

# KINGSLEY NEWS

SEPTEMBER 2012

The news and voice of your village Community

Kingsley Community Association is a Registered Charity

#### KINGSLEY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION **OFFICERS 2010/2011**

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

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).

#### 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

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### EDITORIAL NEWS AND VIEWS

**Dear Readers** 

Welcome back after the summer break.

On 29tth September lots of volunteers are needed to help plant thousands of spring flowering bulbs in the verges around the village.

The Kingsley Theatre Group has now been set up and their first outing will be on 15th October to see '9 to 5' in Manchester, They also have tickets available for The Lion King in March 2013.

The Kingsley Players will also be busy doing their 4th charity tour round neighbouring villages with Allo Allo.

If all the above is too energetic then how about sampling the wide variety of beverages on offer at the Kingsley Beer Festival.

Have fun



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



## the ALLO ALLO tour

All profits to be divided between Kingsley Community Association and the Host's Charity.

This is a fourth Charity Tour and takes place in **October 2012**. The venues and opportunities to book tickets are as follows:

Friday 5th for Tarporley Town Twinning Group at Tarporley Community Centre (Wendy Gribbon on 01829 732016),

Saturday 6th Tunnel Top Inn at Dutton (Kevin or Moira on 01928 718181)

Friday 12th at Runcorn: Sold Out

Saturday 13th at Norley Village Hall (Noreen Asbrook on 01928 788108)

Hosts for our fifth tour in February 2013 are being selected but there are vacancies for our sixth tour provisionally scheduled for November 2013 so if you have a charity and venue to be considered then please contact the Producer, Malcolm Barker on 01928 787676

## MacMillan Coffee Morning.

Our annual coffee morning will be held at

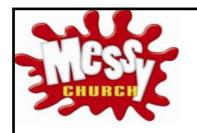
Kingsley Community centre on Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> September 10am – 12am.

Please come along and support this wonderful organisation that touches so many of our lives. You will be assured of a warm welcome, a cuppa and our usual stalls, plus a raffle and tombola.

If you would like to donate a cake, or prizes, please let us know or bring them on the day.



Looking forward to seeing you, Sue, Lynne & Mary



## Who said church had to be boring

The Hurst Methodist Church, 4.30 - 6.30 pm on Thursday 13th September

It's messy! It's church - but not as we know it!

Come and chill, chat, create, celebrate & eat.

It's for all the family with activities for all ages.

Different crafts are offered each month for both children & adults. And ... surprises!

We finish with a short song and worship time, full of interaction and fun.

So come & be a part of what is happening in Kingsley.

Messy Church is your church !!!

#### Thank you from Chester Aid to the Homeless

The response to my appeal in July for food for the homeless has been wonderful. Also the donations of clothes, and we are so grateful for your continuing support for such a worthwhile cause.

Carol Davies 787312

#### KINGSLEY THEATRE GROUP

Kingsley Theatre Group has now been set up and the first outings are shown below. Members will benefit from group discounts on some shows and organised travel. Membership is not solely for Kingsley residents, theatregoers from neighbouring villages are also welcome.

If you are interested in the theatre and would like to know more about the Kingsley Theatre Group please contact Ray Wilson on 01928 787678 or email <a href="mailto:ray@wilson5655.freeserve.co.uk">ray@wilson5655.freeserve.co.uk</a> for up to date information. Events will also be published in the Kingsley News, on the village noticeboard and the village website.

# A BRAND NEW MUSICAL FROM DOLLY PARTON 9 TO 5

Monday 15th October 2012 At the Opera House Manchester In the stalls Price £30 plus transport at £13 Closing date for tickets 6th September 2012



## THE LION KING

Thursday 21st March 2013 At the Palace Theatre, Manchester In the Stalls Price £38.50 plus transport (approx. £13) Closing date for tickets 7th September 2012



#### THANK YOU

The family of the late Jim Starkey would like to thank all neighbours friends and family for the cards flowers and support at this sad time.

Many thanks

Jean Phil Lucy and Family

#### To the people of Kingsley,

I have, today, left Kingsley St. John's primary school, having been there for 7 years. Before that I was at their play group, now our school nursery. Now I want to say a big

#### Thank you

to all the staff at the school and all my friends. I would like people in Kingsley to know that it is a great school and my friends and I are leaving with good memories, lots of confidence and top level S.A.T.'s and Mrs Dearden has told us the "the world is our oyster"

There are people out there who say bigger is better but I think small has been good for me and I will treasure my memories and friendships as I head off to high school.

Mary Goodridge.

P.S. Mr. Davis, class 1 teacher, we all saw the tears in your eyes at the end of yesterday!

#### KINGSLEY GARDEN CLUB

#### **THE NEW SESSION 2012-2013**

Sep 10th 2012	WINTER GARDENS John Dearden				
Oct 8th 2012	DROUGHT TOLERANT PLANTS OR GRAVEL GARDENING Jacqueline Iddon				
Nov12th 2012	THE GARDENS AT ARLEY 1890 TO 1990 Judy Popley				
Dec 10th 2012	FRUIT AND VEGETABLES IN SMALL SPACES Susan Nicholas				
Jan 2013	NO MEETING				
Feb 11th 2013	TIPS AND TRICKS Doug Stewart				
Mar 11th 2013	WOLLERTON PAST AND PRESENT Andrew Humphris				
Apr 8th 2013	AGM HONEYBEES AND FLOWERING PLANTS Chris Pownall				
Annual subscriptions are £8.00 per person. Visitors are welcome for any meeting at £2 at the door on the night. If you would like to enrol in advance, please send the Membership Secretary your subscription with the form below.					
TO: Chris Woulds, Membership Secretary, Kingsley Garden Club, Mount Pleasant, 9 Top Road, Kingsley, Frodsham, WA6 8DU					
Please enrol for the session 2012/13					
Address					
	e-mail Address(optional)				
I enclose £ as	subscription for members at £8.00 each				
PLEASE NOTE: All personal details will be used for Garden Club purposes only and not passed on to third parties.					

#### LATEST NEWS FROM KINGSLEY ST JOHN'S SCHOOL

August 2012

#### Olympic Event

Kingsley St John's have really embraced the Olympic spirit this year. We have taken part in many sporting events linked to promoting the Olympic and Paralympic values but the crowning moment was on Thursday 12th July. The school was full of bunting, Olympic posters and banners. Mrs Evans made a fantastic Olympic themed lunch for everyone to start the event. We even had our new reception children in school to join in the fun. After lunch a special quest arrived.





Joe Beswick was kind enough to come and join our celebrations and bring the Olympic torch he ran with! Joe led an assembly about why he was chosen and what it meant to him to run with the torch, it was a moving and inspirational story that really got the children engaged in the afternoon. Joe stayed all afternoon while the children played different Olympic sports including goal ball, seated volley ball and table tennis. The seated volley ball was definitely a favourite! Each child had the opportunity to hold the torch (as well as the very excited staff!) and the day was finished off with everyone joining Joe in a sprint with the torch and medals being presented to the children who showed the best Olympic values.

"The quality of care, guidance and support continues to be outstanding" (Ofsted 2011)

Tel: 01928 788536 www.kingsley-st-johns.cheshire.sch.uk

## The Hurst Souperstars' SOUP LUNCH

Monday 10th September 2012 Noon to 1.00pm

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

All proceeds for the
North West Air Ambulance charity

"Who for such dainties would not stoop ...?

Soup of the Noon-tide,

Bea-ootiful Soo-oop! "

#### FOR SALE "A wee bit of Paradise!"

One week of time-share in May for sale, in a large luxury modernised farm cottage in Argyll, amid beautiful scenery on a sea loch. Half price for local Kingsley sale £1500 and it's yours for life!

In Mid May the countryside is at its Springtime best, so why not grab this bargain while you can!? The cottage has one double bedroom, a twin bedroom and a four-bunk room. It copes ideally with two families can sleep up to ten people. Separate bathroom and shower room.

Very well equipped kitchen and diner. Large lounge.

High standards throughout and good facilities on the estate, most free of charge. Other facilities close by.

Photos and brochure available for inspection if required or visit: www.melfortvillage.co.uk/aboutus.htm

Contact: Kingsley 788794

#### Kingsley St John The Evangelist Parish Church

Vicar. Revd.Pete Rugen. 01928 787180 Curate. Revd. Gill Stanning. 01928 788623

Sept. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	09:30	Holy Communion
Sept 6th	10:00	<b>Holy Communion</b>
Sept. 9th	09:30	Morning Service
Sept. 16th	09:30	Holy Communion
•	11.15	All Age Worship
Sept. 19th	20:00	Café Church (at the Hurst)
Sept 23rd	10:00	Worshipping Together
•	18:30	Encounter Contemporary Worship
Sept 27th	10:00	Holy Communion
Sept 30th		To Be Confirmed

ALL ARE VERY WELCOME

8:00 pm, Wednesday 19th September

#### @ THE HURST METHODIST CHURCH:



#### CAFÉ CHURCH KINGSLEY

A new kind of Church - with a relaxed and welcoming atmosphere, video presentations and a live band.

Plus: excellent coffee and cakes!

Offered by The Hurst Methodist Church and St John's Church



LOCAL PRODUCE MARKET - Our next market will be at Kingsley Community Centre, 9:30am - 1.00pm, on Saturday 22<sup>rd</sup> September. We look forward to welcoming a supply of local produce from the holders of Kingsley allotments and from local grower, Robert Warner. We are constantly active in seeking news stalls and hope to be joined by a local fruit farm and more producers of cheese and eggs.

KTI ENERGY GROUP meets at the Horseshoe pub on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September, 7.30pm. The group continues to encourage both the free insulation of homes through the 'Warmzone' scheme and the installation of PV panels to produce electricity. Despite reduced tariffs, with reduced system prices, PV installation continues to be an attractive investment option. There's lots to discuss including PV generation results from Kingsley properties, the renewable heat premium payment scheme and the possibility of participating in a Cheshire -wide renewable energy company. You are most welcome to join us.

FRODSHAM TRANSITION INITIATIVE are holding a drop-in session at Frodsham Community Centre, 1pm - 5pm on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> September as part of 'Weaver Words', Frodsham Literature Festival. Projects being displayed and promoted include 'Frodsham Orchard', 'Skype demo for the elderly', 'Healthy Eating', 'Free Home Insulation' and 'Junior Disco 6pm - 8pm'. Feel free to drop-in to discuss transition initiatives and to speak to John Walker about food growing in gardens, for local honey tasting, free seeds, 'goodie' bags and lots more!

KINGSLEY ALLOTMENT SOCIETY has had an excellent year so far in respect to what has been achieved. All the physical hard work and effort put in over the last year has really paid off, with plot-holders now seeing the fruits of their labours with some superb results (given that everyone involved described themselves as novices where growing fruit and vegetables is concerned). It's also pleasing to hear that people who have visited have been very complimentary and astounded by what has been achieved in such a relatively short period.

So, on behalf of all members of K.A.S we would like to say "Thank you" to everyone involved for helping to make the first 12 months on site so successful.

## **WORSHIP AT THE HURST METHODIST CHURCH Minister: Revd Steve Santry**

Sunday 2nd Sept

10.00 am : Morning Worship Mr Brian C Moores 6.00 pm at Frodsham : Circuit Service Revd Peter Barber

Sunday 9th Sept

8.15 am: Holy Communion Revd Steve Santry 10.00 am: All Age Worship Revd Steve Santry 6.30 pm at Blakelees : Mr Edgar Gregory Songs of Praise

Thursday 13th Sept

4.30 to 6.30 pm: "Messy Church" for all the family

Sunday 16th Sept

10.00 am: Morning Worship Miss Wendy Ross-Barker

6.30 pm at Blakelees : Mrs Ruth Lane

Wednesday 19th Sept

8.00 pm: Café Church

Sunday 23rd Sept

10.00 am : Morning Worship with Holy Communion

**Revd Steve Santry** 

6.30 pm at Blakelees: Communion Revd Steve Santry

Sunday 30th Sept Harvest Thanksgiving

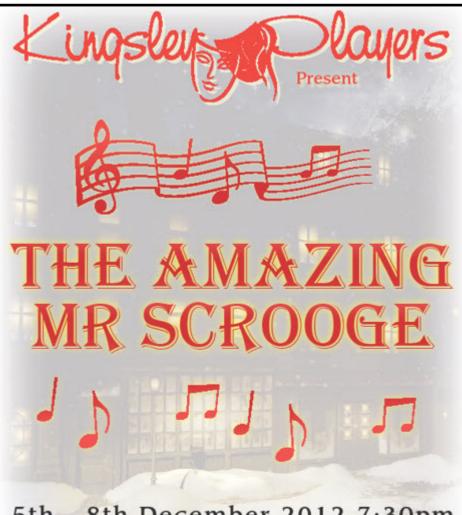
10.00 am: Morning Worship Mr Richard Holmes

2.30 pm: Harvest on the Farm

All are welcome

#### **WELCOME TO A NEW WEBSITE**

Click on www.kingsleymethodist.org.uk for more information.



5th - 8th December 2012 7:30pm Matineé on Saturday 8th 2:15pm Kingsley Community Centre

Tickets from Box Office - Kingsleyplayers.co.uk, Holland Pharmacy, or Telephone 07925 516760

Music by W A Ashbrook

Libretto by P Ashbrook and W A Ashbrook

Director Mary Lightfoot





Brownies is a part of Girl Guiding UK. Our members are girls aged between 7 & 10yrs. We take Brownies on a 'Brownie Adventure', with activities, games and badges designed to help a Brownie develop an understanding and awareness of herself, her Community and of the world around her. We also enjoy an annual, themed Pack Holiday – this year it was all about the stars and we visited Jodrell Bank Observatory.

1st Kingsley Brownies has been in existence since the 1930s. We currently meet on Monday evenings, in term time, in Kingsley. At the moment we are on our summer break, but when we start back on 10 Sept 2012, we will have some vacancies.

If you think your child may be interested in joining our Pack, please contact Sue Elliott for details at – kingsley\_brownies@hotmail.co.uk – enclose your telephone number & I'll call you back.

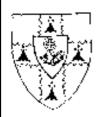
If you would like to find out more about Brownies, you could try the Brownie website –

www.girlguiding.org.uk/brownies/

If you think you might like to be involved with Brownies or with any other part of Girl Guiding, take a look at the Guiding website

www.girlguiding.org.uk

Sue, Tina & Tracy (Brownie Leaders).



# The Annual Kingsley Cricket Club Beer Festival

Friday 21st September (5pm to midnight)
Saturday 22nd September (3pm to midnight)
At the Kingsley Cricket Club Ground

## Wide Range of Real Ale, lager and wine BBQ and Live Music

Camping available on site

Tickets £6.00

Includes Festival Glass and Programme

Phone 07785 950369 or email Kingsleycc@hotmail.co.uk for Info.

Or follow us on Facebook "KCC Beer Festival"



All Proceeds go to supporting the club facilities and youth coaching programmes.

#### Castle Park Art Centre off Fountain Lane, FRODSHAM, WA6 6SE 01928 735832

#### 7th Aug -17th September

#### TX creative textiles 'Collections' in gallery 1

This Frodsham based group have been exploring this subject for a year & interpreted the idea in many varied ways. A selection of sketchbooks showing the process from beginning to end is also on display

#### Pete Bowman in Gallery 2

Illustrations created by this successful Cheshire illustrator, having published 48 books, including Tiny Ted & The shell Dragon.

#### Jane Hughes 'Lines of Investigation' in Gallery 3

Influenced by the Mass Observation project, my work is direct observational drawing in often busy & varied locations. Using indelible pen presents the challenge of inalterability, leading to honest & spontaneous documentation of the subject.

Frodsham Literature Festival – 'Weaverwords', at the Arts Centre: 6th Sept 2pm A reading by Castle Park Writers
7th Sept 10.00am-12pm Book Illustration Workshop with Peter Bowman
7th Sept 7.30pm Talk: by Crime writer, David Jackson

#### CHESTER AID TO THE HOMELESS (C.A.T.H.)

I am a volunteer with C.A.T.H., a charity which Kingsley residents have supported very generously with donations of clothes, towels & harvest festival goodies, and money from the Garden Trail & Hurst Soup Lunch. We run a Drop In Centre and provide simple food in Chester but are struggling due to a cut in funding. It is amazing what we can produce with only a toaster & microwave, but we are desperately short of some basics. If you should have any items lurking in your cupboards which are still within their SELL-BY DATE but you could spare I would be very happy to collect them. TINS OF:- SOUP, STEW, MEALS IN A TIN. PKTS OF BISCUITS would be very welcome.

Thank You.
Carol Davies 019

Carol Davies 0192 8787312

e-mail cmd2bctw@yahoo.co.uk

## BULB-PLANTING ON SATURDAY, 29th SEPTEMBER

Between 9.00am and 1.00pm a team of Kingsley residents will be planting thousands of spring-flowering bulbs in some of the verges of the village.

Please come and join us - individuals, families, couples, - everyone is welcome.

Come to the car park of the Community Centre at 9.00am and you will be directed to one of the sites. Please bring your own tools (i.e. spades, forks, trowels, kneelers, gloves) and a high visibility jacket, if you have one. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

If you are committed to joining in, please let us know by sending an email to:

hollycottage@outlook.com.

This will then give us an indication of the support we can rely on. The bulb-planting Team thanks you in advance for your participation!

This is a village endeavour which came into being as a result of the Kingsley Parish Plan and its aim is to make our village more colourful and beautiful in Spring!

Come and be a part of it!

If there is heavy rain on the day, we will delay it and plant on the following Saturday, October 6th.

Catherine Tweedie

#### **Parking**

Everyone knows it's a problem everywhere, including our village – and our own Parish Plan confirmed that villagers recognise it as a major pain as well!

#### What can be done?

The Parish Council and the newly formed village Parish Plan Transport Group are looking at various options – however many of the possible solutions are costly, will not happen overnight and will require input and permissions from other parties including CWAC.

#### Can anything be done now - If so, what?

If everyone takes a little bit of individual responsibility then many of the problems could be solved straight away.

- Can you walk rather than take the car?
- Don't park on double yellow lines they are there for a reason!
- Don't park on pavements:
  - you may think you are helping vehicles to pass more easily but often you are not as they think they can squeeze through the gap. Much better to park fully on the road and so that any vehicles will have to wait until their route is clear.
  - o you are blocking off the route to a pedestrian those with limited mobility, with a pram or pushchair or even with shopping have to divert onto the road – that's just not right!!
  - o just park a little further away in a safer place (not asking a lot is it?)!
  - o it is ILLEGAL!!

The Parish Council is aware of specific locations in the village where there are regular problems – we hope that people will do their bit and park more respectfully.

Councillor D. Moores (787199)

#### Carnival – Thanks!!

Just a short note to say *thank you* to all those involved in planning and organising the Kingsley Carnival 2012.

Despite a few showers, I felt the day was a great success and it was lovely to see so many people taking part (in the remarkable village scarecrow displays, in the procession, and on the games, stalls, attractions and refreshments on the field).

Thanks also to all the villagers who actually turned out – there was a good number of people there on the day and hopefully everyone enjoyed themselves!

Many different people have put in a huge amount of their own free time to make the fantastic event happen – but a special mention must be reserved for the Carnival Committee and in particular Parish Councillors Vony Gwillim, Fiona Crane and Darryl Riley for all their efforts.

Our next Carnival will be in 2014.

It would be great to see some new faces involved in the planning of the day—if you are interested or have any ideas for Carnival 2014 then please get in touch with any members of the Parish Council!

Kingsley Parish Council

#### **GARDEN CLUB**

The new season of Kingsley Garden Club's meetings starts on Monday September 12th at 8.00 in the Community Centre.

The speaker will be John Dearden, the title of his talk is. "Enjoy your garden in winter as much as in summer"

The annual membership fee is £8. Visitors are welcome, the cost is £2 per meeting.

#### FOUND - DELAMERE ROAD, NORLEY

Young female neutered tabby cat, very friendly.

Good home wanted.

Tel: 01928 787756

## Kingsley, Norley and Crowton Mothers' Union Report of M.U. meeting 3. 7. 12

We had an entertaining evening when Dr Anne Davidson Lund came to talk to us about her life as a linguist in this country and overseas. It was fascinating to hear about her childhood, being brought up in a family where several languages were spoken, progressing to school and learning Latin, the basis of many languages, and then onto university where she decided to become a linguist. Following a short time as a teacher, Anne then diversified and went into teaching languages for business throughout Europe, America and as far afield as China. She returned to this country and worked in a consultancy capacity advising the government on languages in the curriculum. The talk was enhanced by photographs, maps and a lovely collection of dolls in traditional dress.

Our next meeting is 4th September when Audrey Griffiths will be talking about "Zac and the Offender" highlighting some of the work she does in Thorn Cross Young Offenders Unit. The Mothers' Union are knitting characters for a nativity scene for children in church at Christmas, we are also going to knit Noah's ark characters and animals for Story Book sessions. If you would like to do some knitting with us, come along to the September meeting (7.30pm Kingsley Church room) and patterns and wool will be distributed or contact Pam on 787343 or Hilary on 788087 We meet the first Tuesday of the month in Kingsley and everyone is welcome.

#### IN MEMORY OF GERALD DOIG

Lydia Doig would like to thank everyone for their cards, donations, flowers and good wishes during the last few weeks. It helped to know so many people cared. The donations have been sent to the Hospice of The Good Shepherd, Backford.

Thank you, Lydia Doig.



The Zodiac invite you to "A Great Night For Singing" . Friday 28th & Saturday 29th September 7.30pm at Frodsham Community Centre.

Join us for an eclectic mix of songs from the stage, screen and charts.

We guarantee you 2 enjoyable evenings showcasing the fantastic vocal sound from our talented group of local performers.

Tickets available from the box office .Tel- 07812 777866 Price £10 which includes a glass of wine! Hope to see you there!



The Kingsley Trades Goup meets every month for breakfast. The objective of the group is to promote local tradespeople to the residents of Kingsley and beyond. Our existing members are AT YOUR SERVICE.......

#### Ian Bebbington - Helsby PCs

We provide a professional and personal service to domestic and business users offering an at home or collection service covering any aspect of computer repairs, upgrades, new system set ups, broadband or wireless problems. Genuine advice and no call out fees. <a href="https://www.helsbypcs.co.uk">www.helsbypcs.co.uk</a> 07747630371.

#### **Steven Curwell - T8 Design Ltd**

T8 Design Ltd is a local architectural practice. We have experience in planning and building applications for numerous fields of design and construction, from contemporary to traditional, both large and small, always making the most of the building's space & surroundings using varied and sympathetic design. <a href="https://www.t8dtc.co.uk">www.t8dtc.co.uk</a> Tel 01928 788738

#### **Stephen Ford – Joiner Carpenter**

Time served tradesman offering to undertake all aspects of joinery work. 25 years experience, competitive prices and quality workmanship. Contact STEPHEN FORD JOINERY at 01829 760255 or 07940 106295

#### **Kevin Foster – The Glazier**

Fed up of trying to see through those misty/failed double glazed units? Units can be replaced in wood, pvc, and aluminium. Glazing for windows, doors, patios, roof lights, and greenhouses, mirrors fitted. All types of glazing work undertaken. Your local independent tradesman with 30 years experience Tel: 01928 787256

#### Frank Pilgrim. – Electrical Services

We specialise in electrical installation and testing work. We are an approved N.I.C.E.I.C. Contractor, Part P registered.

Contact: 01928 788971 or 07711 258677

#### ALSO AT YOUR SERVICE:

#### **Peter Littlemore - Kingsley Travel**

Kingsley Travel is your local private hire company, whether going on holiday, on corporate travel or on a night out. Kingsley Travel will provide a professional and reliable service as we pay attention to detail and guarantee a friendly, professional car service. Check our website for details: <a href="www.kingsleytravel.co.uk">www.kingsleytravel.co.uk</a> or ring 07803 125338

#### Joe Murphy - Handyman services

A professional handyman dedicated to providing a prompt reliable high standard service where "no job is too small". Reasonable rates and ability to carry out a wide variety of tasks including painting, plumbing, tiling, garden maintenance, jet washing, and fencing. Customer satisfaction guaranteed. Please phone for a no-obligation quote.

Contact 07866 154107

#### Neil Robinson - Cheshire Handyman and Garden Services

Local tradesman. The prime aim is to provide a Professional Service at a Sensible Price in the following areas: Plumbing, Plastering, Painting (interior/exterior), Decorating, Tiling, odd jobs including home maintenance. Jet Wash cleaning service for patios etc

All aspects of Garden Maintenance for all seasons. All work fully insured.

Contact: 01928 787674 or 07944 954724

#### Eric Smith - Gas plumbing and heating services

Time served local tradesman offers gas, plumbing and central heating installation, servicing and maintenance, gas safety checks, landlord certificates. Eric is a Gas Safe registered and an approved contractor and member of the Chartered Institute of Plumbing and Heating. Contact: 01928 788055 or 07931 906860

St John's Church Kingsley
Present the

#### **Bostock Singers**

Directed by Alison Richards
In Concert
With a programme of light classics
and popular arrangements
In Kingsley Community Centre
Saturday October 13 2012
At 7.30 p.m.



Tickets £7.00

inc Tea or Coffee with Cake and Biscuits
Tickets from Church Members or 01928 788314

#### FREE TO GOOD HOME

GOOD ROTTED HORSE MANURE NOW READY FOR COLLECTION.

FREE IF YOU COME AND COLLECT IT YOURSELVES!

£1 A BAG DELIVERED 50P A BAG IF BAGGED UP READY

ALL PROCEEDS TO THE HURST METHODIST CHURCH CHARITIES

Please call Gill on 01928 788841

## Alert: Look out for Monster Hedges !!

The only thing that seems to have enjoyed the poor weather we have been having this year is our hedges. With the wet weather also limiting opportunities for owners to keep them trimmed and under control, the result has been a hedgerow explosion! In many locations around the village this doesn't create a problem – however where hedgerows overhang a public highway (verge, pavement, footpath, bridleway etc) then it can cause an issue.....

- it can make it difficult for pedestrians (particularly for those with limited mobility or parents and pushchairs);
- it can limit sightlines for drivers (particularly at junctions);
- it can restrict width of narrow roads (and cause some damage to cars).

#### Who is responsible?

Well a bit of research indicates that the owner or occupier of a property has a legal responsibility (Highway Act 1980 s154) to ensure that the 'public highway' adjacent to a property is not obstructed by vegetation from their property.

Kingsley Parish Council often gets comments from local residents about the state of some hedgerows around the village. The Parish Council then either usually contact the landowner direct or informs Cheshire West. Who will usually advise the property owner or occupier of the problem.

Ultimately if the owner/occupier does not take corrective action within a reasonable time (the Local Authority will normally specific a time limit for the work to be completed), they can in exceptional cases, issue a formal notice for the work to be undertaken, and if that is ignored, they can do the work and charge the owner/occupier.

#### So what can I do?

- Have a look and see whether any of your hedges are overhanging the public highway?
- If they do, then when we do get that bit of blue sky and sun this (late) summer then can you have a quick go and cutting it back please!

PS I hate cutting hedges myself but as it will almost certainly help villagers to walk and drive through our village more safely then that's a pretty good reward!

Councillor D.Moores (787199)

## KINGSLEY & NEWTON VILLAGE INSTITUTE Top Road, Kingsley

#### WHAT'S ON IN SEPTEMBER

Monday	Art	10th, 17th, 24th	2.00pm
	Zumba	10th, 17th, 24th	6.00pm
	Bingo	3rd, 17th	7.30pm
Tuesday	Spanish`	11th, 18th, 25th	9.45am
	Line dancing	Every week	7.45pm
Thursday	Quiz	6th, 20th	8.30pm
Friday	Bridge	7th, 14th, 21st	10.00am

Indoor bowls start in October at 7.00pm Quiz will move from Thursday to Wednesday in October The AGM will be held at the end of October

Thank you to everyone who organised and helped to clean up the tennis courts, and for organising the Saturday afternoons for the children. Anyone is welcome to come and play tennis.

Don't forget your tickets for an evening with Frank McGregor, electronic accordian music and comedy. Tickets £10 including supper.

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#### WI

The September meeting will be held in the Community Centre at 7.30 on Wednesday September 5th. The speaker will be Raymond Bonnard talking about his experiences as a toastmaster. Visitors and new members welcome.

#### FARM UPDATE SUMMER 2012

#### **NEWS & VIEWS FROM YOUR LOCAL FAMILY FARM**

**June** carried on where May left off: Wet, windy and cold. Apart from one week at the end of May, the weather has been more like March than June.

Land had become saturated, making spraying and potato harvesting very muddy and slow. The cold wet weather has meant that potatoes have not grown very quickly. This is good for the early potatoes, because our customers like small new potatoes, but the chipping potatoes were not big enough until July.

We had to beef up our security in the orchard in June after several visits from Mrs. Fox. We think there was a vixen with several cubs living in the oil seed rape by the farm. She has been three times in broad daylight and taken our hens and ducks. She left just a few feathers, but took the whole carcasses away, which is a sure sign that she has cubs to feed. Foxes are usually nocturnal, and the hens are safely shut up when they prowl around at night. But when the vixens have several cubs, they have to hunt during the day and at this time of year, there is so much cover, they can sneak up on their prey unseen. Liz made a scarecrow, and left the radio on in the orchard, which seemed to do the trick.

Our Goose started sitting on her eggs at the beginning of May. Geese sit for 28 days before the goslings hatch. After 28 days of sitting perfectly on her eggs, only coming off to drink and eat a little, there were no signs of hatching. We left her for a few more days, but at 35 days still no sign. We checked the eggs and they were not fertile, so the poor gander is getting the blame!!

July & August: Continuous rain and dull weather has delayed harvesting and made it very difficult. Potato prices are 3 times higher than last year and the chip shops are complaining. This is because harvesting the potatoes is very slow, and the wet fields are causing the tractors and trailers to sink in the mud. Potatoes do not like sitting in cold wet soil, so there is a lot of rotten ones and misshapen ones due to disease. Potato blight has been impossible to control this year, meaning even more rotten ones. These are called 'melters' in the trade because while they look OK when they are harvested, they soon melt in the bag and dissolve to mush.

The cereal harvest finally got under way this year at the beginning of August. The winter barley yielded about average. The oilseed rape was cut at the same time and yielded slightly higher than average. But it is the wheat crop we are most concerned about. Wheat plants do not like a cold dull June when the ears are emerging and filling. The constant rain has lead to a disease called Fusarium. This infects the ear of the plant and prevents the grain from filling properly. This disease is widespread all over the country and will reduce yields by 20-40%. The price of wheat and maize has soared in the last couple of months. This is not because of problems in this country, but because of the continuing severe drought in the USA and Canada. They have had the worst drought on record: With July being the hottest month ever. A lot of the maize (sweet corn) has just died in the fields and will be a total loss. Estimates of wheat and maize production have been slashed by over 300 million tonnes. This added to the poor harvest predicted in the grain belt of Russia and Ukraine has lead to a huge leap in wheat prices. This will affect everyone because wheat goes into everything from bread, biscuits, pizzas, pasta, cakes and spaghetti. So expect to see food prices rising soon.

To add to this Morocco has had a poor harvest and will need an extra 1.5 million tonnes of wheat over the coming season. And because of the conflict in Syria, 1.5 million people need immediate food assistance. A recent report says the Syrian Agricultural sector has lost 1.8 billion dollars. This includes damage to crops and irrigation systems, livestock killed and damage to cherry and olive trees. All this adds up to a very tight supply situation in the next few months. Back to this country, and the frozen pea producers in Lincolnshire are predicting a 40% drop in yields this year due to the wet weather, so

predicting a 40% drop in yields this year due to the wet weather, so even more price increases will be on the way.

Finally a bit of good news: The beef market has been very strong lately, but this country has always had a problem disposing of the bits of the animal we don't eat. With cattle and sheep, in the past we have had to incinerate the unused offal at a cost of £2.2 million per annum. But now demand from the Far East means we can export the offal to a new market. Far Eastern diners like the stomach, head, tendons, tripe, paddywack(a long tendon that keeps the head upright), pizzle (yes, it is what you think, Google it!), neck, tail and cartilage, while lamb testicle pizza is a favourite comfort food!! Yum yum I must try one!!!!!!. This new export market is said to be worth £15.5 million per annum.

#### **Farming Delivers for the Olympics**

British farming will be at the forefront of the largest ever peacetime catering operation in the world, with 14 million meals due to be served during the Olympic Games.

Hungry athletes and spectators will have the choice of over 150 different dishes celebrating the best of British during the games. In line with London 2012's sustainability commitments, all fruit, vegetables and cereals are British and seasonal where available, and traceable back to the farm gate through the Red Tractor scheme which is the food benchmark standard for the Olympics.

During the Olympics, farming delivered: 14 million meals, 25,000 loaves of bread, 232 tonnes of potatoes, 31 tonnes of poultry items, 100 tonnes of meat, 75,000 litres of milk, 19 tonnes of eggs, 21 tonnes of cheese, 330 tonnes of fruit/vegetables. All dairy products, beef, lamb and poultry will be British. Traditional British cheeses will be showcased, eggs will be British Lion mark free range and a proportion of the chicken available will be certified to both Red Tractor and RSPCA Freedom Food standards. Well done to all involved! Many thanks to all our customers who are bringing carrier bags and egg boxes to the Hatley Farm Potato Shop for recycling. Keep them coming.

Graham Warburton - Warburtons Farms 01928 788329

Please e-mail me on the following address with any comments: warbies.depmore@btinternet.com

#### **Litter Pick Update**

On **Saturday 14th July** 12 of our litter pick team cleared the village of litter. Thank you to all who helped to remove 12 bags of litter. As always thank you to those who pick up litter as they walk around the village.

The next litter picks will be on Saturday 22nd September and Saturday 20th October. We will start at 10.00 am at the Community Centre.

New helpers are always welcome. We provide all the equipment needed.

Eila Birtwistle – Litter pick co-ordinator.

#### Kingsley and Newton Village Institute Tennis Open Morning

Thank you, children and parents, for your positive response to the Tennis Open Morning held at the Institute on July 28th. 35 people attended in all. It was uplifting to see how committed you were to a regular tennis presence at the Institute – and astonishing to watch the impromptu working party beavering away for several hours to make good the second court!



As a result of the interest shown, parents and children have arranged to meet regularly at the Institute on a Saturday afternoon from 2pm-5pm: this will be a time when Junior members are given priority on court. Children who wish to play must join the Kingsley and Newton Village Institute as Junior Tennis Members; if parents wish just to sit and watch whilst their children play then they may do so at no cost; parents who wish to play must join as Senior Tennis Members. Family Membership is available.

If you would like to join us, fees for 2012 are: Tennis only – Junior £8, Adult £30 (includes General Membership) Full Membership – for whole family £52

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#### NPT Frodsham - Voicemail, 0845-458-6393

- Offenders described as Asian/Eastern European females have committed distraction thefts in Frodsham and Little Budworth. The tactic used is for them to distract shopkeepers or members of the public whilst insecure items such as wallets or mobile phones are stolen. Please ensure that whilst you are 'out and about' that such items are not easily accessible and that they are safe within an inside pocket or secured bag.
- There have been several reports throughout the Rural Area of different suspicious vehicles 'prowling' around isolated locations. Please obtain as much detail including a registration number if at all possible when calling this information in to police. This will assist officers in making their enquiries.
- 3. In the early hours of Monday 13<sup>th</sup> August a house in Well Lane, Mollington was subject to a burglary. The offender(s) forced entry through a rear patio door and stole computer equipment from inside. Around the same time in a separate incident a male was disturbed in the process of attempting to steal a pedal cycle from their front garden.
- 4. Operation Rokel continues to have a positive impact on preventing vehicle crime in the Delamere Forest Area. This is a joint initiative between Officers from the Rural NPU and staff from the Forestry Commission. High visibility patrols have significantly deterred acts of theft and also engaged in public safety work and road safety initiatives.

Inspector Keith Curbishley

Frodsham Police Station

#### NORLEY'S NEWEST ARCHITECT

Introducing Scott Desert, a Norley resident who is setting up his own local architectural practice. Scott Architecture.

Scott lives with his family in Norley, having travelled around the world, and lived in places as varied as the Bahamas and Anglesey. He thinks this range of living experience has widened his outlook as an architect and has contributed to his store of fresh ideas.

Scott has paid his dues in terms of training – studying at Manchester and Leeds, and spending a year in London, gaining experience in the design and building of luxury residences. So why Norley? Well family of course, but also Scott is a keen golfer! He has been asked to help with designing improvements to his golf club at Delamere, in fact. And he will still work in other places such as London from time to time. Scott says he plans to specialise in luxury residential property, and he has a great interest in sustainable building, including use of new technology to reduce carbon footprints. As well as helping the planet, such designs can help to keep costs down, through reduced bills of course, but also by making use sometimes of grant funds available. Another specialism of Scott's is bespoke detailed design work in areas such as joinery and bathrooms, moving closer to the territory of interior design. Scott's work in London saw him cover the whole range of responsibilities – from drawings, to planning permission, project management and site visits. Some architects specialise in just part of the recess, but Scott finds the full range of the work ev-



He would be interested in speaking to anyone who may be looking for help with feasibility studies, planning applications, appraisal design, and all kinds of architectural advice, be this for a new build, extension or other project.

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#### KINGSLEY WALKING GROUP

On Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> August, nine people enjoyed a seven mile walk around local paths. Beginning at the Community Centre, we went up Dodgsley, over Flaxmere, round Hatchmere, through the forest and over the fields to Hondslough – thankfully without encountering the local bull! From there we went up to the old Crossley Hospital (now Kingsley Park) and back along the paths to Kingsley, crossing Waterloo and Norley Road to get to Depmore lane where we made friends with two black pigs. We appreciated the fact that Griff had brought his shears and that the two farmers in Depmore Lane had cut the rape seed and cleared the stiles – thank you!

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

### **Norley Ladies Badminton Club**

We are looking for some extra players to join us on Tuesday afternoons in Norley Village Hall. We play at a reasonable standard so if you have played a bit in the past and would like to join us, you will be very welcome.

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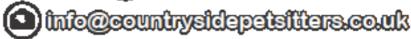
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Mon 10 Sep - Noon to 1.00 pm: Hurst Soup Lunch in aid of NWAA Thu 13 Sep - 4.30 to 6.30 pm: **Messy Church for all the Family** Fri 14 Sep - 2.00 to 4.00 pm at The Hurst: Holistic Therapy Sat 15 to Sun 16 Sep at St Laurence Frodsham: History and Genealogy Weekend. Sat 10.30 to 18.00 pm and Sun 12.30 to 16.30 Sun 30 Sep Harvest Thanksgiving

- 10.00 am at The Hurst: Mr Richard Holmes from Crewe YMCA
- 2.30 pm: Harvest on the Farm

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#### **SOME DATES IN OCTOBER**

Wed 3 Oct - 7.30 pm at KCC: Kingsley WI. Vale Royal Women's Aid Mon 8 Oct - Noon to 1.00 pm: Hurst Soup Lunch in aid of UNICEF Fri 12 Oct - 2.00 to 4.00 pm at The Hurst: Holistic Therapy 21 to 28 Oct One World Week

