



KINGSLEY NEWS

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The news and voice of your village
Community

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EDITORIAL NEWS AND VIEWS

Dear Readers

I hope everyone had a good summer. It doesn't seem long since I was writing the last editorial for the July edition. Come to think of it, a while ago I asked for volunteers who would be willing to write a guest editorial for me. I have had 3 volunteers, but what happened to everyone else? Come on, don't be shy and put pen to paper.

The Kingsley Transition Initiative are helping Frodsham to start their own initiative group and there will be an event in Frodsham on September 7th, details in the magazine.

As we head towards autumn, and following the success of the bulbs planted around the village last year, there will be another bulb planting day on Saturday 12th October, see the article for full details.

Finally, why not support the Macmillan Coffee Morning being held in the Community Centre on Friday 27th September.

Elizabeth

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THANK YOU

Alison and Helen would like to express their gratitude for the support of friends and family and for the many cards and messages of sympathy following the loss of Mum, Winifred Hickson on 13th June 2013.

WELCOME TO A NEW WEBSITE
Click on www.kingsleymethodist.org.uk
for more information.

WINIFRED HICKSON
10/08/1928 - 13/06/2013

Winnie was born in Kingsley on 10th August 1928 to George and Ada Cooper. She was the youngest of 6 children and had three brothers Tom, Fred and John and two sisters Annie and Ada. Family was everything to her and she enjoyed nothing better than a family get together...latterly at Kathleen Cooper's Birthday on 6th May when the family were all together. Winnie came from a close knit family. Except for brother Tom the family lived in Kingsley so regular visits to each others houses was the norm, the kettle was never cold!

Winnie went to school in Kingsley and after she left she worked at Rigbys The Bakers in Frodsham. Baking was a skill she never lost. Her Christmas cakes, mince pies, fruit loaves and apple pies to name a few were legendary. Rarely do you find baking as good as hers was.

Winnie first met Ken when he nearly ran her over on his motorbike. Things blossomed and they married on 1st August 1953 at the Hurst. Kathleen was bridesmaid. They honeymooned in Llandudno. At that time Winnie was a cable worker at BICC in Helsby. but gave that job up when Alison came along in 1961. Helen followed in 1964. Throughout her married life Winnie cared for and lived with her Mother until 1978 when she passed away. Grandson Chris arrived in 1985 and Winnie took over his childcare while Alison was at work.

Winnie always found loss of her family members very difficult to bear and following the passing of Ken in 2007 her health deteriorated considerably which meant a move from Bank House to Smithy Lane. She enjoyed the company of her neighbours in Smithy Lane and in particular that of Mrs Wilding

The Hurst Methodist Chapel was always been a very important part of her life. She was a Guild member, she inherited the greengrocery stall at the Autumn Market and helped at the Summer Fete. "Winnies Wars " raged when the pulpit was removed from the Chapel and again when the pews were removed. Change never came easy.

Winnie enjoyed an active social life. She liked people around her and loved people to visit. Dancing was a passion she and Ken shared and she was a founder member on the Community Centre committee, ran the local sequence dancing club, enjoyed a game of bingo at Delamere. She enjoyed the womens fellowship and afternoons at the Wyches, the local pantomimes and plays. Holidays were always planned and booked and Llandudno had a special place in her heart and she enjoyed many holidays and days out there.

Winnie could never have considered living anywhere but Kingsley and it is fitting her funeral was held at The Hurst on 20th June 2013 and was laid to rest in the family plot at Kingsley Cemetary. Winnie valued her family and friends and she had a good life for which we give thanks - a lifes work well done.

COMMUNITIES AGAINST DELAMERE'S DESTRUCTION

Organisers of a public meeting in Manley village hall on 16th July saw over 200 people attend to hear details of the plans to build 78 luxury lodges on 65 acres of greenbelt in the Kingswood area of Delamere Forest. Also in attendance was Mr Graham Evans, the MP for Weaver Vale as well as Cheshire West and Chester councillors and various parish councillors.

Plans for a new visitor centre and access road were also discussed at the meeting, but by far the most controversial part of the plan is the application to build a 390 bedspace village in Delamere along with a 1.5km access road right through the centre of the forest.

Figures released by the campaign group (www.CADD.me.uk) suggest that the forest road will account for 260,000 kilometres per annum and they argue that the openness and amenity of Delamere will be changed forever as a result.

A spokesman for CADD said, “ We saw a great turnout of people in support of our meeting, including politicians who came to hear the views of local residents who are angry that the consultation period last year does not appear to have affected the final planning application in any substantial form”.

“We need to ensure that the people surrounding the forest, as well as all those who visit it understand the scale and impact of the proposals and the fact that public vehicles would be allowed into the forest for the first time – it’s astonishing how many people don’t know that this plan has been submitted”.

Plans can be seen by visiting the Cheshire West and Chester planning portal and searching on planning reference 13/02700/FUL, where members of the public can also leave comments. The plans are likely to go before a planning committee in late summer.

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Please drop off any items at 22 Top Road or I can come and pick them up – 01928 787742

Fond memories of Kingsley from Hong Kong

For fifteen years, visiting Kingsley has become our annual routine since I married John Morris whose parents' home is in the village. To avoid the possibility of me being bored, John would arrange for us to be away from Kingsley for some of the time and we would visit other parts of the UK or another country, like France. But this year was different because we were in Kingsley for two months and most of the time I had to entertain myself as John had to work and travel abroad for business.

From the life in Hong Kong where we live compared with life in Kingsley, the huge difference is so overwhelming to me. Hong Kong is a "tiny" (!!) place with a 7.8 million population, the most condensed city in the world, with all sorts of noise from everywhere and every direction. The bustling creates lots of excitement in life and you don't want to miss anything. Kingsley is a complete contrast. I hardly saw a soul pass by the road in front of my parents' in law's house. Occasionally I saw a postman push some mail through our door. That's it! No noise, no shouting & screaming and definitely there are no dramas which we always come across in HK. I felt I lived in a very remote temple simply because there is nothing going on - how am I supposed to kill the long holiday in such a silent place?

One day, I found a Kingsley News. I had so much time so I read it carefully, page by page, and discovered lots of interesting information hidden inside. First, I found the Walking Club and got some information about how to join and where to go. I was so excited and called Maureen for more information. Maureen is such a warm person, she made me so welcome in the group. I had my first long walk in North Wales with the walking leader of the day, Griff who is retired from the RAF and Jim who is a retired medical doctor. There were some people who cancelled from the trip due to the hot weather - 25 degrees with sun! I told my friends in HK, they laughed and said "oh dear, that is our New Year weather and we can go anywhere and do anything with that pleasant temperature☺". After the tough country long walk I felt as though both my legs were broken, barely able to walk from one room to another back home, but I had absolutely enjoyed every minute of the day. The nice company, the beautiful & stunning scenery, the fresh & natural air, and the plantations, birds and butterflies which we rarely see them in a city like Hong Kong. Later, I had two more walks with the Kingsley walking group and I enjoyed both of them very much.

From the Kingsley News, I also arranged to have some farm life experience at Warburtons Farms. The family were very helpful. I was fascinated and astonished by the efficiency of an English farm, its highly industrialised farming system, the sophisticated modern agricultural equipment really making farming much more enjoyable compared with most Chinese farming I have experienced

which is almost still in stone age. No wonder the Warburtons family are so successful and confident which you can't find from Chinese peasants. (There are no farmers in China because no-one owns land. The government owns all the land and people are given a right to use it for 60 years. Peasant is not a negative word in China, anyone working in the fields is referred to as a peasant. They are the most hard working group in China)

John and I also went to the Red Bull for a dinner. It was my first visit to that pub. I have never had any great love for English food but, to my happy surprise, the food is fantastic. It was well cooked, well presented and absolutely delicious!

Thank you to all the people I met in Kingsley for being so friendly and making me feel so welcome.

Kingsley is like a Chinese treasure box, the deeper you dig, the more valuable treasure you can find!

Kingsley ☐ ☐ ☐

☐ I wish the people of Kingsley Happiness, Health and Longevity ☐

Community Centre

TABLE TENNIS restarts on Wednesday 18th Sept at 7.00pm

Come along and have a game- all levels welcome, men and women. There are 3 tables, bats and balls are provided. Come on your own or bring a few friends along.

The Community Centre now has broadband, with the aim of providing, in conjunction with KTI, internet access for those within the community who do not have access to the internet.

We have signed up with Plusnet for broadband. If anyone is planning on changing their broadband supplier and are considering Plusnet then by using the code KINGSLEYCA, the Community Association will receive a discount off the cost of broadband.

KINGSLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE

Smithy Lane, Kingsley.

SEPTEMBER AT THE CENTRE

Two new courses are starting, on Tuesday 24 September for 5 weeks :

Pilates for All 9am – 10.30am

Pilates for Over 55s 10.45am – 11.45am

The Yoga Mixed Ability Classes begin again on Tuesday 17th September for 11 weeks (6pm – 7.30pm; 7.30pm – 9pm)

For more information on the above contact Mid-Cheshire College Community Education Team on 01606 74444; email pford@midchesh.ac.uk

Also at the Centre

Monday :	9 th	Kingsley Gardening Club	8pm
Wednesday :	4 th	Kingsley W.I.	7.30pm
Wednesday :	4 th , 11 th , 18 th , 25 th	TLC	10–12noon
Wednesday :	4 th , 11 th , 18 th , 25 th	Tai Chi	1.30–2.30pm
Wednesday :	18 th , 25 th	Table Tennis	7pm
Thursday :	5 th , 12 th , 19 th , 26 th	KU17s	7pm – 9pm

Please come along and support the following events taking place this month :

Saturday 14th Sept K.T.I. Market 9.30am – 1.00pm

Friday 27th Sept Macmillan Coffee Morning 10am – 12noon

Rooms are available for hire at the Centre from as little as £20.

For any further information contact Elizabeth Batey on 01928 788788, email embatey@msn.com

KINGSLEY PARISH COUNCIL

July 2013

Speed Limit Reviews

Cheshire West and Chester Council intend to undertake speed limit reviews:

From Kingsley (top of Hollow Lane) to Weaverham; and
From Frodsham to Cuddington

Parish Councils affected along the route are being asked to contribute financially to making any proposed changes. Kingsley Parish Council welcomes the reviews and will consider making a contribution when the proposals are put forward.

Local Plan

Cheshire West and Chester Council will be publishing its Local Plan for consultation in the next few weeks. A link to it will be put on the Kingsley Website. You are encouraged to keep an eye on what is being proposed and give your views.

Dark Lane

Considerable damage has been caused in Dark Lane in July by, what is understood to be a tractor/bailer. Dark Lane is too narrow for large vehicles. It would be appreciated if anyone who has any information on who caused the damage could let a Parish Councillor know.

Speeding Sign

Research is being undertaken into the feasibility of a solar powered speeding sign with a view to locating it around the bottom end of Top Road, to encourage drivers to slow down.

KINGSLEY GARDEN CLUB

2013/2014 SEASON

First meeting:

Monday 9th September 2013 at 8pm
at

Kingsley Community Centre

Sue Beesley (of Bluebell Cottage Garden) will talk about

Choosing & Growing Perennials

Meetings every 2nd Monday in the month until May (no meeting in December).

ALL WELCOME

Entrance: £8 members (join at the door & it covers you for the whole season)
and £2 for guests (pay at the door)

We look forward to welcoming you to our Club

The Hurst Souperstars

SOUP LUNCH

Monday 9th September - Noon to 1.00pm

Home-made Soups, Puddings, Tea and Coffee

- only £2.50 all in.

All proceeds this month in aid of Charity.

Do please come along. .If you have not been before you will be warmly welcomed and enjoy a friendly chat whilst eating delicious home made food.



Hilarious comic masterpiece

The Servant of Two Masters

By Carlo Goldini (*Adapted by David Turner and Paul Lapworth*)

Wed 16th - Sat 19th October 2013, 7.30pm

Kingsley Community Centre

Directed by Lynn Pegler

This play inspired Richard Bean's award winning, riotous adaptation "One Man Two Guvnors" which is currently playing to packed houses in London's West End and around the country.

Goldoni's original 18th century Italian version is equally hilarious and follows the exploits of the servant Truffaldino who lands himself jobs with two different people at the same time. Not all the complications are of his own making – unknown to him, one of his 'masters' is in fact a woman in disguise and the other master is her lover. Rooted in the traditional comedia dell'arte style, the quick-witted plot sparkles with comedy and invention.

Tickets available online at www.kingsleyplayers.co.uk.

**Also on sale at Holland Pharmacy, Kingsley, or
phone 07925 516760.**

An amateur production by arrangement with Samuel French

FOUND

Found on top Road, one lonely garden gnome.

He is wearing a blue jacket and red hat and appears to be a jovial chap.

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Kingsley, Norley & Crowton Mother's Union

Hope everyone had a good summer and looking forward to seeing you all again in September after the break.

The speaker on Tuesday 3rd September is Barbara Burbidge and she will talk to us, about her new ministry at the Countess of Chester Hospital. Meeting starts at 7.30pm in the Church Room at Kingsley and all welcome.

Our October meeting is with our prayer partners at Lower Whitley, this is an afternoon meeting, 2pm on **Wednesday 9th** October at the church in Whitley, just off the A49. Hopefully we will be able to arrange transport for non-drivers wishing to attend.

2013 has been a busy year for us with our 70th anniversary celebrations – we've not finished yet! As you may have seen from the poster in this magazine, we are celebrating the 1940's in Kingsley Community Centre on Saturday 2nd November 7.30 – 11.30pm. This should be a really lively evening with entertainment provided by Johnny Victory, dancing, sing-alongs, quizzes and a Hot Pot Supper all for £10! A chance to dress-up in your 1940's outfits and remember "the good old days"! Tickets available from Audrey Griffiths 01928 788353, Jean Starkey 01928 788350, Pam Lee 01928 787343

Everyone welcome, we would love to see you there and if anyone knows of a family member who was part of the 1943 Mother's Union branch in Kingsley, we would love to hear from you.(tel. nos. as above)

Litter Pick Update

On **Saturday 13th July 9** of our litter pick team removed 9 bags of litter. Again there was very little litter in the centre of the village. Well done everyone. Thank you to those who have kept our village relatively clear of litter during the holiday period.

The next litter picks will be on Saturday 14th September and Saturday 12th 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

COMMUNITY
PRIMARY &
NURSERY
SCHOOL



What have we been doing recently?

Our school were pleased to organise the local **District Sports Competition** once again for the local primary schools. This event was attended by 13 primary schools and their families. We were blessed with good weather so the event went ahead smoothly.

Well done to all of the children who competed and to our children who came first, second and third in their events. Thank you to all of our staff and PTA for their work putting on this big event.

Our **girls cricket team** consisting of 7 girls from years 5 and 6 came second in the County Girls cricket competition and we are very pleased with their achievements.

Our Key stage 2 team took part in the **Inter-schools Mini Olympics** in Ellesmere Port, competing against teams from 25 other primary schools. We were so pleased that for the second time running, we came first. Our team was made up of 4

children each from years 3,4,5 and 6.

Recent visits:

Class 3 took part in their annual residential visit to Burwardsley.

Class 1 have visited Chester Cathedral and St John's church in Kingsley to learn about the local area and some key landmarks.

We hope that everyone has enjoyed their summer holidays and are enjoying the new term.



'This is a good school. Outstanding care, guidance and support from teachers and teaching assistants ensure that pupils are happy in school and enjoy the many and varied activities open to them.'

COFFEE MORNING
DURING THE KNOLL SURGERY FLU-JAB CLINIC
ON THUR 7th NOV

The Knoll Surgery are holding their annual flu-jab clinic at Kingsley Community Centre. When you are attending your appointment, please join us for a *Cup of Coffee, Cake & a Chat with Friends*.

We are the newly formed Patient Participation Group, and will be raising funds for initiatives to improve the Patient Experience at our Practice. Our first project is to implement the *Incredible Edible Scheme at the Princeway Health Centre*.

For more information see:- www.incredibleediblenetwork.org.uk

We would be very grateful for any help you could give at this event.

- Help on the Day.
- Provide some Cakes.
- Donate a Raffle Prize.

If you can help please contact :- Jane 07751337013 or Carol 01928 787312



Kingsley Mother's Union
are
Celebrating the 1940's
Come and join us for...

**A Nostalgic Filled Evening with Hot Pot Supper
and Entertainment by**

Johnny Victory

Saturday 2nd November 2013 - 7.30 - 11.30pm
Kingsley Community Centre
Everyone Welcome
Tickets £10

Available from - Audrey Griffiths 01928 788535
Jean Starkey 01928 788350
Pam Lee 01928 787343

NEWS & VIEWS FROM YOUR LOCAL FAMILY FARM

Well, what a difference a year makes. From last years twelve months of cold and continuous wet weather, we have had a proper summer this year, including two weeks of exceptionally hot sunshine. Hay making was easy, and we made some superb hay, although it was murder carting bales in the heat. The hot weather ripened the winter barley and we harvested it at the end of July in good conditions. The straw was baled the next day and is now in the hayshed.

Our potatoes suffered badly in the heat. The tops dropped and they almost died, but the rain came just in time and they seem to have recovered. We are now harvesting big crops, but the price has dropped accordingly.

George set up a Facebook Page for Warburtons Farms in June, in the hope of publicising our potato sales, and the site has gone crazy. We have 265 'Likes', and one picture alone received 3500 views. It was the one when I tipped the tractor over into a ditch!! Luckily, driver and tractor emerged unscathed. The photo is still on our site, if you care to take a look. Some of the comments are very funny.

You may have seen in the media that scientists have 'grown' a beef burger in a laboratory. It was actually grown in a test tube from stem cells from a cow's ear or something!!! It didn't look very burger like and I have no idea what it tasted like, but it certainly needs a lot more research on it. And at £250,000 each I don't think they will sell many at the Village Store. It makes me wonder what the carbon footprint of this burger would be, compared to one cow grazing in a Cheshire meadow. Food for thought!!

The controversy over fracking continues. Fracking is the hydraulic fracturing of rocks deep underground to release oil and gas which is piped to the surface. Kingsley is on the southern edge of a huge gas field that stretches northwards under Liverpool and Lancashire and up to Cumbria. People who think they can measure these things say there is more gas under there than there was in the North Sea. Harvesting this gas would help secure our energy needs for years to come, but as usual not everyone is happy with this. Some people think that fracking will cause earthquakes, poison the water supply and generally ruin the environment. It will be interesting to see how it all evolves. If gas is found under our farm, unfortunately it wont belong to us, so I wont be driving around in a Ferrari like JR Ewing!!.

Six little kittens arrived safely two days ago: Photo on Facebook Page.

Kind Regards

Graham Warburton - Warburtons Farms

BULB-PLANTING ON SATURDAY, 12th OCTOBER

The spring show of flowers in Kingsley were enjoyed so much by residents and visitors alike that the Kingsley Parish Council requested a plan for a second phase of planting. This was duly undertaken and suggestions put forward for adding to the bulbs and thus enhancing the displays. The plan was accepted and the bulbs ordered.

We invite you to join in the bulb-planting in two areas of the village. A small group of volunteers is needed to finish the planting of daffodils in the verge alongside the road on The Brow opposite the doctors' surgery. A second, much larger group is needed to continue the planting of daffodils in the verges in Hollow Lane leading up from the church. This was started last year and the intention is to continue with the same varieties.

We would like to encourage as many residents as possible - individuals, families - to come and join us. All you need is to turn up at either of these two sites in suitable clothing, preferably with high-visibility jackets, your own spade, kneeler, trowel and gloves. If children are coming to help, they **MUST** be accompanied by adults who will take responsibility for them. The Brow would be more suitable for families, being a quieter area for traffic.

The place: Hollow Lane and The Brow

The time: Saturday, October, 12th between 9.00am and 1.00pm. For your information, on other days two small teams of helpers will be planting additional bluebells in the bank of The Slack and gold and purple crocus in the long verge where Top Road meets Dark Lane.

If you have any questions about the planting, please contact me by email at: hollycottage@outlook.com

Catherine Tweedie



MacMillan Coffee Morning.

***Our annual coffee morning will be held at
Kingsley Community centre on Friday, 27th 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 any items for our stalls
drop them off at 22 Top Road. 01928787742***



***Looking forward to seeing you,
Sue, Lynne & Mary***

DOG FOULING

I would like to have it brought to the attention of the dog owners within the village who fail to clear up after there dog has messed. This not acceptable, our playing field is used as a litter tray, this is an area used by children, also the area outside of Kinglsey St John is used also as a litter tray. Whilst there are those dog owners whom do clear up within the village there seems to be a large number who don't and as a result I am angered at having to yet again dig dog pooh out of my children's new shoes, which ruin trips to the local park and playing field, and also from the treads on my pram wheels.

The dog mess left outside the primary school is of particular disgrace, which I have evidences for reporting to the environmental health.

ASH-WORTH TIME BANK UPDATE: Summer/Autumn 2013

Linking Communities Together

Pilates: Every Tuesday at Kingsley Hurst Methodist Room from 1.30pm. Beginners welcome. If you would like to attend this popular class – please phone 01829 751398 and book a free taster session. This is a continuing class and takes place throughout the summer without a break.

Kingsley Holistic Therapy Days: If you are over 60, or a carer, a single parent, or have anxiety or stress – why not come along to these free sessions 2nd Friday each month – next session at Hurst Methodist Rooms is: **September 13th from 2pm.**

Therapies available are: Reiki, Reflexology, Indian Head Massage and Auricular Acupuncture. Reflexology is particularly beneficial for IBS. Reiki is wonderful for relaxation and pain relief and Auricular (ear) Acupuncture is beneficial for phobias, addictions, sleep problems and anxiety. All Holistic Therapies are extremely relaxing and beneficial. To reserve a place please phone Susan on 01829 751398. ALL TREATMENTS ARE FREE OF CHARGE –however to ensure this project continues, donations are always welcome – suggested donation £5 only.

DELAMERE TABLE TOP SALE: SATURDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER FROM 9.30AM –DELAMERE COMMUNITY CENTRE – Tables £6 and refreshments available. Please phone Susan on 01829 751398 to reserve a table.

AUTUMN CRAFT & HOLISTIC FAIR, KINGSLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE, SATURDAY 2ND NOVEMBER 10AM TO 3PM. Tables are £20 each and are already going fast! To reserve a table or if you would like to come along and help or offer a service, please phone Susan or Caroline at the Time Bank office on 01829 751398 or email: ash-worthtime@hotmail.co.uk

Do you know a person who would benefit from becoming a member of Ash-worth Time Bank/Rural Wellbeing?

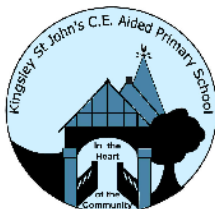
Ash-worth Time Bank organised a record number of practical jobs for people in Cheshire West in 2012/13. If you would like more information on this FREE service, please contact the Time Bank office on 01829 751398. Ash-worth Time Bank/Rural Wellbeing Project has over 450 members and is linked to many regional and local organisations.

LATEST NEWS FROM KINGSLEY ST JOHN'S SCHOOL

August 2013

Another Successful Year

It is the end of another year and we sadly must say goodbye to our Year 6. They received outstanding levels in their SATs, and have made a wonderful contribution to the school during their time with us—we are so proud of them and wish both the children and their families the very best for the future.



Lakeside and Pettypool (our Residentials), were a huge success and thoroughly enjoyable for all. The children took part in a range of exciting activities ranging from archery, climbing and abseiling to raft building and sailing.

The Music Concert was a showcase for all of the talent within our school. There was everything from drum performances to dance routines, singing, violins, keyboards and guitars.

The children recently took part in the District Sports Event and the cluster Sports Event at Ellesmere Port. There was a great team spirit and all the children should be congratulated on their efforts. There were some great individual performances against strong competition from much bigger schools and children.

We are proud to announce that Mrs Samantha Gibson, one of our amazing staff members was awarded Outstanding HLTA of the Year at a ceremony in Leeds.



Our very first Summer Fair was a truly magnificent day. Thanks go to Mrs Gibson and Mrs Shimmin who organised the whole day so perfectly—it was amazing. A real credit to all of their hard work and planning. Well done Ladies and to all of the staff and volunteers who came along on the day. It was wonderful to see so many people in our school grounds.

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

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Hike n' Bike News !

On Saturday 29th June, a friend and I completed our charity walk/cycle ride in aid of North West Air Ambulance – this year's chosen charity for The Hurst Methodist Church. We began at 7 am and reached the top of Snowdon by 8.45. We were then back down at Llanberis and away on our bikes by 10am for the 100 mile ride back to Kingsley. We arrived back home, after a few fuel stops and seeing some friendly faces en route, by 6pm where further refreshments were gratefully taken on board !!

Thanks to all who helped and sponsored us – the final tally was £2500 ! I'm sure Grandma (Mary) Makin would have been pleased and proud of everyone involved.

Danny Moores

The Kingsley Trades Group meets every month for breakfast. The objective of the group is to promote local trades people to the residents of the local area. Our existing members are AT YOUR SERVICE.....

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Neil Cook – Senior Care – Home Instead

Tel: 01928 733020

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The Plight Of The Pollinators

The recent Horizon programme “What’s Killing Our Bees” shown on BBC2 (available on BBC iplayer and Youtube - http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DYr_xREfC8E ([Preview](#))) looked into why bee’s across the world are disappearing at an alarming rate. Lots of theories have been put forward: pesticide use, change of farming techniques, over farming (bees in the US are shipped coast to coast and don’t have a period of rest to rebuild their strength), disappearing habitat thanks, in part, to Councils being over tidy with verges, disappearing hedgerows and single farm crops creating too much of a mono-culture), climate & weather changes and the varroa mite etc, etc.

Horizon looked into all of these and concluded what a lot of us have already started to think, mainly that no one cause can be blamed and it is a culmination of them all that is weakening bees and leaving them too weak to fight them. I found it a very informative programme and well worth a watch, especially because it doesn’t just concentrate on the well known honey bee but all pollinators such as Bumblebees, solitary bees and hover-flies etc as well.

The programme not only highlighted the rapid decline of pollinators but also showed some places that are surprisingly bucking the trend, with bees that are flourishing and producing good quality honey. You may be surprised to read these are cities such as Birmingham and Paris where there appears to be a greater diversity of plants (we would probably call them weeds!) as well as gardens and parks where pesticide usage is lower.

It also showed that some farmers are starting to create wildlife corridors around (and sometimes straight across) their fields to introduce a variety of bee friendly plants to join up the woodlands and generally give them more of what they like. The hope is that this will enable them to get the nectar they need without having to work as hard or fly as far resulting in stronger bees that are better able to cope with all the other things that are affecting them.

So what can we do?

The answer is just as much as we are able;

- We can plant bee friendly plants in our gardens and on our allotments making sure we provide flowers for all times of the year for when the bees hatch or come out of hibernation in the Spring, throughout the summer to feed their colony’s (or lay their eggs in the case of the solitary bees) and during the Autumn so they can build up the reserves they need to survive the Winter. The thing to be wary of with summer bedding plants is to avoid the F1 hybrids that are often sterile and no use to pollinating insects, going instead for plants like antirrhinums, buddleia and forsythia etc.

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Some Bee Facts

- There are over 200 species of solitary bee in the UK alone, from mining bees, which make their nests in the ground, mason bees that will inhabit any nook and cranny they can find and leaf cutter bees to name but a few.
- One mason bee can do the job of 120 honey bees when it comes to pollinating apple blossom (another reason to encourage them into your garden or allotment).
- Solitary bees are very placid insects and no danger to either children or animals so a fantastic way of teaching children about nature and helping encourage pollinators.
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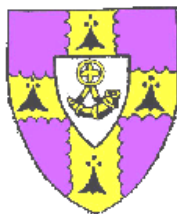
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Kingsley Walking Group have two walks each month: on the second Tuesday there is a long walk of 7 - 8.5 miles (bring a packed lunch); on the last Wednesday a short walk of approx. 5 miles with a coffee break and pub lunch. We meet at the Community Centre at 9.30am (Note however an earlier start of 9.00am for the long walks from May to September). Information on the walks programme may be found on the Walking Club page of the Kingsley Village website. For more information tel. 788132 (short walks), 788068 (long walks).



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