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Kingsley Community Centre: Regular Weekly Classes						
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Yoga	Tuesday	7.30pm to 8.30pm	bjerkan@hotmail.co.uk			
Gentle Exercise	Wednesday	11am to 12noon	helenjanetwoodcock@gmail.com			
Yoga	Wednesday	7.30pm to 8.30pm	will@yogaandhealingcheshire.co.uk			
HiiT	Thursday	6.30pm to 7.30pm	info@alutotraining.com			

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Sunday to Thursday Evening 6pm to 11pm	£60	£40	£30	£30
Sunday to Friday 8am to 12 pm or 1pm to 5pm	£45	£30	£20	£20
Saturday 8am to 12pm or 1pm to 5pm	£50	£35	£25	£25
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.

FROM THE EDITOR

Welcome to the September 24 edition of Kingsley News,

A warm welcome again from the team at Kingsley News.

On behalf of the residents of Kingsley, can I please thank all the volunteers who gave up their time on Saturday 21st September for their incredible efforts in tidying up the village as part of the parish council's 'Village Community Workday' initiative.

As always we are looking for people to help out and for my part I'm after any articles that you could share for the next edition of Kingsley News. This month we are light by about 4 pages! So if you have a story to share, a revue of an event, or even a quiz or puzzle page to add, then please do get in touch.

I hope you appreciate the photograph on the front cover, celebrating one of Kingsley's highest structures. The pylons running across the Kingsley landscape support cables transferring electrical energy at 400 000V and form part of the Supergrid; a National Grid development starting in the 1950s.

Best Wishes

Steve

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

Photos/Articles/Adverts for the newsletter to be sent to the Editor at kingsleynewseditor@gmail.com

<u>Copy deadline the 21st of the month.</u>



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Kingsley Players travel 'Around the World in 80 Days'!

(23 - 26 October 2024)

Award-winning Kingsley Players will be taking a whistle-stop trip across the globe in a fantastic stage version of Jules Verne's high-spirited adventure, 'Around the World in 80 Days', on stage Wednesday 23 – Saturday 26 October.

Adapted by Laura Eason, the story follows fabulously wealthy Victorian gentleman Phileas Fogg, who wagers his life's fortune that he can circumnavigate the globe in just 80 days. Along with his hapless valet Passepartout, he sets out on a dazzling escapade that takes him from the misty streets of London, across the Suez Canal and India to Hong Kong, Japan and the American Wild West.



A cast of ten talented, experienced actors take on the roles of more than 50 characters, as Fogg and his party race against the clock, jumping on and off a dizzying succession of trains, steamships, wind-propelled sleighs – and even an elephant!

Director Lynn Pegler said: "I first saw this stage version of Verne's classic story at Manchester's Royal Exchange nine years ago – and it was one of the best theatre productions I've ever seen. I am delighted now to have the chance to adapt it for our local stage and sprinkle some of that magic dust in Kingsley, helped by a wonderful, talented team both on and off stage.

"For this October production, we will also be trialling a new Saturday afternoon matinee performance slot, in addition to the four evening shows. As the winter nights draw in, this will hopefully provide extra choice for our audience and make life easier for people who prefer to attend in daylight."

'Around the World in 80 Days' will be on stage at Kingsley Theatre in Kingsley Community Centre, from Wednesday 23 to Saturday 26 October 2024, 7.30pm, with a Saturday matinee, 2.30pm.

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.



Open Days

17th September - 9.30-11.30am & 5.30 - 7pm

9th October - 9.30-11.30am & 5.30 - 7pm

12th November - 9.30-11.30am & 5.00 - 7pm

5th December - 9.30-11.30pm & 5.30 - 7pm

9th January - 9.30-11.30pm & 5.30 - 7pm

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KINGSLEY WALKERS



It is interesting, the difference between the experience of solitary walking and as part of a group. The 7 mile long walk in August required a late substitution of leader (Note: despite the occasional faceplant when walking it is safer than tennis). A last minute reconnaissance involved a lonely soul trudging through dark, muddy alleys in cornfields, beset by thunderstorms. A few days later the same trudger, on the same route, was leading a group of cheerful walkers, through glorious fresh fields and woodland around Tiverton and Beeston amidst only the gentlest of occasional showers.

We stopped for coffee from flasks by the Shropshire Union Canal, exchanging banter with some vertically challenged boaters as their barge transitioned through a lock, from half empty to half full and beyond. At the end of the walk in Tarporley we sought further, professional coffee but were rejected and indeed ejected, by a proprietor whose half empty establishment couldn't possibly deliver eight hot drinks without prior booking. On to Hollies and our appreciation to them for being able to deliver such a huge logistical feat.

The September short walk of 5 miles, was very local and along the Weaver, through Longacre Wood and then back on the Trent and Mersey Canal towpath ready for an enjoyable lunch at the Leigh Arms. The long walk in September will be in more distant territory, with a climb of Mam Tor in the Peak District.

Kingsley Walkers have two walks per month, new members are very welcome, please email on <u>kingsleywalkerswa6@gmail.com</u>.

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At our September Kingsley book club meeting we discussed: Love is Blind by William Boyd

This is a beautifully written and structured story of the life of the young Scottish Brodie Moncur, afflicted with health issues, employed at the Channon Piano Company in Edinburgh, when he is offered the opportunity to work in their Paris outlet which he grasps with both hands. It means that he can escape the clutches of his unbearably grotesque and bullying preacher father, Malky. The source of the rancour that Malky directs towards his son is not made clear.

This is a tale that features numerous locations in Europe, Russia and the Andaman Islands in the Indian Ocean, taking in music, love, betrayal, revenge, and secrets with a wide cast of characters.

Brodie is a gifted piano tuner, and Boyd goes into some depth to give us detailed insights of all that this involves. Showing us a chaotic and challenging life conjured by the blindness of love in all its aspects and how it shapes up to be infinitely testing of the human heart.

We all agreed that the book was beautifully written taking us to places where we could almost taste the food & smell the cities, but not all could cope with the 'farce' of the love story. Was it realistic that the brief affair could have such an impact on Brodie? to sacrifice his talent, the love of his work & his life.

We could not agree how on blind love is and gave the book a good average of 4 with a couple not voting as they could not finish the book.

We will be meeting at KNVI on Thursday 3rd October to discuss My Father's House by Joseph O'Conner. If you are interested in joining the group please email Janet.Owen10@outlook.com

St John the Evangelist, Kingsley

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

Services in October 2024

Sunday 6th October - Harvest Festival

10.00 am Family Service at Norley6.30 pm Sacred Space at Crowton

Sunday 13th October

10.00am Holy Communion at Crowton 6.00pm 2nd Sunday @ 6 – at NCK Centre, Norley

Sunday 20th October - Healing Service

10.00am Holy Communion at Kingsley

Sunday 27th October

8.30am Holy Communion at Crowton10.00am Holy Communion at Alvanley4.30pm Service of Thanksgiving andCondolence at Norley

Mid-week Holy Communion all at 10.00 am

6th October at Kingsley 17th October at Crowton 10th October at Norley 24th October at Kingsley 31st October at Norley

Associate Minister Revd. Hilary Merrington Tel: 01928 788087

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Worship at The Hurst Methodist Church

October 2024 Sunday 6th October

8.30am Holy Communion led by Rev G Gresswell 10am Morning Worship led by Mr P Martin

Sunday 13th October

10am Morning Worship Rev I Rigby

Sunday 20th October

10am Morning Worship led by Mrs R Lane

Sunday 27th October

10am Holy Communion led by Rev G Gresswell

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.

Harvest Festival Service

10 a.m. on Sunday 6th October 2024 at Norley Church

Once again this year we will be collecting items for the Foodbank

Tinned and non-perishable items are requested. There will a box in each church porch

during September for the collection of items



Thank you for taking a little time to read this letter. For your time is of value and the way you choose to invest it matters.



We spend time, we waste time, we take time, we lose time ... our words show that we know 'the most precious resource we all have is time.' (Steve Jobs)

Yet we cannot control time: sometimes it races, sometimes it lags, time plays tricks on us, and we can struggle to use our time well. 'We play the fool with the time, and the spirits of the wise sit in the clouds and mock us.' (Shakespeare, Henry IV Pt. I As the harvest is gathered in and the year seemingly begins to accelerate to its close, a common temptation is to fill every moment with activity. Socrates warned against this: 'beware the barrenness of a busy life'. As did the poet W H Davies: 'A poor life this is if, full of care, we have no time to stand and stare.'

Participants in our retreat last month were reminded that time to stand and stare is time well invested. In rebalancing, re-connecting, re-viewing, refreshing. Sometimes, we just need time to be.

H. G. Wells advised, 'we must not allow the clock and the calendar to blind us to the fact that each moment of life is a miracle and mystery.' Each moment.

This month the clock and the calendar are our allies, offering us a whole hour's-worth of extra moments, as British Summer Time ends and the clocks fall back. 'For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.' (Ecclesiastes 3:1) 'Each moment of life is a miracle and mystery.'

How will you invest your precious extra moments? Yours in Christ.

Anne Davidson Lund (Lay Reader)

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

W/c Oct 6th Bradley
W/c Oct 13th Brookside
W/c Oct 20th Lower Brookside
and Well Lane
W/c Oct 27th Hollow Lane
and St John's School

We invite you to add your own prayers



Coffee and Chat

Please come and join us each **Tuesday morn 10am** at the Hurst

Methodist Church

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Tea at 2.30

Thursday, 31st October at 2.30pm in The Hurst meeting room for tea/cake.

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TUESDAY 22ND OCTOBER 2024 at 7.30pm

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KNVI will be holding its AGM on 22nd October 2024.

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

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 are also snooker facilities.

We are keen to recruit new Trustees, to the Management Committee. This is an interesting role to help with the Management decisions relating to this important village facility. It is not a requirement that you use the KNVI facilities, or that you live in Kingsley, simply that you have an interest in the future of an 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 as soon as possible.

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 17th October 2024:

e-mail fiona.crane1@outlook.com

Nominations must meet the following criteria:

- 1. You (the person nominating) must provide your full name and address
- You (the person nominating) must live in the Parish of Kingsley or Newton (this is in the constitution)
- 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 Kingsley Village)
- 4. The person nominated must be over the age of 18 years

If anyone wants a copy of the 2024 Accounts and Minutes of the 2023 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

STOP PRESS - Shhh! I will say this only once...

Due to an overwhelming response, Kingsley Players have kindly agreed to put on an additional evening. Additional tickets are selling fast!



"ALLO ALLO – GOODBYE GOODBYE"

Kingsley Community Centre is proud to announce that it will be hosting the last Kingsley Players "Allo Allo". Come and dine at Rene's Café and laugh out loud for the much loved farewell shows.

Dates: Fri 15th & Sat 16th November - SOLD OUT

New night added - Thursday 14th November

Ticket Price: £25 and includes food and entertainment.

Tables of 10 encouraged but individuals will also be accommodated.

If you would like tickets, please email your contact details and indicate the number of tickets to either

24alloallo@gmail.com, or call/text 07955 648670

Tickets will be allocated in chronological order.

All proceeds from this show will be allocated to the upkeep of Kingsley Community Centre.



Come and Sing at AshtonSings



AshtonSings Choir is holding an **Open Night on 21 October** so why not come and join us for a fun evening which is free where you can sing along as part of the choir and if you like us and our music then you can come back as a choir member.

AshtonSings is a Community Choir that sings in the village hall at Ashton Hayes and we meet every Monday evening (term time only). We sing a wide range of music arranged by Martin Jones our conductor including popular music and songs he has specifically written for us and perhaps you may have seen us perform this summer to a full house at Kingsley Community Centre. We are a very sociable and friendly choir and every new member is welcomed and helped during the first few weeks and for those wanting to join there is no audition and no requirement to read music.

The choir itself has been going for 11 years and over the last 12 months we have seen our numbers swell. If you think you would like to sing in a friendly and relaxed setting then come along and join us on any monday evening at 7.30pm or alternatively come along on our Open Evening when there will be a special programme of music for our guests.

For further information you can find us on; Facebook - https://www.facebook.com/ashtonhayesvillagechoir/? locale=en_GB

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Jesus encouraged all his followers to serve, and condemned religious leaders who only had themselves in mind when they made decisions. Because of that, this is a timely reminder that we have a weekly "Coffee and Chat" every Tuesday from 10-11.30. It is basically an informal café, but with lots of people to talk to. rather than sit on your own, not something you are going to have to listen to or be expected to speak in! Mums and their toddlers and friends are very welcome to use our premises to meet up. Treat it like a local café, because that is, in effect, what it is! It is not just for the elderly!

On Friday, October 25th there is a Men's Brunch, where men of any age can come along between 10.30 and noon. Bacon and sausage baps are served.

Thursday October 31st is the turn of the ladies, when they meet for Tea@2.30 for tea and cakes. Again, any ladies are welcome to attend, whatever their age!

There is no charge for any of these activities, but there is a donation box on the tables for any donations. These usually go to church funds, to help us pay the bills connected with putting on these activities, but they are sometimes for our latest charity. More of that in next month's edition of "Did You Know?"

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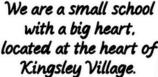
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KINGSLEY PARISH COUNCIL



The Parish Council met for its September Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday 17th September 2024, at Kingsley Community Centre. There were seven members of the public present.

Various members of the public spoke during the Public Participation section of the meeting, expressing their concerns over various aspects of the Cemetery and cemetery policies. The Council noted their comments and these were discussed in a Part B (closed session) at the end of the meeting. The Parish Council has closed session when elements refer to personal issues relating to members of the public, and when specific financial matters are discussed. Following the closed session, those members of the public that were affected by the issues discussed, were advised by the Proper Officer, of the positive outcomes. Council policies and procedures will be amended accordingly to reflect the changes discussed.

Following the Public Participation, our PCSO Neil Flanagan, spoke to the meeting explaining that he was covering the Kingsley area whilst our specific PCSO was on long term sick leave. Neil advised that he was the lead on Community Speed watch, and should any residents wish to undertake training to become a Community Speed watch volunteer in Kingsley, they should contact Neil directly. Neil also reported on crime in the area of Kingsley area, which involved two motorbike thefts (one was recovered) and two domestic disputes.

Following on from our PCSO, two of our Councillors Mark Owen and Tim Vernon, reported on their meeting with the CWaC officer on speed control in the village. They discussed the location of our current SID's on Hollow Lane and Mill Lane advising of the speed reductions to 30mph when entering the village. The replacement of the SID on Hollow Lane was discussed as this appeared ineffective due to both age and location under trees. PCSO Flanagan offered the use of a Community SID for short periods to be located around the village to help control speeds.

The ramp at the Co-op is still on the agenda, and the Parish Council still awaits the CWaC property department for release of the land before work can commence. The Space hive site is due to open again after the General Election, the Parish Council will advise when it is appropriate to once again make any donations to assist in the project. The Council is unable to proceed with this work until we have been granted a licence to build on the land.

The recent RoSPA inspection has identified a significant number of issues with the play equipment due to age. This is despite minor maintenance each year to rectify issues identified annually. Much of the equipment is ten years or more old, and is

now either requiring replacement, or major structural works, as are the safety surfaces in the safety surfaces. The Council is to consider the best way forward to ensure we have a safe and sound play area for our young ones. This will need to be considered when producing our budgets at the end of the year.

By the time you read this article the first of the village workdays will be complete. On Saturday 21st September, over 30 residents and Parish Councillors turned out to undertake tidying up works around the village. Areas such as Brookside footpath, the school / Community Centre footpaths and the Co-op planting beds to name just a few areas, were tackled by this eager group of residents who clearly wanted (to paraphrase Mr Trump) "Make Kingsley Look Great Again". A HUGE THANK YOU to all those people who gave up three hours of their Saturday morning to tidy up the village. It is hoped to make these events quarterly / seasonally and really improve the look of the village and regain control of our footpaths.

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