIME

Dear Readers,

The Spring Term was a really busy one at Kingsley St John's with lots of Easter activities and visitors. We celebrated Easter with an assembly at St John's Church with our friends and family. All of the children took an active part from paintings to poems and drama.

Working with an Artist

In March a professional Artist called Jane Dixon came to our school for 2 days to do some clay work with us. First we made a mural so that we could put our pieces of art onto it, then we made a clay doll, some flowers and butterflies. We had to use lots of different tools. **Charlotte Rowe**



We all really enjoyed working with Jane Dixon. She was an amazing artist who helped us all. She has inspired me to make my own ceramic models. We made lots of different things out of clay to put on the mural I also got to make some lovely pots. Our ceramic art work will be part of an exhibition at Woodford Lodge Visual Arts Centre in May. There will be a grand opening on 19th May at 6.30 for all the children, parents and teachers to see our work and all of the other art work in the gallery. **Jasmine Husle**



Stations of the Cross



During the last week of term our class were invited to join Vicar Pete and Mr and Mrs Merrington in the Stations of the Cross. This is the first time our school has done this and I was very lucky as I got to carry the cross. We walked round the church grounds and stopped at each station which had a picture on it. Then the vicar said some words about each of the pictures to remind us all about what happened at Easter and why it is the most important Christian festival. At the last station we all bowed our heads and had a minute of silence. Then I had to give the cross back. I hope they do it again next year.

Christopher Sherlock



Learning Beyond the Classroom

At Kingsley St John's we are very lucky to have magnificent grounds. As the sun was shining this week all of the children spent some time outside exploring the pond life and making the most of the grounds by pond dipping, sketching, taking photographs and taking part in drama sessions.

Our Pond

Our pond is a special place for all sorts of wide animals. This week we saw newts, frogs, toads, lots of water snakes, pond skaters and a big fish. At the beginning of spring lots of frog spawn was laid and now there are thousands of tadpoles covering the surface of the pond. Class 1 have some in a tank in their classroom so that they can watch and learn about the life cycle of a frog. Our pond is a haven for amphibian creatures and insects and is one of the most wonderful things we have in our grounds.

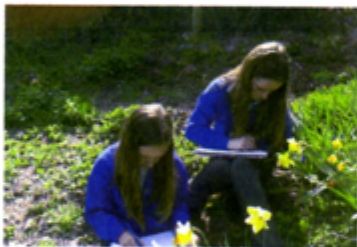
Amber Hulse



An Acrostic Poem by Ella Power

Pond dipping is such fun
Our pond is very special
Newts and frogs in the sun
Daffodils bright and yellow.

Around us all the birds sing
Nature in its glory
Insects running in a ring
Morning so bright and sunny
All of the day
I long to see frogs
Swimming and jumping in the pond.



Thinking of Others

At Kingsley St John's we do like to help other people. Last term we dressed in red to raise money for Haiti and for Sports Relief we took part in a lot of sporting activities. We all had fun with obstacle races, skipping, bean bag on your head and finished the afternoon with a tug of war!!!! It feels good to help others.

Class 3

Hope you are all enjoying the sunshine just like us!





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Dear Readers

We have been very busy in school over the last few weeks.

Gardening Club

The Gardening Club have been active over the last few weeks planting crops that we will be able to harvest and eat before the end of the Summer term.



Year 4 visit to Llandudno

Recently, our Year 4 children took part in their annual residential visit to Llandudno. They travelled on the train, which was a new experience for some children and took part in a range of exciting activities whilst there. The highlights for the children were the visit to the Copper



Mine, the visit to the Pier and the skiing lesson on the Dry-ski slope. The children were very well behaved and were a credit to the school, their families and the local community.

Cross Country in Delamere Forest

All of the Junior children took part in the Inter-schools Cross Country races in

Delamere Forest. We were very pleased with everyone's efforts and with those that beat their position from last year. The event was well supported by parents from all of the local schools. I would like to thank the staff for organising and taking part in this event.



Young Authors

Over the last couple of terms, children from Years 3-5 have been taking part in the Young Authors club at lunchtimes. They have been writing their own books based on the book 'Would you Rather...' by John Burningham. A range of these is now available to be read in the new entrance hall to the school.



St. George's Day Parade

Our Year 4 children took part in the St. George's Day Parade in Chester on 23rd April. They had a fun day making their costumes and weapons (!) with a visiting artist. On the day, some of the children took part in a jousting tournament, an archery contest and a sword fighting contest.



F Rimmer (Headteacher)

Kingsley Players



Alan Ayckbourn's Comedy Thriller

Notes from the director's chair

Rehearsals are well underway now for this Ayckbourn classic which you can see in a normal auditorium setting on Wednesday or Thursday, or on Friday or Saturday enjoy one of our now famous two course hot suppers (with vegetarian alternative) before the play at a total charge of only £12 per head.

Why not get together with a group of friends and book a table (of 6, 8 or 10), enjoy the meal together with a bottle of wine or three (our bar will be open throughout the evening).

Bookings as overleaf online, by box office telephone or at Hollands Pharmacy in Kingsley

And this is what the play is about.....

A hotel room in 2030. Poopay, a professional dominatrix, arrives to service the dying Reece but discovers his business partner Julian has murdered Reece's two wives. To escape Julian, Poopay flees through the communicating door and finds herself in the same room on the night of the murder in 2010. She meets Reece's second wife Ruella who uses the communicating door to disprove this ridiculous story of time travel and finds herself in the same room in 1990 where the young Reece is enjoying his wedding night with his first wife, Jessica. She is ejected by Harold, of Hotel security who knows her well in 2010 but not at all 20 years before.

The concept is typical Ayckbourn, superb imagination which is captivating. It's a fascinating concept, not to mention thrilling, intriguing and of course very funny. Directed by Malcolm Barker, it stars Neil Silcock as the wicked Julia, Laura Williams as Poopay, Si Sutton as Reece and Kath Kerry as Ruella. Lesley Silcock is Jessica with Colin Smith as Harold, Hotel Security.

Kingsley Parish Council Report – April 2010 Meeting

Chairman's Award

The annual Chairman's Award was made to Eila Birtwistle in recognition of her work with the Litter Pick. David Fletcher stood down as Chairman of the Parish Council having completed his year in office.

Opportunity for Public to Raise Issues - Progress with Allotments

Brian Leahiff attended the meeting to report on the work that the group has been doing to progress plans for allotments. He asked the Parish Council to give formal support for these plans which would help with funding applications.

Parish Plan

A formal launch of the Parish Plan project is planned for Carnival Day. Parish plans are evolving documents, outlining how a community would like to develop over the next ten years, and usually include an action plan detailing how these developments can be achieved. In Kingsley, this will be committee led.

Traffic and Transport

Cllr Moores reported on his progress in getting the Cheshire Fence at junction of Top Road and Brookside refurbished. Despite many months work, he has been unable to find someone able and willing to fund the work.

There was a discussion about how to address the problem of traffic and parking around the Co-op. The problem seems to come down to a shortage of parking during busy times.

Affordable Housing

No real progress has been made since the scheme was approved by the CWAC Planning Committee. Details for how to apply for the new houses will be published as they are available. Houses will be allocated by the Housing Association in accordance with the covenant which is a condition of the planning permission. This gives Kingsley residents precedence.

Carnival 2010

The Carnival will be held on June 26th from 2pm. Cllr Gwillim reported good progress with a strong committee working well.

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Kingsley WI

WI members continue to enjoy varied activities apart from the monthly meeting. The Walking Group met at Foxhill, followed by lunch at the Ring o' Bells and the Ladies who Lunch ate at the Coach House at Blakemere. The Lively Hands and Scrabble Groups continued to exercise their hands and minds.

The exhibit for Cheshire Show is well under way, more about this at a later date.

The Darts Team were victorious at the Group Competition. The president Lynn Blyth joined the team as an emergency replacement and found she had an unexpected talent!

The resolution to be discussed at the AGM in Cardiff in June will be about the clear labelling of food. Hilary Tucker will be our delegate.

The speaker was Sylvia Beythoun. Some "old" Kingsley residents might remember her, she left nearly 30 years ago. She was very lonely at first, missing Kingsley and all her friends here. She thought taking up a new hobby might help and decided on china painting even though she felt she had no artistic talent. She explained that the ability to draw is not necessary, but an interest in the techniques of mixing and applying the paints is much more what is required. She said it is becoming more and more difficult to acquire the plain china due to closure of so many factories in the potteries. She has become an expert in her field and teaches as far away as California. She brought some samples of her work which were beautiful.

The May meeting will be held in the Community Centre on May 5th when there will be a speaker from Age Concern.

Kingsley Community Centre

It is now 5 years since the community centre was reopened following the fire.

At the time of the fire the previous committee were due to stand down as they had been running the centre for some time. The meetings following the fire were packed to the rafters, but the Community Association is now at the point where the committee is down to such a small number that unless new people come forward, the sustainability of the community centre is in jeopardy.

Over the last 5 years there have been numerous fundraising events run by local groups: birthday and anniversary parties, weddings, as well as regular groups for all ages. It is a great facility to have within the village.

The commitment required is not onerous; meetings are usually held quarterly and only take an hour or so.

If you would consider getting involved please call or e.mail.

Mike Butler KCA Chairman 788125, mrpb_kca@yahoo.co.uk

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KINGSLEY WALKING GROUP

Despite the cold, wet and windy conditions, nine hardy souls and a greyhound turned out for the short walk on 31 March, from Daresbury. We circulated to Moore, following a section of the Bridgewater canal, before returning to Daresbury, where we adjourned to the Ring O'Bells pub to enjoy the warmth and a good lunch. The greyhound declined a drink on the grounds of putting on weight!

The regular walk, on 13 April, was to Garth Woods Nature Reserve, Penn-y-ffordd, North Wales, a little under 7 miles of easy going.

We parked near to Garth Mill, by a ford. Though only a few metres from the A548, the Mill remains a scene of rural tranquility. The nine of us set off up the wooded valley and onto a narrow track to the hamlet of Tre-Mostyn. At Wern Farm the farmers were trying to revive a newborn lamb. The path led us up the hill and along the higher edge of a wood, giving us occasional views of the sea in the distance. At the outskirts of Trelogan, crossing the fields to McWalker's Dingle, we followed the River Garth through the woods and back to the Mill. On the way home we stopped off to celebrate an anniversary.

Kingsley Walking Group have two walks each month, meeting at the Community Centre at 9.30am. On the second Tuesday there is a long walk, bring a packed lunch. On the last Wednesday a short walk with a coffee break and a pub lunch. We are a friendly group. For more information tel. 787055 or visit our website at www.kingsley.walkers.btinternet.co.uk



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Western Rural Round-up -

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1. Reports of youth in Drobers Lane Frodsham lighting fires. Please report any incidents.
2. Suspicious youths in Crowton eyeing up properties during the afternoon. One of the males was white wearing a tracksuit top and was paying attention to farm buildings.
3. We arrested two men following a shop lifting incident in Helsby this week. These two were circulated on my bulletin last week for shoplifting in Frodsham.
4. Reports of prowlers in the small hours around Fluin lane Frodsham. A member of the public reported see two youths in dark clothing looking in gardens.
5. A bit of vehicle crime this week in Cuddington. 3 vehicles were entered in Sandown Crescent and Sat Nav's taken.
6. We are getting thefts from vehicles occurring on the fringes of Delamere Forest, You may recall 3 yrs ago I circulated details of two middle aged men passing themselves off as walkers targeting our carparks and stealing goods. We arrested them and they were sentenced and it's my belief that men similar to their descriptions are back on us again. Please report anything suspicious around the forest and Waste Lane car parks.
7. Suspicious incident over the weekend in Castle Park Frodsham. Two teenage girls were approached by a man who sat next to them and engaged them in conversation. The man appeared to become angry when the girls tried to make their excuses and leave and he indicated he had a red Transit Van nearby which contained another man. The girls hurriedly left the area and the man did not pursue them. He is described as middle aged, white with receding hair and not discernable accent. One to bear in mind around the parks I think.
8. We have experienced a spate of criminal damage in Tarporley over the past couple of months and we have identified the offender and will be dealing with the youth who is local this week. I would anticipate that the incidents of damage will stop.
9. On the subject of damage following DNA results we have arrested a Frodsham youth for a spate of damage around Eddisbury Square.

Regards

Inspector Phil Hodgson



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Thu 6 May Voting Day !

Sun 9 May Christian Aid Sunday

- 10.00 am at The Hurst: Family Praise service

9 to 15 May Christian Aid Week

Mon 10 May - Noon to 1.00 pm:

Hurst Soup Lunch in aid of Halton Haven Hospice

Tues 11 May - Kingsley Walkers, 9.30 at Comm Centre

Thu 13 May Ascension Day

Sat 15 May - 10.00 am from KCC: Village Litter Pick

Wed 19 to Sat 22 May - Kingsley Players' production

Wed 19 May - 8.00 pm at The Hurst: **Café Church**

Sun 23 May Pentecost

Wed 26 - Kingsley Walkers, 9.30am at Comm Centre

Fri 28 May Schools half term holiday to 7 June

JUNE DATES

Mon 14 Jun Alternative school return date

Mon 14 Jun - Noon to 1.00 pm: Hurst Soup Lunch in aid of "Help for Heroes"

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