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OCTOBER 2023

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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.

FROM THE EDITOR

Welcome to the October 23 edition of Kingsley News,

As the nights draw in I feel that I am preparing myself physically, mentally and spiritually for winter. For me, once again, I have reached the onset of a time of partial hibernation, when I and the village of Kingsley reverts to staying indoors and streets become empty of human habitation, with movement out and about procured primarily via metal boxes on wheels. But maybe, as this winter approaches and the leaves turn their glorious autumnal colours, I'll challenge myself try to walk down to the Co-op a bit more, have a stroll to the Red Bull, catch a show by Kingsley Players, play some floodlit tennis, or even walk my dog in the dark on a cold and rainy night.

I have the privilege to hold the last 25 years back catalogue of Kingsley News. It is great to take a nostalgic peek at these previous editions, although some things seem to come up time and again. For example, in November 2003, 'The Broadband Issue' was published, bemoaning broadband quality in the village and the need for a faster and more modern service. With the national digital switchover in 2025, all analogue lines will have to be replaced. Perhaps today we need to embrace the offer to our rural community by Factco, even if it does mean a few additional telephone poles to get the service into our houses!

I hope many of you can recall with affection, the 'Down on the Farm - Farm update' articles by Graham Warburton. I have included a couple of extracts from October and November 2003. I hope reading them might inspire one or two of you to write a guest article for a forthcoming Kingsley News edition.

Last month, I shared an advert for itravel, an on demand travel service. I wonder how many of you have used it? If you haven't, then do take time to read the fact finder piece, which I hope can go some way to answer any questions that you might have regarding when and how to use the service.

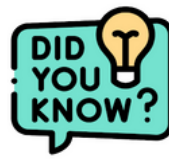
Lastly, are you a budding artist or photographer? Do you have or are you willing to produce a picture / photograph for the front cover of Kingsley News? The theme for November's front cover is, 'striking and colourful autumn'.

Best Wishes
Steve

Photos/Articles for the newsletter to be sent to the Editor at
kingsleynewseditor@gmail.com
Copy deadline the 21st of the month.



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



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HIGHER HEYES

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NORLEY ROAD

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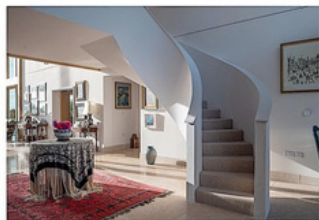
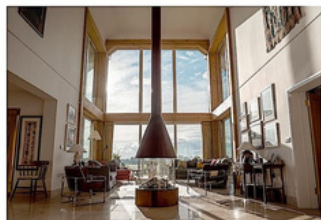
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Our next meeting is on Monday, 9th October at 8pm when our speaker will be Alice Taylor of Delamere Flower Farm. Delamere Flower Farm is located in Norley where Alice aims to provide a wide range of locally grown, scented seasonal British cottage garden flowers. She offers naturally beautiful wedding flowers, bouquets for all occasions, eco-friendly funeral arrangements, flower buckets and seasonal flower workshops. See <https://delamereflowerfarm.co.uk/> for more details.

Alice visited us a long time ago and since then a lot has changed in the flower farming industry within the UK.. She will tell us about growing seasonal flowers, the developments in flower farming, developing your own cutting patch and working with wildlife.

Subscriptions are due for members and the cost is £12 for the year. Subscriptions can be paid by bank transfer or cash on the night. Please arrive in good time to do this.

Visitors are always welcome at our meetings and it costs £4 – why not come along and find out more.

We look forward to seeing you at The Community Centre on 9th October at 8pm.



Kingsley Garden Club now has its own Facebook page. If you wish, you can follow the notices and news this way.



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KNVI will be holding its AGM on 23rd October 2023.

All residents of Kingsley and Newton and all Friends of the Institute are welcome to attend. We would appreciate your support.

Nominations for election to the management committee (as a Charity Trustee) to be sent to Fiona Crane (Secretary) at the email below, to be received by 5:00pm on Thursday 19th October 2023:

e-mail fiona.crane1@outlook.com

Nominations must meet the following conditions:

- 1. You must provide your full name and address*
- 2. You (the person nominating) must live in the Parish of Kingsley or Newton*
- 3. You must provide the full name and address of the person you are nominating. (The person you are nominating is not required to live in the Parish of Kingsley or Newton)*
- 4. You must ensure that the person you nominate agrees to the nomination and confirm that in your nomination*
- 5. The person nominated must be over the age of 18 years*

If you want a copy of the 2023 Accounts and minutes of the 2022 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
Secretary
KNVI

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Refreshments will be available.

If you have a question that you would like to send to CAF in advance of the meeting, please send an email to info@climateactionfrodsham.com

The event is free, but please book on Eventbrite - visit our website for a link: www.climateactionfrodsham.com

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GUEST WRITER OF THE MONTH

Nature's Philosophy

Nocturnal birds in sibilant causerie
Forest creatures in distant revelry
While nature's blanket dims their
rivalry
And stills the air to peaceful reverie

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Kingsley Players stage hit West End comedy **‘One Man, Two Guvnors’**

25 – 28 October 2023



Award winning Kingsley Players will be back on stage again at the end of October with the hilarious hit comedy play ‘One Man, Two Guvnors’ by Richard Bean.

Based on Carlo Goldoni’s classic masterpiece ‘The Servant of Two Masters’, this new modern version was first staged in the West End in 2011 and transplants the action from 18th century Venice to 1960s Brighton.

The story centres around the bumbling opportunist Francis Henshall (played by Dave Rogerson), who becomes a minder to both local gangster Roscoe Crabbe and upper-class criminal Stanley Stubbers. However, Roscoe is dead and being impersonated by his sister Rachel, who is girlfriend to Stanley, her brother’s murderer. She is visiting Brighton to collect £6,000 from Roscoe’s fiancée’s dad. Chaos unfolds as Francis tries to stop his two ‘guvnors’ from meeting and everyone else tries to conceal their real identities.

Director Dylan White said: “Richard Bean’s brilliant production, starring James Cordon, won Best Play in the 2011 Evening Standard Theatre Awards. It’s a glorious celebration of British comedy at its best, with laugh-out-loud satire, catchy songs, slapstick and glittering one-liners.

“This is the second play I’ve directed and my first for Kingsley Players. I am lucky to have a very talented cast to work with. We are having a lot of laughs during rehearsal process, and I am sure the audience will enjoy just as much fun when they come and watch. This show is not to be missed!”

‘One Man, Two Guvnors’ by Richard Bean will be on stage at Kingsley Theatre in Kingsley Community Centre, WA6 8ED, from Wednesday 25 to Saturday 28 October, nightly at 7.30pm.

Tickets cost £11, with £7 tickets available for students/children. These can be booked online at www.kingsleyplayers.co.uk or by ringing the box office on 07724 892154.



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Mindfulness, Exercise, Bereavement Support, Reading Groups, Frodsham Festival of Walks, Support for Carers, Healthwatch, Memory Café, Bee Friends Frodsham and much, much more!!

Drop in at any time that suits you between 9.00 and 4.00.

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Everybody is welcome.



CHURCH NEWS



St John the Evangelist, Kingsley

We are part of the United Benefice of Norley, Crowton and Kingsley with Alvanley and Manley

Services in October 2023

Sunday 1st October

10.00am Holy Communion at Norley
6.30pm Sacred Space at Crowton

Sunday 8th October

10.00am Holy Communion at Kingsley
6.00pm Holy Communion (BCP) at Alvanley

Sunday 15th October

10.00am Family Service at Crowton
6.00pm Healing Service with Communion at Kingsley

Sunday 22nd October

8.30am Holy Communion at Crowton (BCP)
10.00am Holy Communion at Alvanley
6.00pm Evening Prayer at Norley

Sunday 29th October

10.00am Holy Communion at Manley
4.30pm Service of Commemoration and Thanksgiving at Kingsley

Mid-week Holy Communion all at 10.00am

5th October at Norley, 19th October at Kingsley, 12th October at Crowton, 6th October at Norley

Enquiries for any services to Revd Hilary Merrington

Tel: 01928 788087

Email: hilary.merrington@btinternet.com

Church website www.nck.org.uk

Worship at The Hurst Methodist Church

October 2023

Sunday 1st October

8:30am Holy Communion
led by Revd N Stacey
10am Morning Worship
led by Deacon T Coleman

Sunday 8th October

10am Morning Worship
led by Mr A Ellams

Sunday 15th October

10am Holy Communion
led by Revd I Rigby

Sunday 22nd October

10am Morning Worship
led by Revd N Stacey

Sunday 29th October

10am Morning Worship
led by Prof N Ford or Dr J Ford

A warm welcome awaits all who wish to attend.

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

Feel free to wear a mask if you wish.

Holding the Christ Light at Hallowe'een

I wonder if any pumpkins will have been among the decorations for Harvest Festival? Who still makes the association between 'trick and treating' and the Christian festival of All Hallows' Eve, itself borrowed from the still more ancient tradition of Samhain? Samhain was celebrated in the earliest Western European farming communities as people prepared for winter. At the end of October, the focus was on the natural cycle of decay and re-birth, and the 'thinness' of the space between life and death, between our world and the mystery of what lies beyond. The pumpkin - or turnip - was hollowed out and placed to ward off imagined terrors of darkness; then as now, it would be nothing without the light shining from within.

We are fearful creatures when we allow our imaginings to get the upper hand. In the Bible, the phrase 'Do not be afraid!' occurs 365 times! We need reminding every day that we can choose to walk in the light. To trust in the light of Christ, shining even in our darkest nights, taking away our fears.

We're familiar with Jesus' statement: 'I am the light of the world' (John 8:12). Matthew records another of Jesus' statements: 'You are the light of the world'. (Matthew 5:14) We are to pass on the light of Christ. As the song goes, 'I will hold the Christ-light for you in the night-time of your fear'.

At Hallowe'een we call to mind the good people who have gone before us, and the light which lit them up and made them special for us. We all need a little light in our personal darknesses, and as well as having faith that the Light of the World walks alongside us, it can help to have flesh-and-blood people who accompany us, particularly as the nights draw in.

Who holds, or has held the Christ-light for you? Take time to remember them, maybe light a candle in their honour, and say thank you. And for whom will you hold the Christ-light now, and in the days to come? Pray for enlightenment, courage, and compassion for that task.

Yours in Christ

Anne Davidson Lund - Lay Reader



CHURCH NEWS



KINGSLEY PRAYER DIARY



Each week of the year Christians in Kingsley pray specially for people in a different area of the village and its surroundings. During October we think of, and pray for people living in: -

W/c Oct 1st: Bradley

W/c Oct 8th: Brookside

W/c Oct 15th: Lower Brookside and Well Lane

W/c Oct 22nd: Hollow Lane and St John's School

W/c Oct 29th: Depmore Lane

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Poppy Appeal 2023

This year Remembrance Sunday will be on November 11th and Kingsley will mark the occasion in the traditional way at the Cenotaph. It's great to see so many young people and residents attending each year. Most years Kathleen Cooper is to be found at the entrance to the cemetery with a collecting tin. Some eagle eyed people may have spotted that she wears a very special poppy.

Kathleen has been a Poppy volunteer for more than 65 years, having been Kingsley's organiser for much of that time. The British Legion recognises long service with a special pin awarded after 30 years. Every 5 years after that they award a bar to be attached to the pin. Kathleen now has 7 bars hanging from her pin. What an amazing achievement! She plans to wear her pin in the weeks leading up to Poppy Day so that as many people as possible will be able to see it. If you see her, be sure to ask to see it.

Kingsley has a strong tradition of giving to the Poppy appeal. Despite the fact that we no longer have a door to door collection we regularly raise in excess of £1000 in the weeks leading up to Remembrance Sunday. Look out for the tins around the village.

KINGSLEY **PARISH COUNCIL**

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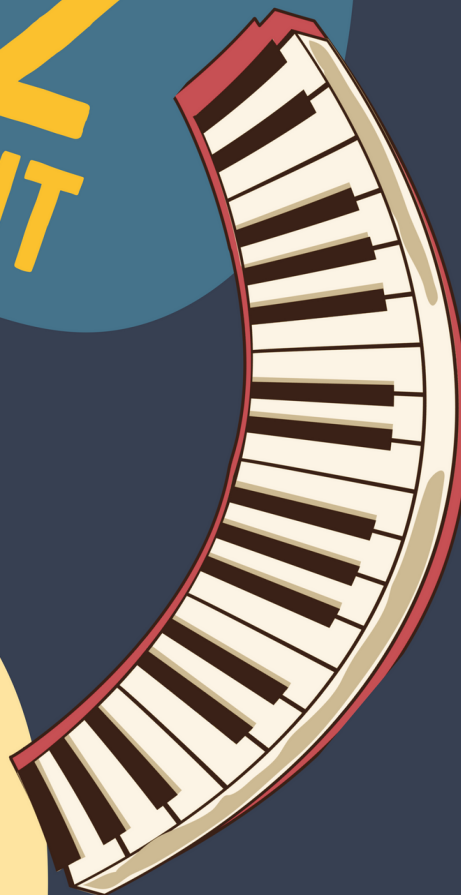
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YEAR 6+



Extract from October 2003

So the fantastic summer we have had has moved into a glorious autumn. The hot dry spell continues with cold mornings and hot afternoons. It really is the season of “mists and mellow fruitfulness”. The hedgerows are hanging thick with juicy blackberries - we have picked lots for blackberry crumble - and red with rose hips and hawthorn berries. Holly bushes are red with berries. I don't know how many will last until Christmas. Sloes hang thick on the blackthorn ideal for making sloe gin. Elder berries hang in huge black bunches for elderberry wine – does anyone still make it? Damson trees, plum trees, apple and pear trees all groan under the weight of fruit. The pears are dropping off the trees in our orchard. Our sheep wait underneath to gobble them up ...

I'm afraid this edition is quite rushed and a bit shorter than usual. We are going to watch the Rolling Stones concert this weekend and suddenly realised it clashed with the deadline for the Kingsley News. I hope Mick's worth it!

Extract from November 2003

Where has all the rain gone? The superb autumn continues. It's quite a few years since we had such a kind autumn. Ideal for finishing off the potato harvest and drilling winter wheat and barley.

The hot dry days and cold nights turn the trees into a glorious display of autumn colours. The leaves turn red, yellow and orange before falling as winter sets in. Pheasants, now in the full winter plumage, feed and forage in the hedges in the woods. They feed on the newly emerged wheat and barley. We did have hundreds of Canada geese grazing on the wheat stubble, but thankfully they seem to have disappeared. They can raise a field to the ground in days.

Cold frosty nights in October are almost unprecedented and can damage any unharvested potatoes in the field. Luckily, with this year being so dry most potatoes have been harvested by now. There is an old saying, “if frost in November will hold a duck, all the rest of the winter will be slutch and muck”. This means if the frost freezes water hard enough to hold a duck on it, the rest of the winter will be wet and windy. I hope this is not the case and the winter has peaked too early, as wet weather is the worst condition for farming

Finally, the Stones concert was absolutely brilliant. You'll have to shout when you see me next as my ears are still not recovered. I hope I'm that fit and active when I'm 60. A good few years to go yet I hasten to add!!

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