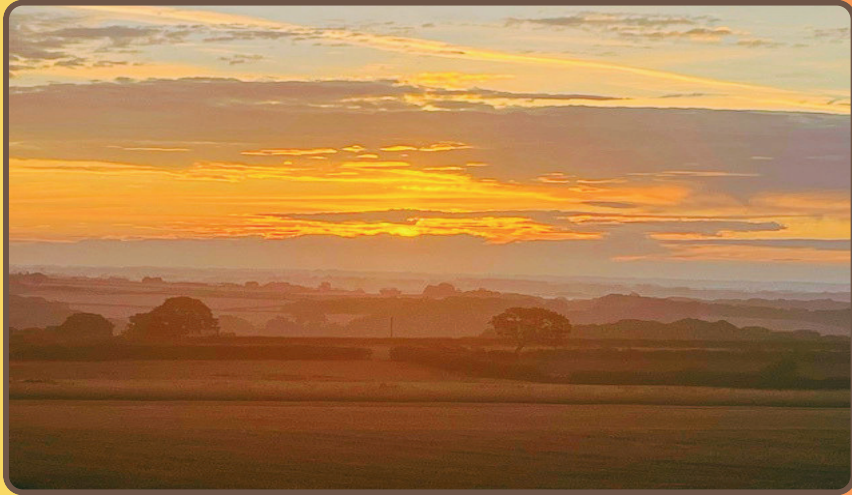


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AUTUMN 2026



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Kingsley Community Centre: Regular Weekly Classes

Tai Chi	Monday	10.30am to 11.30am	liverpooltaichi@gmail.com
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Sunday to Friday 8am to 12 pm or 1pm to 5pm	£45	£30	£20	£20
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8:00am to 11pm (All Day)	£150	£90	£75	£75

Rooms can be hired for an hourly rate of £15 per hour.

There is a standard charge of £35 per session for the provision of the bar.



Hello from the Editor



Hello all, and a very warm welcome to the Autumn 26 edition of Kingsley News!

I hope you've all had a lovely Summer and you're looking forward to golden leaves and crisp air as we head into Autumn.

In search of the warm oranges, yellows and vibrant reds that make Autumn so beautiful, I was up for the break of dawn to take the cover picture for this edition. The gorgeous sunrise cresting over the fields alongside Kingsley Road more than made the early start worth it! As much as I enjoyed my 5am stroll, I'm sure there are far more talented photographers than me amongst our readers, and I would love it if you could help me out with the cover image for our Winter edition. So, if you have a photo or a piece of artwork that you think would be the perfect festive, wintry image for Kingsley News, please do send it in to **editor@kingsleycommunitycentre.co.uk**.

If you fancy a good brainteaser, stay tuned for this edition's puzzle page! A big thank you for submitting the quiz featured in this issue! If anyone has a puzzle to get our brains whirring for the Winter edition, don't hesitate to get in touch.

We have an exciting milestone to celebrate this September as our Community Centre marks its 50th anniversary. Keep your eye out for event details later in the newsletter.

A big thank you to all our advertisers and contributors for the support that helps keep Kingsley News free to all households.

Any contributions for the Winter edition of Kingsley News are to be sent to **editor@kingsleycommunitycentre.co.uk** by **15th November 2026**. I'm excited to hear from you!

Finally, don't forget that Kingsley News is also available online on the Kingsley Village website: **www.kingsleyvillage.co.uk**.

Wishing you all the best,
Caitlyn



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★ Kingsley Quizzes ★

Greetings quiz-lovers, welcome to the Autumn edition of Kingsley Quizzes! It's time to get your cryptic brains into gear. Can you use these crafty clues to guess the UK town or city?



1. Carry on tearing
2. Follow the clues
3. No hats here
4. The plates are still full
5. A poor meadow



6. This is plain
7. Chasing the university fellow
8. Coloured trench
9. Trying to get a lift
10. Plenty of timber

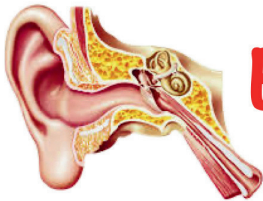


Did you get them all? Find the answers at the back of the newsletter.

A huge thank you for the submission of this edition's quiz! I'd love to include more reader-made quizzes. So, if you have a puzzle to challenge us with in the next edition, please do get in touch:



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The church will be open for viewing the Harvest
Displays
and children's work on 17th, 18th, 19th & 20th
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10am – 4pm each day

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Archive Display

Have a look at historic photos from the Community Centre's past – early carnivals, the building of the Centre, and stories from some of the volunteers who helped make it happen.



Family Treasure Hunt

Pick up your map at the Centre and explore the village to find all the clues.



Loose Connections - Live Music (Evening)

Celebrate into the evening with live music.
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A Brief History of Kingsley Community Centre

Whether it's a visit to a coffee morning, a weekly exercise class, attending a play, or even starring in one, the Community Centre has undoubtedly been a part of your life in one way or another.

The Centre is such a staple of Kingsley's social landscape that it's hard to imagine a time when it wasn't there. But take a look into the history of our Community Centre, and the story that emerges is one of determination, camaraderie and extraordinary resilience in the face of challenges.

It all started in 1971, when a public meeting of over 100 people led to the creation of Kingsley Community Association (KCA). Something was missing in Kingsley: a social centre where village organisations could meet, where people could connect with their community and enjoy a sense of belonging. The KCA set about turning this vision of a thriving social hub into a reality.



Such a feat was not without its challenges, perhaps the most significant of which was cost. This left the KCA with a question: could the community build the Centre itself? Thanks to the extraordinary skill and generosity of local tradesmen and volunteers, who donated their time and expertise free of charge, the answer was a resounding yes.

This incredible show of community spirit dramatically reduced costs, and in 1974 grants were obtained to put towards the building of the Centre. However, the challenge of raising an additional £6,000 still remained.

Cabaret nights, cheese and wine evenings and even a medieval carnival. This eclectic mix of events all have one thing in common: they were all fundraisers for the Community Centre. The talent, humour and creativity of the volunteers shine in all their efforts. Cabaret night attendees were sometimes surprised with fictitious, tongue-in-cheek parodies of *This Is Your Life*; jousting at the medieval carnival was undertaken with such enthusiasm that it sometimes triumphed over self-preservation, and an accidental shortcut at a pram race led to a cheating scandal for the history books.

In fact, a history book was yet another way money was raised. *Kingsley: The Story of a Cheshire Village* was published by K.C.A Books, with all the proceeds put towards the Centre. Positive change, the book reflects, is inspired by 'a real sense of loyalty to the village as a community'. And what better example of change guided by love for community than the time, energy and skills freely donated by the people of Kingsley to help build the social heart of the village.

Kingsley Community Centre was officially opened on 4th September 1976. The outstanding contribution of local people is thrown into sharp relief when you consider the difference between the cost of the Centre, £21,876, and its insurance value of £75,000. In an astounding display of generosity and local pride, the people of Kingsley had given over £50,000 worth of free labour, materials and machinery, with many dedicating almost all their free time to the Centre's construction.

Sadly, it was not all plain sailing from here. In March 2004, the Centre was devastated by a fire. In the wake of this tragedy, the community rallied once more in a remarkable show of resilience, and a new team volunteered to supervise the Centre's restoration.

50 years after Kingsley Community Centre first opened its doors, it is still the social heart of the village. It is a place that helps transform the meaning of community from simply living in the same area to sharing deep social connections. Far more than bricks and mortar, the building represents dedication, local pride and an amazing generosity of spirit. So, let's remember the astounding efforts of the people that helped to give us the Centre we know and love today. Long may the Community Association and Centre continue to bring us together.

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However, a principle aim is to encourage people to be mindful and understanding of the need to keep within speed limits.

In addition, we intend to use our data as evidence to back up requests for monitoring, traffic calming and improved signage.

We need this information in order to have our voices heard by police and council.

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KINGSLEY ST JOHN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

THREE YEAR OLD NURSERY

Our nursery is part of our Foundation Stage and our pre-school children benefit from learning alongside their friends in Reception. We take children from 3 years old into our Little Wrens class and the provision is led by our Early Years lead, Mrs Gibson.

Our pre-school Little Wrens learn in our stimulating environment both inside and outside the classroom and make the most of our beautiful grounds here at Kingsley. We are very lucky to have a qualified Forest School teacher in Mrs Raynor and our pre-school Little Wrens take advantage by learning outdoors in our Forest School area.

We understand that taking those first steps into school can be daunting for both parents and children. Staff work hard to ensure that from those first tentative moments until they leave us at Y6 our children (and parents!) feel part of our school family, where they are nurtured, supported, celebrated, challenged and enabled to be the very best they can be.

We accept both full and half day sessions and more information can be found by contacting Mrs Bennett in the office:

We offer:

- Play-based learning focused on the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) curriculum.
- Activities that support early literacy, numeracy, communication, physical, and social development.
- Carefully planned provision to spark curiosity and independence.
- Teachers and teaching assistants who are trained in early childhood education.
- Strong relationships with families and good communication about each child's progress.
- A safe, stimulating, and well-resourced classroom and outdoor area.
- Emphasis on personal, social, and emotional development—helping children feel secure and confident.
- Children ready to move seamlessly into the school's Reception class, with familiar staff and routines.

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Believe in the light, whilst you have the light, so that you may become children of light.' John 12:36

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KINGSLEY WALKERS

I have often extolled the joys of walking, the friendships I have made and the words and worlds I have explored. In the words of Thomas A. Clark (no relation that I know of)...

"There are walks in which I lose myself, walks which return me to myself again.

Is there anything better than to be out, walking in the clear air?"

At this time I wish to pile praise on the group members who have planned and led walks so far this year. From the mud and rains of January, February and March to the boiling extremes of the summer. From first research, reconnaissance and framing of emails. The checking of car parks and the liaison with pubs and cafes, each with their own peculiarities of ordering and attitudes to dogs. For checking out the opening times of more basic facilities or trip advisor guides to the suitability of bushes. For finding places for us to stop for coffee or eat a packed lunch and for the myriad little touches that have gone into so many fine walks. You truly are local heroes and heroines, I thank you all.

- **13th January**, Acton Bridge, 5.1 miles, The Riverside, Jane.
- **10th February**, Tarvin, 5 miles, The Stamford Bridge, Carol.
- **25th February**, Delamere Forest. 10 miles, Sue W.
- **10th March**, Acton Bridge and Little Leigh, Leigh Arms, 5 miles, Malcolm.
- **24th March**, Cressington into Liverpool City Centre, 7 miles, John and Kath.
- **14th April**, Kelsall, 5.5 miles, The Morris Dancer, John and Kath.

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We have two walks per month, a short one of 4-6 miles on the second Tuesday and a longer one of 8-12 miles on the fourth Tuesday. Email - kingsleywalkerswa6@gmail.com.

- **28th April**, The Cloud, 7.5 miles, Alison.
- **26th May**, Bollington, 8 miles, Steve and Ann.
- **9th June**, Erbistock, 4,8 miles, The Boat Inn, Lorraine.
- **23rd June**, Wrenbury, 7 miles, Carol.
- **14th July**, Bickerton, 3.5 miles, The Chalmondeley Arms, Carol.
- **28th July**, Whitegate, 6 miles, Martin.
- **11th August**, From Lady Hayes 5 miles, The Ring o Bells, Janet

Also our long distance walk: 7-13th May, Jersey, 44 miles and too many eateries, pubs and cafes to mention.

On which topic, a few lines from Sue McGing:

Ode to Holiday Eating

Uphill and down we walked with cheer,
Sustained by chocolate, crisps and beer.

No chances of us getting thinner,
With Flossie's breakfast, big, late dinner,
In spite of all the miles of walking
And calories consumed in talking.

A wayside pub? Let's all go in
For coffee, biscuits, craft ale, gin.
Mad Mary's shack at Bouley Bay,
Ice creams to see us on our way.
A welcome break at half past three
For Time-outs, flapjacks, cake and tea.

A climb is better, if it's big,
When tackled with a Percy Pig.
It's no surprise that I have found
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Session Dates and Times

The informal gatherings will take place at the **Kingsley Community Centre** and will run **from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM** on the following Thursday afternoons:

September: Thursday, 17 September 2026

October: Thursday, 15 October 2026

November: Thursday, 19 November 2026

What to Bring and Expect

There is no set agenda or rigid tutorial; the emphasis is purely on community, conversation, and creativity. Attendees are invited to bring along any portable project they are currently working on—be it knitting, sketching, embroidery, scrapbooking, or model making.

Entry is just **£1 per session**, which covers the cost of refreshments. It is the perfect opportunity to carve out dedicated creative time, share ideas with neighbours, and enjoy a warm drink and a chat.

For further information, please contact Gail on 07833 128974.

More Interrail Adventures in 2026

Last year Malcolm and I ventured round Europe on our first Interrail trip since I was a student in 1976! Many people told me they enjoyed reading of our journey, so here is this year's trip!

We purchased our tickets in the Black Friday sale last autumn, when Interrail typically offer 25% off the price. This allows us to splash out and buy first class travel, a far cry from the student offer back in the 1970's.

Part One

Due to our family holiday and my godson's wedding, this Interrail travel was split into two separate trips. Part one started on 15th May with an evening flight to Bergen, where we spent the night at the airport.

The following morning we travelled into the centre of Bergen, visited Bryggen, the colourful traditional waterfront warehouses which now have an array of eateries and shops. From there we made our way to the port, where we embarked on the ferry, MS Stavangerfjord for a five hour trip round the coast to Stavanger. Following the coast, there were impressive views of fjords, bridges and plenty of boats of all sizes travelling up and down with cargo and passengers. After a fabulous early dinner on board we disembarked and made our way to our hotel on the harbourside at Stavanger. We were surprised to see three British Navy patrol vessels moored right outside our window, part of a joint security exercise with Norway!

As luck would have it, the next day was Norway's Constitution day and we found ourselves in the middle of a huge celebration, with the local population dressed in traditional costume and a wonderful carnival atmosphere. There were two three-hour long processions comprising every conceivable group, association, club, school, college and anything else you can think of. We were entertained by singers, dancers, gymnasts, crafters, bands, magicians and a whole lot more. There was a real sense of national pride and we felt lucky to be there!

The next day we travelled by train to Oslo, an eight hour journey across wide, green open spaces, rivers, lakes, forests and farmsteads. We fitted in an evening walk around the royal palace, the port and the opulent city centre and next morning departed for another long train ride to Myrdal, high up in the most beautiful central mountains, which were still covered in snow.



At Myrdal we took a long anticipated ride on the Flam railway, which is regarded as one of the world's most beautiful train journeys. It is a breathtaking 20 km descent down one of the steepest standard gauge lines in the world, passing at vertiginous angles and bends through steep mountainsides and rushing rivers at gradient of 5.5%. On arriving at the bottom we were greeted by the dazzling blue waters of the 29-km long Aurlandsfjord, a branch of the Sognefjord, Norway's longest and deepest fjord.

We spent two days in Flam, visiting an impressive viewing point, Stegarstein, a walkway high up in the mountains and enjoying hiking in the beautiful foothills surrounding the village.

A reverse journey up the zig-zag railway to Myrdal took us to our next long journey across the top of the mountains, dotted with small, isolated summer shacks waiting for the spring and summer, back to Bergen. Here we embarked on the famous Hurtigruten coastal express. Essentially a posh cargo ship which takes passengers as well as cargo, we had a mini-cruise with stops all the way up to the Arctic Circle, where we disembarked at Tromsø.

We loved Ålesund, an art deco town which had been destroyed by a fire in the early 1900's and lovingly rebuilt, also Hjørundfjorden, where we were taken by tug to visit the tiny village on the shores of the fjord, Trondheim with its bridges and beautiful cathedral and Tromsø with its modern cathedral and magnificent civic buildings, funded by Norway's staggering Sovereign Wealth Fund. It was bizarre to be in the Arctic Circle and see on Norwegian news headlines shots of people sizzling in the heatwave in Hyde Park in London!

Since we were too far north for a train service, we flew from Tromsø back to Trondheim where we were able to attend a beautiful concert in the cathedral before our journey back to Oslo to fly home.



Look out for part two in the next edition!

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Alvanley & Manley, Norley, Crowton and Kingsley Benefice

Services in September 2026

Sunday 6th September

10.00am Family Holy Communion at Norley

6.30pm Sacred Space at Crowton

Sunday 13th September

10.00am Holy Communion at Crowton

6.00pm 2nd Sunday @ 6 – at NCK Centre, Norley

Sunday 20th September

10.00am Harvest Festival Service at Kingsley

Sunday 27th September

8.30am Holy Communion at Crowton

10.00am Holy Communion at Alvanley

Mid-week Holy Communion all at 10.00 am

3rd September at Crowton

10th September at Kingsley

17th September at Norley

24th September at Crowton

Services in October 2026

Sunday 4th October

10.00am Holy Communion at Norley

6.30pm Sacred Space at Crowton

Sunday 11th October

10.00am Holy Communion at Crowton

6.00pm 2nd Sunday @ 6 – at NCK Centre, Norley

Sunday 18th October

10.00am Holy Communion at Kingsley

Sunday 25th October

8.30am Holy Communion at Crowton

10.00am Holy Communion at Alvanley

Mid-week Holy Communion all at 10.00 am

1st October at Kingsley 15th October at Crowton

8th October at Norley 22nd October at Kingsley

29th October at Norley

Services in November 2026

Sunday 1st November

10.00am Holy Communion at Norley

4.30pm Service of Commemoration & Thanksgiving

6.30 pm Sacred Space at Crowton

Sunday 8th November - Remembrance Sunday

10.00am Service of Remembrance in Church

10.50am Act of Remembrance at the Cenotaph

Sunday 15th November

10.00am Holy Communion at Kingsley

Sunday 22nd November

8.30am Holy Communion at Crowton

10.00am Holy Communion at Alvanley

Sunday 29th November

Joint Service with the Methodists, Venue to be confirmed

Mid-week Holy Communion all at 10.00 am

5th November at Crowton

12th November at Kingsley

19th November at Norley

26th November at Crowton

Thank you

We would like to thank the person who has slipped donations under the church door for 'God's Work'.
So much appreciated - God Bless

Vicar Revd Margaret Byrne

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Worship at The Hurst Methodist Church

September 2026

Sunday 6th Sept – 8.30 am Holy Communion led by Revd C Rawlinson

10am Holy Communion led by Revd C Rawlinson

Sunday 13th Sept - 10am Morning Worship led by Kate Matthews

Sunday 20th Sept - 10am Morning Worship led by Mrs A Palmer

Sunday 27th Sept - 10am Harvest Festival led by Revd G Gresswell

October 2026

Sunday 4th Oct – 8.30am Holy Communion led by Revd C Rawlinson

10am Morning Worship led by Mr P Davidson

Sunday 11th Oct - 10am Morning Worship led by Dr J Ford

***Sunday 18th Oct** - 10.45 am Joint service and Holy Communion at Norley Methodist Church led by Revd C Heald* No service at the Hurst today.

Sunday 25th Oct - 10am Morning Worship led by Mr J Evans

November 2026

Sunday 1st Nov – 8.30am Holy Communion led by Revd C Rawlinson

10am Morning Worship led by Prof N Ford

***Sunday 8th Nov** – 10am Remembrance Service at St John's Church led by Revd M Byrne* No service at the Hurst today

Sunday 15th Nov – 10am Holy Communion led by Revd C Rawlinson

Sunday 22nd Nov – 10am Morning Worship led by Mrs A Hanks

***Sunday 29th Nov** – 10.45 am United service at Norley Methodist Church led by Revd M Byrne and Revd C Rawlinson* No service at the Hurst today.

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.

Coffee and Chat

Please come and join us each Tuesday morn 10am at the Hurst Methodist Church meeting room.

For 'Coffee and Chat', meet old friends and new.

You will be most welcome

Upcoming social events at The Hurst Chapel

Music evening

The Hurst Chapel is very pleased to be hosting an evening of popular music from the 50s, 60s and 70s by Keynotes on **Friday 23rd**

October starting at 6.30pm.

Light refreshments (tea, coffee and homemade cakes) will be available at the interval and there will also be a raffle and sale table.

Entrance and refreshments will be by cash donation on the night and all proceeds will go to KSN Hospital (Khristiya Seva Niketan) in West Bengal, the charity which is being supported by the church in 2026/27.

Please come and enjoy the evening with us.

Big Breakfast

In November the famous and always very popular Hurst Big Breakfast will be returning.

Please keep your eyes open for further information nearer the time.



KINGSLEY BOOK CLUB



Review: *Everything is Illuminated* by Jonathan Safran Foer

One of those books that seems to divide opinion. Some people really enjoyed Foer's unusual writing style, especially the deliberately "wrong" English used by Alex. It can be funny and gives the book a distinctive voice, although for some it became quite tedious after a while. At times, the unusual structure and jumping backwards and forwards made the story feel more confusing than illuminating!

That said, there are some incredibly powerful and moving parts. The sections dealing with the Holocaust are harrowing, and Foer writes about memory, loss and trauma in a way that can really stay with you.

We found interesting the importance / power of the photograph, it shows how something as simple as a photograph can carry an enormous amount of meaning and can connect people to a past they barely understand.

Review: *Make a Home of Me* by Vanessa Santos

One half found it atmospheric, creepy and refreshingly gore-free; the other half were wondering when something frightening was actually going to happen.

The collection got off to a very promising start with "Table of Scraps." Most of us agreed that this was the story that made us sit up and think, Ooh, this could be good! It had atmosphere, intrigue and just enough creepiness to pull us in.

Half the group thought it was a great example of quiet horror — unsettling rather than outright terrifying. The stories were imaginative, compelling and, importantly, just the right length.

The other half however, were clearly not losing any sleep over it! They found the stories neither particularly unsettling nor imaginative and, in some cases, simply rather boring.

"As Above, So Below" was an interesting one because it had definite echoes of the Covid lockdown. The isolation, being stuck at home and the growing sense that something wasn't quite right all felt strangely familiar.



The Kingsley Village Book Club meets on the **second Thursday of each month at 7:30pm at the Red Bull**. New members are always welcome—just turn up with your curiosity and love of books, whether you prefer to quietly soak up the discussion or dive into the debate.

Everyone gets to choose a future book if they wish, so the list develops organically and reflects the group's variety of tastes.

2026 Reading List (Jun–Nov) — with average scores out of 5 where available:

- Jun – *Everything is Illuminated* – Safran Foer – family heritage in Ukraine (3.17)
 - Jul – *Make a Home of Me* – Vanessa Santos – Scottish horror (2.38)
 - Aug – *Earth* – Emile Zola – 19th Century French exploring social inequality (4.0)
 - Sep – *The Names* – Florence Knapp – Three versions of a life
 - Oct – *The Secret Painter* – Joe Tucker – Local story
 - Nov – *What You Are Looking for is in the Library* – Michiko Aoyama – Contemporary Japan
- We score each book, and our discussions often bring out unexpected perspectives and lively debates.

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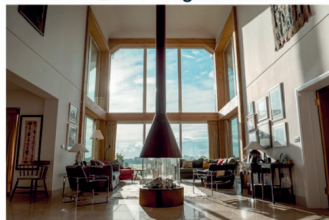
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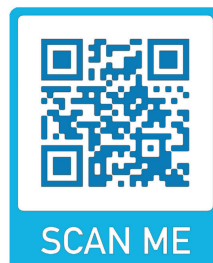
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KNVI will be holding its AGM on 2nd November 2026.

All residents of Kingsley and Newton and all Friends of the Institute are welcome to attend.

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KNVI is a venue for events in the village and has two tennis courts used by a thriving Tennis Club. It has a competition standard Crown Bowling Green and a keen Bowling section. There is also an active snooker section. The hall is available for hire.

All Trustees (who are Members of the Management Committee) are up for re-election at the AGM.

We are always happy to talk to people who are interested in becoming trustees. This is an interesting role to help with the Management decisions relating to this important village asset and charity, which is in a sound financial position. If you are interested in becoming a Trustee, or want a chat about the role then please contact me for a discussion.

Nominations for election to the management committee (as a Charity Trustee) must be sent to Fiona Crane (Secretary) at the email below, to be received by **5:00pm on Thursday 30th October 2025:**

e-mail **fiona.crane1@outlook.com**

Nominations must meet the following criteria in our constitution – please confirm these items in your e-mail:

1. You (the person nominating) must provide your full name and address
2. You (the person nominating) must live in the Parish of Kingsley or Newton (this is in the constitution)
3. You must provide the full name and address and e-mail address of the person you are nominating.
(The person you are nominating is not required to live in Kingsley Village)
4. The person nominated must be over the age of 18 years

If anyone wants a copy of the 2026 Accounts and Minutes of the 2025 AGM, please e-mail me at the above e-mail address and I will send you a copy a few days before the AGM. There will only be a few paper copies available on the night.

Fiona Crane – **fiona.crane1@outlook.com**

KNVI Secretary

Registered Charity Number: 517740



KINGSLEY WOMBLES

Lots of people were on holiday so numbers were slightly down for the latest litter pick but most satisfying it was.

This time we covered all of Hollow Lane and the main road towards Lady Heyes. The usual selection of alcohol cans and bottles and fast food and sweet packaging discarded from passing cars provided most of the finds. Strangely four large plastic containers of ant powder (empty) were found spaced at regular intervals and of course a selection of plastic bags of dog waste in the hedges! Why??

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KINGSLEY GARDEN CLUB



The Kingsley Village Garden Club is opening its doors for an exciting new season this September, welcoming both experienced growers and complete beginners to join a fresh year of horticultural activities.

As the autumn planting season begins, the club has designed a diverse programme of guest speakers, hands-on workshops, and community greening projects aimed at bringing local nature lovers together.



What to Expect This Season

- **Expert Speakers:** Monthly talks covering everything from winter vegetable harvesting to wildlife-friendly garden design.
- **Hands-On Workshops:** Practical sessions focusing on seasonal pruning and propagation.
- **Community Projects:** Collaborative volunteer days to help beautify our shared village spaces.
- **Plant and Seed Swaps:** Opportunities to exchange surplus cuttings, seeds, and advice with your neighbours.



First Meeting: Foraging in Our Local Area

The club is delighted to welcome Sam Webster as the first guest speaker of the season. She will be giving a fascinating presentation on "Foraging in Our Local Area," sharing her expertise on how to safely identify, harvest, and enjoy the wild edible plants and seasonal treats growing right on our doorstep.



Meeting Details and Membership

Meetings take place on the **second Monday of every month** at the **Kingsley Community Centre**. We **start at 6:30 PM** for refreshments and a chance to chat, with the main presentation starting shortly after. The first meeting of the new season is scheduled for **Monday, 14 September 2026**.

Annual membership is open to all for just £15, making it an affordable way to learn new skills and connect with fellow gardeners. Visitors are welcome for £5. Whether you have a large allotment, a few pots or a simple windowsill display, stop by to share your passion and help our village bloom. For any further details, **please contact Val on 07816 834010**.

Answers to cryptic UK place names

1. Ripon
2. Leeds
3. Ilkley Moor

4. Nuneaton
5. Dudley
6. Salisbury
7. Huntingdon

8. Redditch
9. Hitchin
10. Woodstock

Well done if you got them right!

KPYT

Kingsley Players
Youth Theatre



KPYT Celebrates Ten Years with a Special Homecoming

There is something rather special about seeing a local community come together through theatre. For the past ten years, Kingsley Players Youth Theatre (KPYP) has given young people the opportunity to perform, make friends, build confidence and, most importantly, have fun.

This September, the company celebrates its tenth anniversary with its 20th production, Rob Madge's 'My Son's a Queer (But What Can You Do?)' – and it is set to be a particularly special occasion for the KPYP family.

The play tells the true story of Rob Madge and their childhood dream of putting on a spectacular Disney parade in their parents' living room. What starts as an ambitious childhood project becomes a funny, touching and ultimately heart-warming story about family, acceptance, imagination and the people who support us as we grow up.

First performed by Rob Madge in the West End, the play has resonated with audiences because, beneath all the theatricality and comedy, it is a story about family. It celebrates the wonderful things that can happen when children are encouraged to dream big and when the people around them help those dreams become reality.

For KPYP, those themes feel particularly appropriate.

To mark the company's tenth anniversary, the production will bring together past and present members of KPYP, with several former performers returning to the Kingsley stage, including Benjamin Mather-Dodd, who has just completed his training at Trinity Laban Conservatoire of Music and Dance, in the role of Madge. It is a chance to celebrate not only the company's history, but the many young people, families, volunteers and supporters who have helped make KPYP part of the local community over the last decade.

From its very first production to its most recent shows, KPYP has continued to provide a space where young people can discover a love of theatre and develop skills that stay with them long after the curtain comes down.

Now, as the company looks towards its next ten years, it is fitting that this anniversary production brings everyone together once again.

**'My Son's a Queer (But What Can You Do?)' will be performed at Kingsley Community Centre on
Saturday 12 September 2026 at 2pm and 7:30pm. Tickets cost £10 and are available from
www.kingsleyplayers.co.uk or by ringing 07724 892154.**

Whether you have watched KPYP grow over the past ten years, have a child or grandchild who has taken part, have supported us from the audience, or are simply looking for a great afternoon or evening of local theatre, we would love you to join us.

Come along, support local young people and help us celebrate ten years of KPYP.

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