



# KINGSLEY NEWS

JUNE 2011

The news and voice of your village  
Community

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

**W/c June 5th Acres Crescent**

**W/c June 12th Beechview Road**

**W/c June 19th Hunters Hill and Dodgsley Drive**

**W/c June 26th Higher Heyes Drive**

***We invite you to add your own prayers***

# *EDITORIAL NEWS AND VIEWS*

Dear Readers

By the time the next edition of Kingsley News is published, the 2011 Kingsley Garden Trail will be upon us (Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July). Those of us with long memories may remember that the first garden trail was in 1993; since then, it has become a tri-annual event, making 2011 the seventh.

The garden trail always brings something of a carnival atmosphere to the village, attracting many hundreds of visitors, and providing an opportunity to enjoy private gardens not normally open to the public, as well as raising funds for local and national charities.

Gardening as a leisure pastime is much more widespread now than it was in 1993. There is an increasing interest in growing vegetables and fruit. Let's hope it will not be too long before the allotments are up and running in the village.

Enjoy the summer, and hope to see you on the garden trail.

Chris and John Woulds

P.S. don't forget to return your Parish Plan Questionnaire by Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June.

**Articles for the magazine to be sent to the Editor  
by email to - [ewilsonsecretarial@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:ewilsonsecretarial@yahoo.co.uk)  
Tel: 01928 787678  
Copy deadline is the 21st of each month**

**[www.kingsleyvillage.co.uk](http://www.kingsleyvillage.co.uk)**

## Parish Plan Survey - Progress

Thanks to the 150 people who have already returned their surveys. This is great.

But we need more! Each of the surveys that we get back will be analysed and your comments will be the basis for the Parish Plan that is produced.

Remember – when new initiatives are proposed, we will be able to use the plan to help make our case. It could be a new housing scheme, a wind farm or a turbine. The survey results will be evidence of our community's view – and that's a powerful voice when reacting to proposed new developments.

Collection boxes are at the Co-op, the Pharmacy, both schools and at the churches. If you can't get to any of these, just phone 788567 and we'll arrange to collect it. If you need another copy of the survey, we can help – just give us a call. The survey is also available on-line, so log on to <http://kingsleyvillage.co.uk> and fill it in there.

We will have a stall at the Transition Market on the 11<sup>th</sup> of June, where you can pick up a copy of the survey, drop off your form, or have a cup of copy while you fill one in. We hope we'll see you then.

**Send back your Survey  
Today**

## **INTRODUCTION**

This report highlights the activities and business of the Council for the financial year ending **31<sup>st</sup> March 2011**

## ***MEMBERS***

Cllr. Gwillim (Chairman)	Cllr. R.Wilson (Vice Chairman)
Cllr. Fletcher	Cllr. M. Goodridge
Cllr. G. Warburton	Cllr. C. Maddock
Cllr. E. Lewis	Cllr D. Moores
Cllr. M. Barker	Cllr. S.Ireland
Cllr.B.Brooker	Mrs. D. Woods (Clerk)

## ***Footpaths & Playing fields***

The play equipment has now been in used for two years and continues to be well used. It is inspected regularly in line with insurance requirements. The field is kept clear of litter by dog walkers and the Kingsley Litter Pickers. A review will be made of the trees around the field to determine what work, if any, needs to be undertaken. Appreciation was made by the Parish Council to the residents who give up their time in locking and unlocking the gate.

The footpaths are generally in good order apart from disrepair on a few stiles, plus various signposts. Some signposts have been replaced with the new Cheshire West and Chester Logo. Footpath maps are available from the Red Bull and the Pharmacy.

## ***Traffic & Transport***

Discussions have taken place with CWAC over proposals to introduce a 30 mph speed limit along the entire length of Dark Lane and part of the way along Depmore Lane. The location of the new warning signs has also been agreed once that formal consultation has been completed.

Despite failing to identify the body/owner responsible for maintaining the railings, KPC has been successful in securing funds from CWAC to undertake works to repair, and repaint the Cheshire railings at Dark Lane and Top Road junction. The works will commence in early 2011/12. Special thanks to our local CWAC councillors for helping to secure funds to support this work

Concerns were raised by residents from Dark Lane over potential traffic problems that could be caused by the sale of the business at the top of Dark

Lane. Following discussions with officers from CWAC we are in a better position to keep a close eye on developments to try to ensure that any new owners/use of the site will not create additional traffic problems along the lane.

Discussions with CWAC officers and Councillors raising concerns about the erosion that is appearing along the road and footpath adjacent to the brook. We hope that action to resolve the erosion along the footpath (close to Brook House, Chapel Lane) will be undertaken in 2011/12. However we have been unable to ascertain when work to resolve the problems along the road near Brookside/Town Well will be able to take place.

There will be a substantial section in the forthcoming Parish Plan survey which is designed to seek the views and thoughts of Kingsley residents and business regarding the current priorities re traffic and transport around the village.

Discussions have continued with CWAC and the representatives of the landowner in an attempt to resolve the 'missing' footpath problem near Scotlands Lane. We are hopeful that we might be able to reach agreement on a temporary solution soon whilst we consider longer term options to provide a safe route for walkers.

Replacement fencing around the playing fields has now been installed by CWAC (special thanks to Cllr Lynne Riley for her help in resolving this matter)

### ***Cemetery***

Frost damage to the brickwork on the cemetery building has now been repaired. A refund of nearly £500.00 was received from United Utilities due to being wrongly charged. A new contractor has been appointed to cut around the headstones but we are pleased that the cemetery is looking neat and tidy and is frequented by young and old alike.

### **KU 17s Group**

During 2010 the membership increased and was still rising. The meeting night was changed to Thursday and now one session is held from 7.00pm–9.00pm. An air Hhckey table, snooker table and a new TV set was donated by people from the village which was much appreciated. The members organised a Christmas disco themselves and a barbecue was held. The group also supported the annual pantomime.

Karen Richards and Beth Holbrook retired from the committee Sue Reynolds also retired this year and thanks were made to her as she was

one of the founder committee members. There is now a strong team of Youth Workers led by Bridgeen Smythe.

The members had outings to Deeside Ice Rink and Laser Quest in Warrington. It is hoped to carry out more fund raising throughout the coming year.

The Group expressed their appreciation to the Parish Council for their financial support.

It is pleasing to report that the members of the group have been praised for their good behaviour during club sessions and especially on outings.

### **Youth Issues**

It is pleasing to report that Kingsley did not have any issues with young people during the year, The setting up of KU17s approximately 6 years ago was felt to be a contributory factor as had the local Scout and Guiding groups. We have continued to support the Frodsham Helsby & Kingsley Action Group meetings which are felt to be a useful forum in keeping up to date with community issues of which you issues play a part.

### **Web Site**

The Kingsley website continues to improve and is supported by many of the village organizations.. Simon Sherlock continues to do an excellent job (with very little reward maintaining the website) and the Parish Council, and the community, once again offers its thanks to Simon for his sterling work.

The website now offers a very rich resource in archive material from the last seven years. Statistics show the website is accessed from places as far away as Alaska and Australia.,China being significant in this, possibly due to Kingsley St John's links to a Chinese school.

### **Kingsley News Monthly Magazine**

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

### **Community Liason**

Another excellent year with many reports of both individuals and community groups working together for the common good. Unsung volunteers continue to assist the elderly and infirm. A number of organisations offer chances for youth development and entertainment within the village. It was pleasing to see increased co-operation between the Community Centre and the Village Institute

## **Community Pride/Carnival/Orchards**

It has been a quiet year with regard to the orchards in Kingsley. It was decided not to enter Kingsley in the Community Pride Competition this year. However despite not entering, the majority of the time the village looked very smart and incredibly tidy. due to the army of litter pickers led by Isla Birtwhistle, They did a fantastic job on a very regular basis, therefore on behalf of all Kingsley the Parish Council would like to formally thank everyone who has contributed as a litter picker.

## ***CHAIRMAN'S OVERVIEW***

The last year has been eventful. It started in May when planning permission for affordable houses in Kingsley was granted. Progress was then slowed by the General Election and the spending review. Kingsley was lucky to have secured the necessary funding for the scheme and work has recently started on the development.

There was a Carnival in June 2010. The Carnival was held on the St John's School field and was a huge success. The weather excelled itself and the Delamere dog display team was a great highlight. The profit was shared between the Brownies and the Kingsley Nursery.

In November 2010 a Parish Planning project was launched. The project will take up to a year to complete. To date more than 100 people have been involved. A survey for the village has been developed and will be distributed during April.

Planning permission was also granted for an allotment site in Chapel Lane. This initiative has been led by the Transition Initiative who has worked hard to secure this permission.

Although we set aside money for Participatory funding, this has yet to be allocated. The money will be rolled forward to next year.

This year's budget was set with no increase, in recognition of the economic climate. The Parish Council was careful to review all spending and cut expenditure on non essential items. The annual review of maintenance contracts also resulted in some savings.

Parish Council meetings have been well attended and individual members continued to work "above and beyond" the call of duty. In particular, thanks were made to David Fletcher, Ray Wilson, Daniel Moores and Carolynne Maddock for their efforts in repairing and maintaining seats around the village. My informal award for persistence is awarded to Daniel for his



determination in getting the Cheshire Railings at the bottom of Dark Lane repaired. This is a piece of Kingsley's heritage and without Daniel's work would surely have been lost.

As ever, Doreen Woods continued to support the Parish Council in many ways. Without her we would be much less well run and professional.

## **INCOME**

Balance brought forward	15867.08
Precept	21609.00
Burials	3925.00
Bank interest	10.03
Carnival	1026.45
Walks books	23.00
Refund United Utilities	495.73
Refund VAT	359.61
Grant Cheshire railings	1400.00
Donation Cemetery	170.00
	<u>44885.88</u>

## **EXPENDITURE**

Salaries & Tax	5894.64
Footpaths	1750.00
Administration	1645.90
Audit	446.02
Playing fields	1507.95
Insurance	1694.31
Subscriptions/donations	662.19
Subsidy Youth Club	1000.00
Carnival	882.80
Cemetery general maintenance	4074.73
Loan repayment	2738.66
Seat repairs	104.35
VAT	361.41
Notice board	51.97
Trees (The Hurst)	180.00
Grass Community Centre	50.00
	<u>23044.93</u>

**BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD £21840.95**

**April 2011**

# **Are you thinking about Applying to Rent an Affordable House?**

## **NEW INFORMATION**

People interested in renting one of the new houses should log on to [www.trusthomechoice.co.uk](http://www.trusthomechoice.co.uk) and register for a rental property.

When the Kingsley development becomes available, REGISTERED people will be able to make a bid on them. Registration will place people into one of 5 bands, and assuming that they have a strong Kingsley connection, they will be considered for a house.

In the event that there are more qualified people than houses, the timing of their registration could be a factor.

More information will be available on the Kingsley village website and in next month's Kingsley News.

**The earlier you register, the better**

# THANK YOU

On behalf of the few hundred Kingsley residents who joined them during the course of the day, may I use the courtesy of your pages to express my thanks to Stephen Wales, his family and the team of volunteers at the Red Bull for organising and hosting a splendid celebration of the Royal Wedding on the 29<sup>th</sup> April. Without his initiative Kingsley would not have been able to participate in a communal way in the memorable pageantry and joyful occasion.

The Red Bull provided games for the children including a Bouncy Castle and fairground stalls all of which proceeds went to a local charity as well as its usual excellent food and a range of outstanding CAMRA ales on offer at too appealing a price.

Perhaps what is not widely known is that his family only came back from holiday that morning and worked so hard to provide a memorable day for the community, in the course of which they did not have time to see the BBC TV broadcast itself.

Furthermore, could I dare mention that next year is the Diamond Jubilee of the Accession of HM the Queen and if the Red Bull would like to repeat the event they can count on at least this Kingsley resident to volunteer his services to help out (and assuming that the 'official' institutions of the village are still wrapped in their republican cloaks of despair). If the response is positive, then perhaps we might also book 2015. In that year will be two important non-PC anniversaries, both when the English thoroughly trounced the French: Agincourt and Waterloo. I do not expect the BBC will be covering these or at least might ignore the former but produce a programme for the latter no doubt apologising for our efforts in scuppering this attempt by Napoleon in favour of European Union.

Well done the Red Bull and thanks.

Chris Pownall

# The Hurst Souperstars'

SOUP LUNCH

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June Noon to 1.00pm

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

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All proceeds for Methodist Homes,  
offering comfort and dignity in old age.

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

## WORSHIP AT THE HURST METHODIST CHURCH

**Minister: Revd Steve Santry**

**140th Anniversary of the present chapel during June**

### **Sunday 5th June**

10.00 am : Holy Communion. Revd C Norman R Wallwork

6.30 pm at Blakelees : Holy Communion. Revd Steve Santry

### **Sunday 12th June Pentecost**

8.15 am at St John's : United Holy Communion.

10.00 am : Family Worship. Revd David Blanchflower

6.30 pm at Blakelees : Mr Andrew Ellams

### **Sunday 19th June**

10.00 am : **All Age Worship**. Revd Ann Rigby-Jones

6.30 pm at Blakelees : Mr John Bell

### **Wednesday 15th June**

8.00 pm: Café Church

### **Sunday 26th June**

10.00 am : Family Worship. Revd Ian Rigby

6.30 pm at Blakelees : Mr Edgar Gregory

***All are welcome***

# Kingsley St John The Evangelist Parish Church

Vicar. Revd.Pete Rugen. 01928 787180

Curate. Revd. Gill Stanning. 01928 788623

## *Services for June 2011*

June 2	10:00	Holy Communion
June 5	09:30	Holy Communion
June 12	08:15	Holy Communion
	09:30	Morning Service
June 15	20:00	Café Church (at The Hurst)
June 19	09:30	Holy Communion
	11:15	All Age Service
June 23	10:00	Holy Communion
June 26	10:00	Open Air Service in Vicarage Garden

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## Ken Harrop

Jane and Kirstie would like to thank all friends and neighbours in Kingsley for their cards and messages of condolence following Ken's sudden and unexpected death. The support I have received especially from those living in Church View has been overwhelming and very much appreciated.

## Litter Pick Update

On **Saturday 14th May** 14 of our litter pick team cleared the village of litter 14 bags of litter. This was the day after two of the litter pick team had completed the 90 miles walking The Dales Highway. 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 18th June and Saturday 16th July** 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.

## Kingsley, Crowton & Norley Mothers' Union

Our curate, Rev Gill Stanning, joined us at our May meeting, giving a talk entitled 'How I got here'. She gave us an entertaining insight into the various stages of her life so far, and the reasons why she decided to follow her calling to become a minister in the Church of England. Lively discussion followed, mainly on the role of women in the C. of E., and the possibility of women becoming bishops.

Mrs Pam Lee, one of our own members, will talk about 'Cultural Issues for African Women' at the meeting on 7 June.

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

**THE 2011**  
**KINGSLEY GARDEN TRAIL**  
**SATURDAY 2<sup>nd</sup>. JULY**  
**12noon to 5.30 pm**

This promises to be a great day out for all the family. 14 Private gardens to explore plus a School Project and the New Peace Garden. Get lots of inspiration for your own garden by visiting some or all. Browse to your heart's content!  
Plant sales and the legendary refreshments.

Get your programmes now, from The Holland Pharmacy, Elegance Health and Beauty or Devonshire Bakery.

Admission is just £5 per person (accompanied children free).

All programme proceeds to: The Alzheimer's Society, Chester Aid to the Homeless & the KCA.

See: [www.kingsleyvillage.co.uk](http://www.kingsleyvillage.co.uk)

**CAN ANYONE HELP ?**

I am researching a football book on Millwall FC and am trying to track down David Wilmot Llewellyn Jones who was born in Kingsley in April 1940, who was an England Schoolboy international and played for Crewe, Birmingham City and Millwall. We believe he is back living in the Cheshire area but have no idea where. I was hoping that somebody might remember or know of David or a member of his family and would be able to put us in touch.

Many thanks

Neil

<[fissler\\_neil@hotmail.com](mailto:fissler_neil@hotmail.com)>

# CONGRATULATIONS

Four Scouts from Kingsley have achieved their Queens Scout Award, the ultimate training award for youth members of Scouting after completing a number of camping, hiking, service and leadership challenges over the past four years. All four were active members of 1st Newton and Kingsley Scout Group; three have been members since the age of six. They then moved on to Explorer Scouts where they followed a programme which enabled them to achieve their award.

Three of the Scouts, Nic Chia, Jonathan Wilson and Jonny Storey are now at university; the other one, Graham Harrison has now completed his university studies and has now become the Scout Leader at Kingsley.

On Sunday 1st May all four Scouts attended the annual parade of Queens Scouts held in the Quadrangle of Windsor Castle. In the morning they were put through their paces with a full rehearsal and marching practice. During the afternoon they showed off their marching skills as they paraded from the barracks to the castle where they were inspected by the Hon. Mary Bayliss and the Chief Scout, Bear Grilles. The parade was followed by the National Scout Service in St. Georges Chapel.

Our success in Kingsley in getting these young people through this award is down to the hard work and commitment of our leaders and the Scouts themselves.

We are always looking for more people (young or adult) to join us and take part in our fun and active programme. For more details please contact Alison Storey, tel 01928 788789.

Left to right: - Nic Chia,  
Graham Harrison,  
Jonathan Wilson and  
Jonny Storey





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*Kingsley*

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## **REMINDER**

**There will not be a magazine in August, so if you are holding an event in August or September, please make sure your advert goes in the July edition of Kingsley News.**



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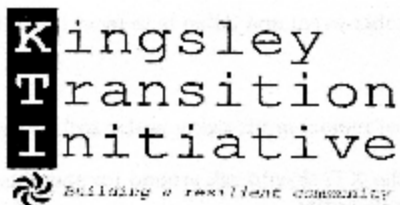


## KINGSLEY WALKING GROUP

On April 27<sup>th</sup>, 12 walkers and 2 dogs set off from the Travellers Rest. They went past Frodsham caves, towards Crow Mere and across the fields along the Eddisbury Way, along Middle Lane, down Pike Lane and towards Peel Hall Farm. At this stage one of the dogs decided to chase a rabbit and disappeared. The remainder continued, passing the back of Lady Hayes and across the field to Hatley Farm and back to the Travellers where our lunch was being prepared. The weather was kind to us, we had sun all the way, and the dog returned safely.

On May 10<sup>th</sup> nine walkers and one dog set off from Marbury Park on a 7 mile walk. The day was sunny and breezy, and fortunately the forecast rain showers stayed away till after the walk was completed. After a coffee break at the Anderton lift bridge, we observed large families of newly-hatched ducklings and cygnets with their proud parents on the Trent & Mersey Canal. From Marston, we walked across fields to Great Budworth, and from there back to Marbury. How lucky we are to have such beautiful countryside so close to home!

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](http://www.kingsley.walkers.btinternet.co.uk)



## **IMPORTANT NEWS ON OUR 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNIVERSARY !**

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### **ALLOTMENTS**

Planning permission has now been given for 17 allotments to be shared by 21 members of the Allotments group. News about their application for funding from the Lottery is expected soon.

### **LOCAL PRODUCE MARKET - SATURDAY 11TH JUNE**

The next market takes place in the Community Centre 9.30am to 1.00pm with 20 stalls. Lots of local fruit and vegetables, local beef, local honey and face painting for children.

### **LOCAL TRADES**

Local trades people held a successful breakfast at the Horseshoe pub on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May. Next breakfast get-together will be Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June. Interested? Contact local electrician Frank Pilgrim 07711 258677.

### **PV SOLAR INSTALLATIONS, PRODUCING ELECTRICITY.**

There are 4 successful installations now in Kingsley. If you plan an installation speak with us first at the market 11<sup>th</sup> June. Our project to put PV solar panels on the roof of the Community Centre progresses.

<http://www.kingsleyvillage.co.uk/kti>

## **Kingsley W.I.**

Mrs Alison Penney from Norley, who is representing several local W.I.'s at the forthcoming A.G.M., was welcomed to our May meeting. Two resolutions concerning (a) factory farming of pigs and cows and (b) closure of local libraries were discussed and our votes were noted. There will be no walk or luncheon club this month. The Cheshire Show exhibit is well in hand.

'Busy as a Bee' was the talk given by Mr J. Van Suchtelen, a local bee keeper from Tarvin. He gave us much information about life in a hive and the habits of bees. We learned about the different roles of the queen, drones and workers, that the temperature within the hive is always 95°, drones don't sting and you should not waft a bee or wasp unless you want to be stung. Honey can be put on a scald, burn or nettle sting, and if a teaspoonful is taken daily throughout the year it can help to prevent hay fever. Honey is a good food but should never be given to babies under 12 months old.

Christine Stockton will speak about 'The Story of Flamenco' at the meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> June.

Visitors to Kingsley W.I. are always welcome. The meetings start at 7.30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month in Kingsley Community Centre.

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**PLACES AVAILABLE**

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Dear Readers,

The children at Kingsley St John's celebrated the Royal Wedding in style with a Royal Lunch. The hall was decked out with Union Jack bunting, flags were flown and serviettes in red white and blue were laid out in rows as the children tucked into a royal feast, fit for a Prince and Princess. Music played and everyone enjoyed celebrating the wedding of Prince William and Katherine Middleton.



A willow arch was planted in the school grounds to commemorate the wedding of Prince William & Katherine Middleton. Every child in the school was able to help with the construction as Sarah the artist explained what they needed to do. The arch is right by the school entrance so that everyone can admire it. It will be a permanent reminder of the Royal Wedding.



**Future Events**

As you will have noticed on our new banner outside the school we have a China themed afternoon on 24<sup>th</sup> May linked to Mrs Hill's recent visit to a school in China. Also there is an Open Day on the 21<sup>st</sup> June where we would like to extend a warm welcome to everyone to come and join us.

The Children & Staff of Kingsley St John's School



## NEWTON AND KINGSLEY SCOUTS

### CHARITY BOOK COLLECTION

During the month of June Kingsley scouts are collecting books for young people in developing countries. This is in response to a Scout Association partnership with Scouts in Germany ([www.bookbridge.org/scouts](http://www.bookbridge.org/scouts)). So if you have any books please contact any of the scout leaders listed below and we shall arrange for some scouts to come and collect them.

Peter Storey (788789)  
Graham Harrison (788189)  
Peter Leyland (735538)

## THANK YOU

To Kingsley folk and many others. Thank you for all your calls, visits, cards, flowers, cakes and prayers. For all your kindness, generosity and support..

Thank you.

Beryl Paulson

## **FARM UPDATE                      MAY 2011**

As last months 'ramblings' got a positive response and weren't totally panned by my readers, I have decided to do another update.

After March and April were totally dry and a lot warmer than average, just as the potato harvest started, so did the rain!! It was just in time to save the potato crop and the wheat and barley. There is an old saying 'rain in May for corn and hay'. We started harvesting our new potatoes on 8<sup>th</sup> May; the earliest I can remember. This is due to the exceptionally warm spring and the lack of night frosts. We are selling New Potatoes to local shops and from our Farm Shop at Hatley Farm, Frodsham. (Near the Netherton Hall Pub). As May has progressed, no real rain has fallen, making the drought very serious now. Much of our wheat is only about a foot high instead of two foot high at this stage. There has been no rain at all in the South and East of Britain, and Northern Europe. There has been exceptionally heavy rains in North America, delaying their Spring planting and now very hot weather in Russia has caused them to downgrade their cereal yield forecast. Cereal prices have jumped again on the back of this. High cereal prices affect all other sectors of farming. All chickens, poultry and pigs are fed on a cereal-based diet. Milking cows and beef cattle are all fed cereal concentrates, particularly in the winter. The increase in cereal prices will push up the price of all other foodstuffs.

Our first litter of kittens has arrived! We shut the mother cat in the barn, as we knew she was about to pop: she was as wide as she was long. Liz put several cosy little nests around the place with old blankets and towels in the hope that she would give birth in a suitably accessible place. But hey, you can bring a horse to water, but you can't make it drink! One morning we noticed she had shrunk considerably, but where were the kittens? We looked and looked but not a trace. Finally she led us to them. Five little kittens, born inside an up-ended pallet approximately 5



inches wide. How did she do it, and more importantly, how on earth were we going to get them out. The pallet was being used to contain a huge pile of logs for winter, in a very difficult place to get to. We resorted to using a little fishing net of George's and scooping them out one by one, we re-housed them in a purpose made kitten crate. We shut mother in with them for the night so she would get used to their new environment. A good job done, or so we thought!

Next morning, I fed the cats in the barn, let the Mother Cat out for a run, and proceeded up the orchard to check sheep and hens. Low and behold, by the time I returned – 10 minutes later, both Mother Cat and all five kittens had gone!..... back to the upturned pallet!!

'Beautiful Kittens for Sale', if we ever get them out of the pallet.

Lillian of Highbank, one of my most loyal followers, would like to know more about the plants and animals that live in Acres Wood, one of our SBI's (Site of Biological Importance). Where do I start? First of all, there are catkins in February, native wild daffodils in March, bluebells in April, and hawthorn and horse chestnut in May. There is a host of very rare wild grasses, including hawkweed, St.John wort, ladies smock, bog stitchwort, square stalked willow herb, wavy buttergrass and fools watercress among many others.

We have many types of birds and animals, including a large thriving badger set, a pair of nesting buzzards, barn owls, pheasants, many song birds including tree sparrows, chiff chaff, yellow hammer and green finches. Some of these are on the RSPB Red List of endangered species. It is our job as farmers to ensure we provide a suitable habitat for all our wildlife.

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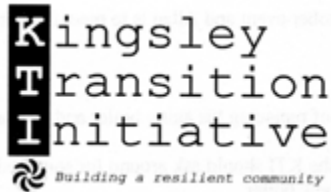
What a wonderful time we all had on the Royal Wedding Day!!  
Thank you all for your support, hopefully you all had a good time.

We collected £153.74 from the games which will go to the  
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**PILATES GROUP: Hurst Methodist Rooms: Every Tuesday from 1.30pm-2.30pm.** Pilates is extremely good for core muscles and for strengthening the back, toning legs and arms and is a great way of keeping supple. Beginners are welcome but tutor covers all levels. To reserve a place please contact: Susan on 01829 751398 or email the above number.

### **WEEKEND TELEPHONE COMPANIONS:**

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Each day young people would have the family drinking water to collect from spring-water spouts around the village, fresh milk, straight from the cow at the farm, and freshly baked bread from the baker. We learned to play the piano, we played tennis, and girls of course learned to sew and knit. There was football every Saturday. We nearly all attended Sunday School with a free outing each year and a book prize at Christmas. There was no library, no swimming available except in the River Weaver. There was always skipping of course!

There was always something 'going on' – concerts, Youth club, meetings, choir practice, Annual Show & Rechabite Parade & Fair, Girls, Friendly Society dance (we always carried our slippers in a fabric draw-string bag).

In the winter we made slides on the ice, trekking to Hatchmere when it was frozen over. As a family we played Ludo, Draughts and Snakes & Ladders, even Whist, by lamplight.

When we were old enough we might go to night-school, but by the age of 15 or 16, boredom wasn't an issue as most of us were working.

The village of Kingsley and everyone in it was our universe. Everyone knew everyone and as a result we all had to respect each other, regardless of status. Children had to respect their parents and everyone else – including each other. Other people's property was also respected. We were probably still tribal. It was always 'our' John or 'our' Kate, sometimes 'our' Mam or Dad, 'our' house, 'our' village. There was much friendly rivalry between villages, particularly Kingsley and Norley. Each would quote in praise of his or her own village –

'Norley gawbies, Crowton crabs,  
Five Crosses bulldogs, Kingsley goodlads'.

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**Myra Killip**

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## **Frodsham and District Choral Society**

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Last year's concert was a sell-out, so get your tickets early!

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## THE HURST CHAPEL ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

June 2011 sees the 140th anniversary of the present Hurst Chapel in Kingsley. (This is the third chapel to be built on the same site, for the original Wesleyan community was active from the mid 1780s.)

To mark this occasion a programme of events has been arranged throughout June and you are warmly invited to attend these. There is a cost for two events; and for others we need to know numbers as there are limited places, so please obtain tickets in advance.

**Sat 4th June** -15.00 Opening of the new Kingsley Community Peace Garden at Hurst.

15.30 Treasure Hunt - 17.00 Hymn-sing in the Peace Garden

18.00 Refreshments

**Sat 18th June** - 19.30 Concert "A Musical Miscellany" at The Hurst by Frodsham & District Choral Society. Refreshments available (no charge; admission by ticket from Stuart & Julie Clark 788775, or Jon & Jan Batey 788706)

**Sun 19th June** - 12.00 Family picnic (bring your own food & drink) at The Wyches. Hog-roast. No charge; admission by ticket from Jean & Brian Moores 787442

**Sun 26th June** -12.30 Church Anniversary Lunch at The Hurst. Fund-raising for the church project; entry by ticket only, £10 per head from Sue Wood 787461 or Wendy Withenshaw 788943.

**Sat 2nd July** -12.00 Kingsley Garden Trail. The Community Peace Garden at The Hurst will participate. There will be refreshments and a small selection of stalls, raising funds for the church project.

**Former Ministers will lead our Sunday 10.00 am worship throughout June :**

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**KINGSLEY PLAYERS**

As someone with no interest in amateur dramatics, The Kingsley Players production of 'It runs in the family' was, for me, merely an opportunity to meet up with friends and have something to eat and a drink.

In fact, I enjoyed an evening of 'laugh out loud' comedy and thought I should acknowledge the quality of the village's local actors.

With only one prompt and an 'animated' clock, the whole production combined to create a great atmosphere that built up to a finale that had the audience roaring with laughter.

I think it is great that we have this quality of entertainment on our doorstep!!

Tony Evans

## KINGSLEY COMMUNITY PEACE GARDEN

Among changes made to the premises at the Hurst Methodist Church in 2009, the installation of French doors leading on to an adjacent grassed area allowed a means of escape from the building and admitted more natural light into the meeting room. The idea was then suggested that we could make better use of the grassy area by creating a garden - and a pleasant place to be.

In discussion it became clear that there was support from Church and community for this and so the beginnings of a Garden of Peace were conceived. In this context 'garden of peace' means a 'peaceful place'; and as it matures we hope it will truly become so. Whilst the garden is on land in the ownership of the Methodist Church, it is a Kingsley Community Peace Garden for all in the village and wider community. There is easy access, plenty of seating and will be open at all times.

The garden has been designed and built by David Mort (Gardens and Homes) and the main funding has been from WREN, donations to Mary Makin's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday, Cheshire West and Chester Council, the Pilates Group and other anonymous donors. We are especially grateful to those who have made possible the gate, fence, seats, privacy panel, plants and plant support structure. And without many hours of voluntary work we could not have achieved our aim of completion for the first Saturday in June - linked with our celebration of the 140<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Hurst chapel.

So, please come to the garden, enjoy your time in this peaceful place and give thanks for a small part of God's created world.

**Brian Moores** (*adapted*)



What have we been doing recently?

Each class took part in some French dancing as a lead-in to our French week in school. The dances came from different regions of France. The children had a fantastic time and were able to apply some of their knowledge of French when talking to the instructor. Well done everyone!

## Royal Wedding Celebration

We celebrated the Royal Wedding in School by having a special celebration day.

All of the children and staff dressed up in red, white and blue for the occasion.

During assembly, we watched some of the highlights from the wedding and talked about some of the special guests.

At lunchtime, our school cook provided a special celebration lunch in the style of a street

party.

Throughout the day, the children worked with a cook decorating cup-cakes with themed decorations such as red, white and blue icing, flags, photos of the couple, icing roses and hearts. These were all put together at the end of the day to create a large wedding cake which we all enjoyed.

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## It Runs in the Family

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Some say that farce is *passé*. Long gone are the days of the Whitehall Theatre and Brian Rix with the ever-falling trousers. Fear not. Farce is alive and well and splitting sides in Kingsley. "It Runs in the Family" is set in a hospital doctors' common room. The happily married Dr Mortimer (Neil Silcock) is preparing to give a lecture which should bring him a knighthood and medical directorship of the hospital. At that point a nurse (Laura Williams) with whom he had had a fling appears to tell him he is the father of her eighteen year-old son. The perfect recipe for a farce. The interplay between the arrogant, forceful Mortimer and his more compliant colleague, Dr Bonney (Steve Powell) is hilarious. Each explanation of the situation is frustrated by the untimely appearance of Mrs Mortimer (Lesley Silcock), the love child (Nick Chambers) hotly pursued by a police sergeant (Lynn Pegler), Matron (Sue Elliott) and a nurse (Emma Crosby). Add to this the frequent appearances of Dr Connolly (James Williams) who's main occupation was to make everyone eat a mince pie, a stropky patient (Roy Green) who thought the doctors' room was his private ward, the more and more inebriated and tetchy Sir Willoughby (Malcolm Barker) and finally Dr Bonney's mother (Liz Langton). The perfect concoction for a classic farce. Throw in the two doctors both appearing as Matron which leads to the 'real' Matron losing her bloomers – what more could you ask for. Those involved, actors, back-stage staff and all the others who contributed to the success of the show are to be congratulated, particularly Malcolm Barker who, as well as playing Sir Willoughby directed the play.

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The only down side is that I am considering suing the group – my sides are still aching from laughing right through from the first to last line. They were indeed "Entertaining Angels" and I can't wait for the next show in October.

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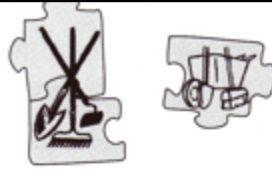
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Sat 4 June - 3.00 pm: Formal Opening of the 'Kingsley Community Peace Garden' at The Hurst.

*6 Jun Schools back*

Sat 11 Jun - 9.30 am-1.00 pm at KCC: Local Produce Market

Sun 12 Jun (Pentecost / Whit Sunday) - 8.15 am at St John's: United Holy Communion

Mon 13 Jun - Noon to 1.00 pm : Hurst Soup Lunch

Tues 14 June - Kingsley Walkers 9.30 at KCC

Wed 15 Jun - 8.00 pm at The Hurst : Café Church

Sat 18 Jun - 7.30 pm at The Hurst : Celebration Concert "A Musical Miscellany" by Frodsham & District Choral Society

*Sun 19 Jun Father's Day*

Wed 29 Jun - Kingsley Walkers 9.30 at KCC

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## JULY DATES

Sat 2 Jul Noon onwards: Kingsley Garden Trail.

Sun 10 Jul - 8.15 am : United Holy Communion

- 10.00 am at The Hurst: All Age Worship.

Theme: "School's out for Summer"

Mon 11 Jul - Noon to 1.00 pm: Hurst Soup Lunch

Sat 16 Jul - 12.30 pm at KCC: **Jumble and Book Sale.**

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