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FROM THE EDITOR

Welcome to the July 24 edition of Kingsley News,

July is upon us, a sporting month to end all months; Euro finals, Wimbledon and the Olympic Games. Hence I thought it apt to include the medal on the front cover, celebrating my wife completing the London Marathon this April. I hope you enjoy a little write up I have included celebrating her incredible achievement. Even now, whilst, I'm editing this edition, she's pounding the treadmill in the garage in preparation for completing it again next year!

Last month I commented on the appearance of the village. Thank you for the emails I received and your comments. Kingsley Parish Council are hosting a **Village Enhancement Day** in September, when villagers and members of the Council will be invited to undertake some minor works around the village, to once again improve the appearance, and make Kingsley a beautiful place to live in. I think this is great thing to do, so do get involved.

Unfortunately, last month I managed to miss publishing an advert for **Ashton Sings**. My sincere apology to the group. However, with the event taking place on **13th July**, there is still plenty of time to get tickets (see advert on the back cover of this edition of Kingsley News) and join them.

Finally, have a wonderful summer. There is no August edition of Kingsley News, but we will be back in September to continue to keep you up to date with all the things happening in our wonderful village.

Best Wishes
Steve

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

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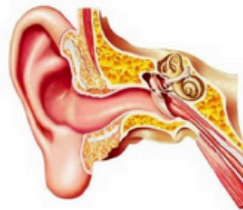
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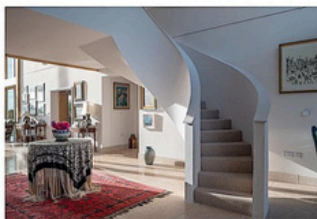
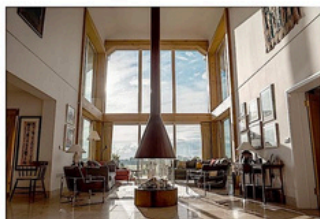
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THE KINGSLEY SPRING FAYRE 2024



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Faced with the uncertain weather and under the watchful and inscrutable eye of Jane Wodhams, the chief organiser, her dependable and stoic helpers turned out on a blustery morning to erect gazebos in the car park of the Red Bull. Mrs. Wodhams was not going to let the hammer wielding Thor, God of storms, disrupt her meticulous plans. By one o'clock the omens had turned in our favour and under a bright if not sweltering sun Elsie was crowned May Queen for 2024 and how regally she sat upon her throne.

Our Lord Mayor, he of disputable and questionable titles, sat upon his trusty steed and declared that the Spring Fayre of 2024 was officially open and the festivities began.

In aid of Kingsley's Guides and Scouts who manned the stalls and games, this year's Fayre raised £1774. The children played and the adults raised many a glass or two; the weight of parenthood is never more stressful as it is on occasions such as this. The dog show was a great success and our little friends were never more well behaved. The title of best of Show was awarded to Lottie.



While the boat race heats were under way the hammer fell and copious bucketfuls of the damp stuff rained upon our heads. Three boats were lost in the deluge and were doomed to a watery grave although rumour has it they were last seen passing the Pier Head heading for the New World. The event was abandoned for the day and The Tug O' War also fell victim to the deluge.

The weather abated and the games continued as if nothing untoward had ever occurred.

Tough and resolute folks reside within our village.

By five o'clock we retreated to the bar and the raffle draw began. The prizes on offer this year were wide and wonderful from haircuts and hampers, M.O.T.s. and restaurant meals to stuffed dogs and broken mirrors (ouch!). Tired children and their inebriated parents slowly drifted away until only the battle hardened and waterlogged helpers were left to enjoy a well earned drink or two.

They had earned it!



A big thank you to the Guides and Scouts and their mentors, the Parish Council and to all the individuals and businesses who contributed prizes. Well done to Joan and her baking ladies, to Jo Outtram for adjudicating the Dog Show and our own Mighty Mo for cajoling people into buying raffle tickets.

Many congratulations to the helpers and to everyone who turned up and were not deterred by the inclement weather.

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Our Irish Correspondent.

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AN INCREDIBLE JOURNEY: RUNNING THE LONDON MARATHON



When my wife, Lisa, announced her intention to run the London Marathon for the second time, I was both excited and apprehensive. The marathon is no small feat, and the London Marathon, in particular, is one of the most iconic and challenging races in the world. Her journey to completing it is a testament to her determination, resilience, and spirit.

The decision to run a marathon is often fuelled by a mix of personal goals, challenges, and the desire to achieve something extraordinary. For my wife, it was a combination of all three. She had always been an active person, regularly participating in district, county and national cross-country running events for Staffordshire in her youth, but a marathon was a different beast altogether. The idea took root also because of her desire to fundraise for charity; last year in aid of the National Children's Deaf Society and this year for the British Heart Foundation. Our son was born with a congenital heart condition and we will always be indebted to the health professionals and ground breaking research funded by the BHF, that helped to save his life as a baby boy.

The journey from casual runner to marathoner is arduous and requires meticulous planning, dedication, and perseverance. Lisa embarked on a rigorous training programme that spanned several months. Early morning runs, late-night jogs, and weekend long runs became the norm. She balanced her training with her full-time job as a Deputy Headteacher and family responsibilities, showcasing incredible time management skills.

Her training regime was comprehensive, including not just running but also strength training, cross-training, and proper nutrition. She consulted with an online coach and followed a tailored plan that gradually increased her mileage while ensuring she remained injury-free. There were days of exhaustion and self-doubt, but her unwavering commitment kept her going.

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Race day finally arrived, bringing with it a whirlwind of emotions. The London Marathon is known for its electric atmosphere, with thousands of spectators lining the streets and cheering on the runners. My wife joined over 53,000 participants (a record number) at the starting line, all sharing the common goal of conquering the 26.2-mile course.

The race itself was a journey through the heart of London, passing iconic landmarks such as the Tower Bridge, the Houses of Parliament, and Buckingham Palace. Despite the physical demands, she maintained a steady pace, driven by the energy of the crowd and her own determination. The weather was ideal, with cool temperatures and a light breeze, perfect for running.

After 4 hours and 44 minutes, Lisa crossed the finish line, a mix of exhaustion and elation written on her face. Completing the marathon was not just about the race day; it was the culmination of months of hard work, sacrifice, and sheer willpower. Her achievement was a personal victory and an inspiration to everyone who witnessed her journey.



Running the London Marathon taught my wife—and all of us—a great deal about perseverance, goal-setting, and the power of a supportive community. It underscored the importance of setting big goals and working tirelessly to achieve them. It also highlighted the strength that comes from within and the incredible things one can accomplish with the right mindset.

In conclusion, Lisa's marathon journey was a remarkable chapter in our lives. Her finishing time of 4 hours and 44 minutes is not just a number but a symbol of her relentless spirit and determination. Coupled with the fact that she managed to raise £3,389 for the British Heart Foundation means that her story is a reminder that with dedication and perseverance, we can overcome even the most daunting challenges and achieve greatness.

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We held our Sports Day on the one sunny day of this month with Bolesworth house being the victorious team.

All our KSJers demonstrated our school values of ready, respectful and resilient with some of our Y5 and 6s determined to break records before they leave!



We commemorated the 80th anniversary of the D Day landings on the 6th June. Our Falcons are learning about World War 2 and the impact on our local area so brought in stories from their families to share ,whilst Barn Owls listened to Peter tell his memories of D Day as a 9 year old listening to the wireless.



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Sunday 14th July

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Sunday 21st July

10.00 am Holy Communion at
Kingsley

Sunday 28th July

8.30 am Holy Communion at
Crowton
10.00 am Holy Communion at
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Mid-week Holy Communion all at 10.00 am

4th July at Kingsley
18th July at Crowton
11th July at Norley
25th July at Kingsley

Services in August 2024

Sunday 4th August

10.00 am Morning Worship at
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Sunday 11th August

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Local Arrangement

Sunday 14th July

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Sunday 21st July

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led by Revd A Crookes

Sunday 28th July

10am Morning Worship

led by Prof N Ford

Sunday 4th August

10am Morning Worship and Baptism led

by Revd I Rigby

Sunday 11th August

10am Holy Communion

led by Revd N Stacey

Sunday 18th August

10am Morning Worship

led by Mr M Gough

Sunday 25th August

10am Morning Worship

led by Mrs R Lane

A warm welcome awaits all who wish to attend.

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

Feel free to wear a mask if you wish.

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

W/c July 7th Ministers of Religion

W/c July 14th Ecumenical work in Kingsley

W/c July 21st Methodists in Kingsley

W/c July 28th Roman Catholics in Kingsley

W/c Aug 4th Anglicans in Kingsley

W/c Aug 11th Quakers in Kingsley

W/c Aug 18th Baptists & URC in Kingsley

W/c Aug 25th Non-Christians in Kingsley

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Cities and Castles



The pattern of the Kingsley Walkers was changed for our late May outing. Instead of relying on our doughty volunteer leaders and their extensive knowledge pool of enjoyable country walks, we actually arranged for a paid guided tour of Manchester City Centre. Travelling by car, on fast trains from Frodsham or those rattly Hornby things from Delamere we met up at the Richmond Tea Rooms near Sackville Gardens. This cafe looked a little bit twee but apparently puts on Burlesque shows some evenings. However, the only vaguely obscene things available at 11am were the huge cake portions - irresistible.ger need it

At 11:15 our guide George joined us. He was a really informative and humorous companion for the next 3 hours. We learnt of Alan Turing, his work on breaking the WW2 Enigma codes, Emily Pankhurst and the Suffragette Movement in Manchester and the Peterloo Massacre in 1819 as well as more recent history, including the music scene.

We visited many of the famous buildings, the impressive libraries and the world famous memorial to Vimto (no, I never knew there was one either) with its deliberate confusion of raspberries/strawberries, olives/grapes, spices and other stuff as well as a secret bunker and the post box near the epicentre of the Arndale Bomb in 1996. It survived virtually intact apparently so climb inside one if you ever hear the sirens.

Even the group members who had worked in Manchester learned new things about the city and all enjoyed the tour, which ended up by the Cathedral. More accurately at the bar in The Old Wellington, a pub rebuilt 70 metres away from its original spot after the IRA bomb.

In early June, reverting to form, we met up for a five mile walk in the hills around Beeston and Peckforton Castles. We enjoyed great views amidst lovely countryside and woodland. The perfect ending was a fine lunch at the Pheasant Inn, Burwardsley. An amusing diversion in the men's toilets was a small watercolour picture of the Inn. Appended to it was a note explaining why it had been donated - "I painted this because I got engaged at the Pheasant Inn, but now I'm getting divorced I no longer need it, Hope you can put it to good use."

Meanwhile, the long standing partnership of Kingsley Walkers continues with its deep commitment to provide companionable and non-extreme exercise. New members are always welcome, please contact kingsleywalkerswa6@gmail.com.





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KINGSLEY BOOK CLUB



The Kingsley Book Club met in June to discuss our thoughts on 'We always lived in the castle' by Shirley Jackson

A gothic tale of a peculiar girl names Merricat and her family's dark secret. Merricat, sister Constance & ailing uncle live a peaceful, ordered isolation away from prying eyes in the nearby village until one day their boorish cousin Charles arrives with designs on their father's fortune. Whether by practical or magical means, Merricat will do whatever is necessary to protect their home.

The book gradually released the back story of each of the remaining characters with the author's life cleverly weaved into the tale. Jackson did not conform to 1950's women and was abandoned by her family for her lack of conformity. Showing the futility of the lives of the characters' predecessors and the conviction the sister undertake to ensure they do not go down the same route but live their lives as independent women. The author is often cast as one of the first feminist writers and during her life was accused of being unintelligent and anti-Semitic.

Some found the book laboured and disappointed at the quite unbelievable end. Our discussion opened up the hidden story the author was putting across, although most guessed the 'secret' early on in the book the hidden references to the author's life and feminist views were revealed.

We also found out that the film took away the suspense and then changed the events to try and make it thrilling the worst thing you can do when turning a novel into film.

After the initial discussion of what makes a gothic novel, we gave it 34.3 giving an average of 3.83 out of 5 .

At our next meeting on the 11th July, we will be discussing 'Remarkably Bright Creatures ' by Shelby van Pelt.

We meet at Kingsley and Newton Village Institute on a Thursday evening (usually the first Thursday of each month). If you would like more details, please contact me on janet.owen10@outlook.com

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There will also be a display of photos from
"Kingsley of yesteryear".

Between 2pm and 3pm, we hope as many of
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If you would like further information on our summer holiday tennis camp please contact our coach Jamie Oakes
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KINGSLEY PARISH COUNCIL



The Parish Council met for its June Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday 18th June 2024, at Kingsley Community Centre. There were five residents in attendance at differing times of the meeting. One person was seeking feedback about speeding on Mill Lane, a second came to express her views on the condition of the Cemetery and three members came to make representations regarding a planning application.

With regards to speeding on Mill Lane, our Borough Councillor had taken away the action to try to resolve the matter, however, since our last meeting, a General Election has been called and all local authorities are now in a state of purdah and no new actions can be considered until after the election on the 4th July.

Turning now to the Cemetery. The contractor appointed by the Council in May 2024, has managed to cut back all lawned areas, initially using a strimmer, because of the length of grass, and is now intending to use a mowing machine to keep the grassed areas under control. Whilst we accept that the condition of the cemetery today is not what it was a number of years ago, however, the Council and the Contractor have been left a legacy of poor overall maintenance of the grassed areas by the previous contractor, and delays in the Council trying to find a suitable contractor who the Council felt was appropriate for the type of work. The Council and the Contractor are working together to return the cemetery back to its pre - COVID condition, which at the time gained plaudits from many visitors and families. Please bare with us, it will take time, but we will make it beautiful again.

Whilst the Council is doing its bit, we would remind ALL grave owners, that it is your responsibility to maintain YOUR grave plot, that is everything within the set bounds either by upstands, or stoned areas. The Council will NOT get involved in keeping your graves tidy. The Council will cut the areas of old graves, where there is no living relative, and the plot may date back over a hundred years. Owners of graves are respectfully referred to the Kingsley Parish website, and the Cemetery Regulations section 10 - Care of Graves and Memorials.

As referred to above, all Councils are now in a state of purdah, and as part of this, those who had pledged money to Space Hive for the new access ramp, will have received an email or correspondence stating that the pledge had

been cancelled. This was done without our knowledge and is out of our control. The ramp project has NOT been cancelled, we are still working to achieve this, and we have received CWAC's approval to the design. We are however, awaiting CWAC Properties and Land Department, to grant us the Lease to put the ramp on their land. This again, because of purdah, has been stalled and we await post election, so the lease can be granted and the works to begin. We would ask that you consider re-donating to Space Hive once the election is over to allow us to meet the cost of the work.

The Council has once again been advised by the Manager of the Kingsley Co-op, that a Community Grant is available of up to £200, to allow us to undertake some community based works. Last time, the Co-op provided funds to allow the Parish Council to tidy up and plant the area at the end of the car park, by the steps leading to the school. This year, the Council is hoping to extend these works and tidy up the area in the car park, between the timber bump rail and the Horseshoe Garage wall. Any spare funds, would be used to cut back some of the bushes in that area. It is hoped that this will help improve this area of the village, and with the new access ramp will make the area around the Co-op both accessible and more attractive area.

In association with the above, the Parish Council is proposing to have a **Village Enhancement Day** in September, when villagers and members of the Council will be invited to undertake some minor works around the village, to once again improve the appearance, and make Kingsley a beautiful place to live in.

Finally, our Borough Councillor Hugo Deynem, has asked us to bring to your attention the following two links that refer to Road Gully Cleaning (when the gullies in your area were last cleaned) and a "Report It" link to report blocked gullies. What with reporting potholes and blocked gullies, this is becoming a full time job.....

[Grids and gullies | Cheshire West and Chester Council](#)
[CheshireWGully Report-It \(kaarbontech.co.uk\)](#)

Contact Details for Kingsley Parish Council;

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Parish Clerk email address: parish.clerk@kingsleyparishcouncil.org.uk
Mobile Number : 07483 157679

Kingsley Parish Council, The Boardroom, Kingsley Cemetery,
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